

Soul Eater: A new Kishin

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But other than that enjoy*

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1 - The remade spider's web

After the battle against Arachnophobia and Asura, Arachnophobia's leader Arachne was killed and Asura soon followed leaving the surviving members of the organisation to scatter, leaving the people of Shibusen to return home to death city and to begin rebuilding.[br]

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Repairs of Death City and Shibusen are now complete and Shinigami is going to make an announcement to all the people within Shibusen. Maka, Soul and the others are in class just minding their own business till either Professor Stien "eventually" arrives in class or till Shinigami makes his announcement[br]

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"Where is Professor Stien?" Maka enquired as she looked around the class[br]

"Who cares. It's cool if he doesn't arrive, means we can get the day off" Soul replied as he was leaning back on his chair with his feet on the desk[br]

As if on cue Professor Stien came rolling along on his wheelie chair and like usual fell off it as soon as he was about to roll into the class[br]

"Okay everyone" Stien announced still on the floor "It's time for Shinigami sama's important announcement"[br]

With that said a TV screen then descended from wherever it came from and turned on to show Spirit-kun, Shinigami's Death Scythe[br]

Spirit cleared his throat as he prepared to speak "Alright it's time for Shinigami sama to make his important announcement"[br]

Shinigami then appeared onto the screen and was ready to speak[br]

"Good morning everyone. I'd like to say thank you to all of you who contributed in the rebuilding of Death city and Shibusen. Now Asura the first Kishin is dead, so it is now even more important then ever for Shibusen to prevent the creation of a new Kishin....but you all knew that already and you all did so well before so I don't expect there will be anymore problems. Keep up the good work everyone" Shingami announced in his playful voice and giving the peace sign at the end, before the TV screen ascended back to where it came from[br]

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"Honourable father is too laid back at times" Kidd complained after hearing his fathers announcement, everyone nodded in agreement except from Patty who was laughing away to herself[br]

Professor Stien was now ready to begin the day's lesson but he had something he need to say before he could start[br]

"Okay before we begin today's lesson I'd like to say that Maka and Soul are requested to see Shinigami sama right now so go"[br]

With that Maka and Soul proceeded to the death room where Shinigami was constantly residing in.[br]

"Wonder what Shinigami Sama wants to see us for?" Questioned Maka[br]

Soul only shrugged as he didn't have an answer[br]

As Maka and Soul entered the death room they saw Justin Law was there also[br]

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“Oh you made it” Shinigami said aloud[br]

Maka and Soul said hi but Justin was not responding as his ears were tuned into the song that was playing in his earphones. This made Maka yank the earphones out so to make Justin listen[br]

So what is it you wanted to see us about Shinigami sama?” Maka asked[br]

“Well it’s about Arachnophobia” Shinigami sighed[br]

“What but weren’t they finished after Arachne was killed?” Soul gasped[br]

“At first yes” Shinigami replied “But like a spider rebuilding it’s broken web, Arachnophobia is now reorganised and are starting to cause trouble again”[br]

“But how?” Maka inquired[br]

“Well” Shingami started “It would seem that the organisation’s surviving members have gotten back together, after they fled from the battle against Asura and myself, and they appear to be up to something”[br]

“But what are they up to exactly?” Maka inquired further[br]

Shinigami then went into thought for sometime before he answered, “I don’t have a clue”[br]

“But that is what we’re trying to find out. So far they have been collecting a vast quantity of souls and that is a worrying sign. So far as soon as we notice the problem, Arachnophobia operatives just seem to vanish, but one operative is standing out more then others and he is the one collecting the most souls, not only for the organisation but for himself too, if he is not stopped, he could quickly become another Kishin, so that is why I called you here, Soul, Maka and Justin, to go and find him and to eliminate him”

Shingami informed and ordered[br]

“So who is the operative?” Soul asked[br]

“The one who was close to Arachne, Giriko” replied Shinigami[br]

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Meanwhile in an well hidden base, the re-established Arachnophobia were working on their mysterious and nefarious deeds[br]

“So how is she coming along?” A short pointy nosed, top hat wearing man asked as he walked into a laboratory, were Arachnophobia scientists were working with something that was in a some sort of chamber[br]

“Oh Mosquito sama” an Arachnophobia scientist replied “Well thanks to Giriko’s last batch of souls, she is coming along very nicely”[br]

Mosquito smiled and asked, “When do you think she’ll be ready?”[br]

“We’re not sure but according to our data, she should be ready soon, very soon in fact” the scientist answered[br]

“Excellent” Said Mosquito “As soon as she is ready, she will awaken and when she does, Shinigami and everyone in Shibusen won’t stand a chance heh heh heh heh ahahahahahah”[br]

2 - Finding Giriko

Maka, Soul and Justin Law have been sent to stop Giriko from becoming a Kishin and to at least slow down the plans that the new Arachnophobia organisation.[br]

The three are headed to a town where Giriko is supposedly still terrorising the civilians in it. They approach using Justin's specially modified bike with a casket on the back of it.[br]

"Hey Justin are we close to the town yet?" Maka asked as she made sure not to fall out of the casket like bike[br]

Justin didn't respond[br]

"Justin?" Maka asked again, but again there was no response[br]

"Forget it Maka, as long as his earphones are glued to his ears he'll never hear us" Mentioned Soul as he pointed to Justin's ears[br]

Maka pouted "Annoying"[br]

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It was dark by the time Maka and the others reached the town that Giriko was still besieging, and the entire town looked like a bomb hit it.[br]

"Oh such poor people to die in such an unholy way, I must avenge their tormented souls and give them the peaceful send off to heaven they so deserve" Justin spoke aloud when they arrived at the town[br]

Maka and Soul covered Justin's mouth and said "Keep your voice down"[br]

Luckily, Justin is a master lip reader so he understood what Maka and Soul said, despite the fact that he couldn't hear them, not anything else for that matter[br]

"Come on lets find this bastard before he kills anymore people" said Soul in a way that it sounded more like an order[br]

Maka and Justin nodded and with that the three preceded through the town to, one find any survivors and two, to kill Giriko[br]

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Some where in the town Giriko was looking, if not hunting down some people who had escaped from his initial attack on the town[br]

Come on, show some backbone, at least die like a man instead of like a coward Giriko thought to himself as he searched through a Saloon.[br]

Eventually he gave up and then grabbed one of the bottles of alcohol that was on the bar and he began to down it, taking breaks to cath his breath from time to time[br]

"I think I deserve a little break, that Mosquito bastard orders me too much" Giriko said to himself as he lied back on a chair enjoying his choice of alcohol[br]

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"I'm so thirsty" Maka groaned "I never had anything to drink since we left Death City"[br]

Soul looked around and spotted a saloon "Why don't we get a drink in there?" Soul suggested, pointing at the Saloon[br]

Maka was shocked at the suggestion and gave Soul one of her infamous "Maka chops" "Are you insane Soul? We're not legal to drink in there"[br]

Soul holding his indented head replied "I never meant to drink alcohol stupid"[br]

Maka went into thought for a little while, but the idea of something to drink made her give in to Soul's suggestion, despite the fact that it was a saloon[br]

"Hey Justin we're....." Maka was about to say something to Justin but he was nowhere to be found[br]
"He must have walked off when we stopped to talk about getting something a drink" Soul suspected[br]
"Alright then, lets go in at get some water, I don't want to stay in there any longer then I have to" Maka complained as she and Soul walked into the salon[br]

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"Ahh, nothing beats alcohol" Giriko laughed to himself as he finished his bottle of spirits[br]
Just then he heard the Saloon door open[br]

So they finally decided to stop hiding and die like men Giriko thought smiling at the prospect[br]
"NOW YOU DIE" He shouted as he jumped out of his chair, only to discover that it was Maka and Soul staring back at him[br]

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Soul and Maka were stunned to say the least to find Giriko in the saloon[br]
Maka's mind went 100 MPH to think of a plan to fight him, but instinct told her one thing "SOUL" she shouted[br]

"RIGHT" Soul replied turning into his weapon mode[br]
Maka grabbed Soul and got into her attack stance, as Giriko charged right at them[br]
"I think I remember you from somewhere but It's doesn't matter as I'm gonna take your soul" Giriko boasted as he lunged at them[br]

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Meanwhile Justin Law was still looking for Giriko in another part of time, he still didn't realise that Maka and Soul were no longer behind him[br]

Just then he noticed some movement up ahead **Could it be him?** He thought to himself as he walked closer to where he saw the movement[br]

As he reached his destination all that greeted him was three kids huddled together in a corner on an alleyway[br]

"Hey it's okay, I'm not here to hurt you, I'm here to help you" Justin said in his most friendly voice to gain the kids trust[br]

The eldest of the kids replied first "Wh-who are you?"[br]
"I'm your friend sent by God to help you" Justin answered[br]

"Then your going to save us from that man who attacked us right?" the kid questioned[br]
"That's right. Do you know where I can find him? I'm here to punish him" Justin answered again[br]

"We don't know, we just ran so..." The kid never finished his sentence as he started to cry[br]
"Alright then, you stay someplace safe and I'll go find him" Justin assured the kids as he then started walking again[br]

Where do I start looking? He thought to himself[br]
It didn't take long to find a possible place to find Giriko as a huge cloud of smoke appeared from the direction of the Saloon the he passed earlier[br]

"This must be a sign from God telling me where to find the one I seek" Justin said to himself. He then put his hands together and prayed "Thank you my God for this wonderful sign" With that said he ran in the direction to the smoke cloud[br]

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Back at the Saloon[br]
"Get ready Soul" Maka said, as she prepared for a fight[br]

"Got it" Soul replied[br]
Giriko activated his chainsaw defence mechanism as he charged at Maka "Take this" he shouted as he

went into a kick, but Maka blocked it with Soul. "Heh, Lets take the great to a higher level" Giriko announced, with that the speed of his chains increased to double its speed[br]
Maka was started to struggle with the increased speed of the gears "Soul, think you can take this" Maka asked concerned [br]
"No problem, I'll keep him back" Soul replied acting "cool"[br]
"Think you can hold me back eh? Well try this" Giriko then suddenly leapt up in the air and then made another kick and this time the kick managed to send Maka and Soul out of the Saloon into another building on the opposite side of the street, causing a large dust cloud[br]
"How'd you like that?" Giriko taunted[br]
Maka was on the ground, a little dazed from the attack[br]
"Maka, get up" Soul ordered as Giriko made another lunged at them[br]
Maka then stood up and got back into her attack stance[br]
"Too late" Giriko stated as he went to slice Maka with the rotating chains[br]
Before her could connect, something or rather some one had stepped in. It was Justin Law[br]
"YOU" Giriko gasped in shock[br]
"We meet again" Justin said smiling "It looks like God wants us to face each other to the death this time"[br]
Giriko grinned menacingly and said "Sounds good "Father" let me kill this time"[br]
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With that Giriko backed off and got ready to fight his rival Justin Law[br]
"Maka, I need you to listen to me" Justin spoke "On my own, I can only equal his strength, I need you to work with me to take him down, with your anti, demon wavelength we will win"[br]
Maka only nodded as she regained her senses[br]
"Doesn't matter how many of you are there, I'll kill you all and take your souls" gloated Giriko[br]
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Maka and Justin then prepared themselves for a difficult fight against Giriko[br]

3 - The fight with Giriko

Justin Law, Maka and her partner Soul were now standing toe to toe with Giriko, one of the last survivors of the Arachnophobia organisation. The three (or rather four since soul is in his weapon mode) stood waiting for someone to make the first move. A bitter silence echoed through the town as the wind churned up dust and sand.[br]

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It would be Giriko that would make the first move by charging at Justin with his Saw Foot attack, it was easy for Justin to avoid but Giriko quickly moved again to try and kill him, needless to say Giriko seemed to be paying little attention to Maka at all which was perfect as Maka could take the time to summon forth her anti-demon wavelength.[br]

“You ready Soul” Asked Maka[br]

“Need you ask that” Soul replied[br]

Maka just nodded as to say lets do this[br]

“SOUL RESONANCE” the two shouted in unison as they began to merge their soul wavelengths together into one powerful force, just like that Soul turned from his traditional Scythe form into the Demon Hunter Scythe.[br]

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Giriko realised that if something wasn't done Maka would have the ability to finally kill him, but he already had his hands full with Justin so he was forced to call out the big guns.[br]

Giriko dodged Justin's attacks just enough to have enough time to put his fingers to his mouth and bellow a whistle that could be heard from afar.[br]

Both Maka and Justin seemed to be somewhat taken aback from this drastic action but one thing was for sure something big was going to happen, they felt it.[br]

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Just then a huge Golem crashed through the frail wooden buildings and tried to crush Maka and Justin, but they instantly manoeuvred themselves out of its path[br]

“Like my newest creation? I hope you do cause he not aint taking shoot from anyone” Giriko taunted feeling triumphant in his golem's surprise attack[br]

The Golem was more or less the same as any other of Giriko's giant golems but this one was bigger and much rock solid than the rest “I made this little guy using the toughest material in the earth so not even your best attacks will break him” boasted Giriko[br]

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Well this is not good, now we have to deal with this thing Maka thought bitterly[br]

“Maka I want you to pay attention” Justin ordered “I'll take care of Giriko while you take the Golem”[br] You sure we can bring it down” Maka questioned[br]

By this point Justin's earplugs were no longer connected to his head so he was able to reply “Yes you can, cause I believe in you”[br]

With that said Justin lunged forward to Giriko hoping to make the battle end quickly[br]

“Come on then “Father” lets see how tough you are with out your little back up” taunted Giriko as he once again clashed with his rival[br]

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While Justin was battling away Maka was stuck with the leviathan of a golem[br]

“Think we can win” Maka questioned Soul[br]

“You heard what Justin said right? If he thinks we can win then we will. Besides we’ve got no choice since he busy over there” Encouraged Soul[br]

Maka just smiled but quickly got serious again as she stood before the towering giant[br]

Maka charged at the Golem hoping speed would be key to victory and as predicted, the golem though sturdy and tough was undeniably slow as it clumsily tried to smash Maka into the ground with its fists.[br]

I’ve got to knock him down somehow, maybe if I go for the legs first that will make him go crashing down [br]

Maka using her agility to manoeuvre around the Golems massive bulk went to cut away its legs but her attack only deflected off it[br]

“What?!” gasped Maka as the golem gave her an almighty kick that sent her flying into the rubble of what was once a set of houses. Maka was then out cold from the blow and Soul couldn’t get out of his weapon mode as he was trapped under the rubble.[br]

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With Maka and Soul out of commission the Golem then moved (slowly) to help his master who was busy with Justin Law in a deadlock[br]

“Seems like the girl is done for and now you will be too” Gloated Giriko as he broke the deadlock[br]

“Not good” Justin muttered to himself as the Golem stood over him[br]

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While all this was going on the three kids that Justin had encountered earlier were watching the battle from a distance[br]

“Shouldn’t we help them?” Asked the smallest[br]

“And do what? We’ll only get in the way and get killed” the eldest replied[br]

The three seems helpless as they watched their possible saviour from the madman that was Giriko[br]

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“MAKA OI MAKA, WAKE UP” Soul pleaded as he tried desperately to wake Maka with mere shouting alone. Oddly enough this method of awakening was having an effect[br]

Maka stirred and opened her eyes only to see the Justin was now in the grip of the Golem and Giriko making fun of him for his defeat[br]

“Justin?!” Maka gasped[br]

“Your finally awake huh? Then come on lets get out there” Soul demanded[br]

“Right” Agreed Maka as she pulled Soul free from his wooden prison in the rubble. But before she could help Giriko three kids appeared out of nowhere[br]

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“I’m going to enjoy this moment. The moment of me finally killing you” Giriko said full the triumph in his voice[br]

“NNNOOOOO” A voice boomed[br]

“What the hell?” Giriko exasperated as three pairs of hands grabbed him trying to stop him from killing Justin[br]

“Don’t kill him you evil man” the kids said in unison[br]

“Well well I was right there are survivors. Well not for long” Giriko taunted as he activated Chain attack, which acted as a deadly body armour. Needless to say the kids had no chance in winning let alone living against this attack. Their bodies were cut apart and dissipated leaving only three lonely souls in their place.[br]

“Goody” Giriko said pleased with himself “More souls for me” As he said that he grabbed the three

souls and devoured them whole. Suddenly an influx of power surged through him. After the power surge Giriko started laughing as he was now that little bit stronger.[br]

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“YOU BASTARD” Maka shouted with a thunderous voice “How could you do that to those kids?!”[br]

“Why not?” Giriko challenged[br]

“You.....you.....I will never let you live after what you just done. I’m taking your soul for this” Maka said in a mixture of fury and sorrow[br]

“Come on then dog, I’ll make sure you’ll see them real soon” Giriko smirked as she stampeded towards her[br]

“Soul?” Maka asked[br]

“Got it” replied Soul[br]

“SOUL RESONANCE” The two once again powered up again and Soul again turned into his Demon hunter Scythe[br]

“You can never win” Giriko announced as he catapulted himself closer to Maka[br]

Maka had the face of pure anger and determination and charged forward as well to finish the battle once and for all[br]

The two were poised to kill the other in one final attack and the victor would only be determined by who was faster to act and react in a classic samurai duel ending[br]

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The two clashed[br]

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They stood opposite each other back turned[br]

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“Demon hunter” Maka spoke out[br]

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Suddenly Giriko’s body began to break apart and his body disappeared leaving his soul floating where his body once stood[br]

After Giriko vanished the Golem he had created broke apart as well releasing Justin Law in the process[br]

And thus the battle was over and Giriko was no more[br]

4 - Arachne's Will

Somewhere in a desolate valley the Arachnophobia organisation stirred. Inside Mosquito was sitting on an over expensive leather chair observing the scientists working tirelessly on “something”.[br]

“Mosquito-sama, I bring terrible news” Called out a frantic Arachnophobia guard[br]

Mosquito turned to face him “Hmm?”[br]

“Its Giriko.....he’s been killed by Shibusen dogs”[br]

“Is that so? Oh well” Mosquito replied rather unfeeling[br]

The guard was perplexed at the response and asked “Sir? Shouldn’t you be more upset at his death? I mean he was the organisation’s biggest contributors”[br]

Mosquito only sighed, looked away and replied “That may be so, but that does not mean I have to like him. I’m glad that disrespectful punk is gone, saves me the trouble on doing it myself”[br]

“Sir?”[br]

“It doesn’t matter anyway, we can still continue with the plan without him, so there is no real problem”[br]

The guard was still uncomfortable about the whole situation[br]

“Sir! May I ask you one question?” He said looking at the chamber with some kind living being within[br]

Mosquito looked back at the guard “Yes?”[br]

“Why are we going through this much trouble to create “that thing” anyway?”[br]

“Because that is the will of our late Arachne-sama” Mosquito answered with tear out of his[br]

The guard was stunned and said, “Was it?”[br]

Mosquito nodded and past the guard a note the Arachne herself had written[br]

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Arachne’s will[br]

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Mosquito, Giriko and all of my dear children, if for some reason I am killed while we use Asura to infect the world with insanity, and he, for some reason dies somehow as well ,I want you to rebuild Arachnophobia and create a new, more powerful Kishin, one the even Shinigami can’t defeat. I have already chosen the perfect candiate who is willingly be the subject of being reborn as a Kishin. Her name is Oni. I want you to take care of her and turn her into a Kishin in anyway that you all can. I trust that you all will accomplish this goal of mine and bring the world into a new age, a new age of insanity.[br]

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Arachne[br]

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Once the guard had read the will he returned the note to Mosquito.[br]

“Who is Oni?” the guard pondered[br]

Mosquito pointed at the chamber and answered “That is Oni in there. The one that we are gathering souls for so that she can become the next Kishin”[br]

“I see” the guard said in awe “But that doesn’t answer my question. Who exactly is Oni?”[br]

“She is.....the adopted daughter of Arachne-sama”[br]

5 - Giriko's memories

Soul, Maka and Justin Law had just returned to Shibusen after their gruelling battle with Giriko.

Shinigami was waiting for them in the death room where he usually was found[br]

“Oh well done everyone. You did very well today” Praised Shinigami[br]

“Thank you Shinigami-sama” Soul and Maka replied. Only Justin didn’t reply as he had his earphones on again that was playing loud music.[br]

“Well that aside I’m glad that neither Soul nor Justin decided to take Giriko’s soul” Shinigami stated holding Giriko’s soul in his hand[br]

“It was Justin’s idea” said Maka “He thought that it might be better if we gave the soul to you as it will be put to better use. Right Justin?.....Justin?” The penny dropped as Maka noticed Justin wasn’t paying any attention. Needless to say she then yanked Justin’s earphones out nearly pulling him to the ground in the process[br]

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“Well Justin is right about that” Shinigami announced “Cause now that I have Giriko’s soul I can use it to track down where Arachnophobia is hiding”[br]

“Are you serious?” asked Soul[br]

“Hm hmm. You see Soul I have the power to look into a person’s memories just by possessing their soul.” Shinigami enlightened[br]

“Amazing” Maka said in awe of this ability that her headmaster had[br]

“Well now that’s all for today you three can take some R&R till I’ve managed to look into Giriko’s memories[br]

“Thanks you Shinigami-sama” All three of them said in unison[br]

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With the debriefing with Shinigami over the three left the death room and went to their respective homes in Death City.[br]

Maka and Soul finally reached the apartment in which they stayed in, hoping for some well needed rest. As soon as Maka opened the door Blair leaped out of the apartment (In her human form) giving Soul a massive hug that nearly crushed him to death[br]

“Soul boy your back, I thought it would be forever before I could see you again” Blair said unable to contain her joy[br]

Soul was half out cold and had a nose bleed from the death hug and by the fact that Blair was only wearing a towel to cover herself “Can you please put some clothes on at least, if you’re going to do this sort of thing” Soul said gasping for air[br]

“Oh but Soul I wanted to see you again and I didn’t have time to change when I found out you were on your way home” Blair replied playfully[br]

Maka who was observing all this gave out a cough that was to say okay enough you two[br]

Blair got the message and went back inside the apartment and turned into her cat form.[br]

“Thanks god that’s over” Soul sighed, but as soon as he said that he got “Maka chopped” on his head[br]

Maka marched into the apartment not impressed[br]

If its not one of these girls it's another Soul thought as he laid on the ground with a massive dent on his head[br]

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Back in the Death room Shinigami was preparing to sieve through Giriko's memories[br]

"Okay here we go" he announced to himself as he placed Giriko's soul into a mirror so that he could observe its memories[br]

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-----Giriko's memories-----[br]

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"I can't believe it. Ane-chan, (Arachne) dead. Now what am I going to do?"[br]

"You can help fulfil her will" a voice echoed[br]

"Who's that?" "Oh its you old man. (Mosquito) What do you want?"[br]

"As I said help me fulfil Arachne's will"[br]

"What will?"[br]

"This one"[br]

Arachne's will gets past to Giriko and he reads it[br]

"I see. Well if it was from Ane-chan then I can't refuse, but don't think we're friends old man"[br]

"I wouldn't have it any other way"[br]

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Memory Skip[br]

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"Where the hell are we old man?"[br]

"This is where we will rebuild Arachnophobia"[br]

This place is a shoot hole"[br]

"True. But it's a shoot hole with potential"[br]

"Well whatever. The sooner we rebuild the sooner we can we can fulfil Ane-chan's will"[br]

"Agreed"[br]

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Memory skip[br]

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"Now this is much better at least now I can sleep on a comfy bed instead of the ground"[br]

"Don't forget why we are doing this Giriko"[br]

"I know you don't have to remind me"[br]

A girl about Maka's age appears[br]

"Oh Lady Oni you're here? How are you"[br]

"I'm fine Mosquito-sama"[br]

"You know this girl old man?"[br]

"Of course and you must show her respect as she is going to be the new Kishin"[br]

"I see"[br]

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Memory Skip[br]

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"So this Oni girl is stuck in there"[br]

"Yes and while she is in there we will be able to control the influx of power and insanity that will surely occur while she undergoes the transformation to become Kishin"[br]

"But before she can become one we need to gather a lot of soul's right?"[br]

"Yes"[br]

“Let’s hope that all goes to plan. Cause if Shibusen finds us...”[br]

“I’m aware and I’ve got the best person on the job to prevent those dogs from finding us”[br]

“Who?”[br]

“..... come over here”[br]

A man with black robes appears[br]

“Giriko meet he will be the one to prevent Shibusen from finding us”[br]

“What power do you have?”[br]

“I have the power to hide my soul and anyone else’s to be detected by people. Almost like what the witches to hide from Shinigami”[br]

“I see well that’s cool”[br]

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Memory skip[br]

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“This may sound strange but even though I’ve been here awhile I have no clue where we are on the map”[br]

“You simpleton. Alright I’ll show you. Some one bring me a world map”[br]

An Arachnophobia guard brings a world map to Mosquito[br]

“This is where we are in the world. Now don’t forget, because when I send you out to collect souls you’ll have to make you way back”[br]

“No problem old man”[br]

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-----Back in the real world-----[br]

“This is worse then I thought” Shinigami said to himself “If they have **him** there no wonder I couldn’t find them and with **him** alive things will be very complicated”[br]

Shinigami then removed Giriko’s soul from the mirror and then sealed it away[br]

“I think it’s time to finish this war before it can erupt again” he said to himself again keeping the image of firmly in his mind[br]

6 - Battle stations

Shinigami, after learning of the location of, and plans of the new Arachnophobia organisation, decided to quickly mobilise every able body person within Shibusen to move out and destroy the organisation permanently before it was too late.[br]

Everyone on the mission already knew the basic objective of their mission. Wipe out all Arachnophobia operatives at all costs. For some people in this eradication mission there was a much more serious objective to complete. That is the prevention of the new Kishin's awakening and if that failed then try and destroy it quickly before it reaches full power.[br]

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The people assigned to this mission were naturally all available Shibusen staff and students. But the ones that had the task of eliminating the Kishin fell to only a handful of people. These people were Soul and Maka, who defeated the previous Kishin, Asura, with the help of Black Star with his shadow weapon partner Tsubaki, and Death the Kidd with his weapon partners the Thompson sisters, Liz and Patty. Finally the one leading this small group is Professor Stein.[br]

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"Alright everyone ready" barked Sid who is serving as field commander of the coming battle[br]

"Yes sir" everyone hollered[br]

"Good" Sid continued "Remember this will be a very chaotic battle so just keep calm and try to adjust to the ever changing situation. But above all stay alive"[br]

"Yes sir" everyone hollered again as Sid brought out a map of the area[br]

"Alright this will be the battle plan. Mifune will be taking his squad and lure the enemy out with a frontal attack. While Mifune is keeping the enemy occupied, everyone else is to surround and attack the Arachnophobia base. If we can get inside, all the better, but if you can't, then just keep the enemy busy while Professor Stein and his Demon hunting squad infiltrates the base." Sid instructed "Now you all know what to do, so lets go out there and show them what we're made of"[br]

"Yes sir" everyone hollered one last time before they all dispersed to get their last minute preparations done.[br]

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Professor Stien and his Demon Hunting squad were already on the move to the Arachnophobia base but Sid stopped them to have just one more word with them[br]

"Be careful in there you guys. Who knows what strange things lurk inside while you're looking for the Kishin" Sid said concerned[br]

Everyone just nodded as they were fully aware of what their enemies were capable of.[br]

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Elsewhere Mifune and his squad were getting their final preparations done as they would be the one to take most of, or all the force that Arachnophobia had to offer.[br]

"Mifune Sensei" a timid voice asked[br]

"Hmm? Oh Crona is something the matter?" Mifune pondered[br]

"Oh, it's just, that this is my first real fight after losing Ragnarok, and well it's just that....um" Crona timidly stated[br]

“Your feeling a little exposed, right?” answered Mifune[br]

“Hm hmm”[br]

“Don’t worry” Mifune said putting a reassuring hand on her shoulder “I’m not going to let anything happen to this squad and that includes you.”[br]

Crona simply smiled as she was now convinced that nothing bad would happen so long as Mifune was around[br]

“Oh that reminds me” Mifune announced “I have a little gift for you”[br]

Crona was taken aback “A gift? For for me?”[br]

“Since I started working in Shibusen to teach kids how to be a samurai swords master. I’ve noticed that not everyone likes to, or rather are inept to use my style of sword fighting. However that in its self is a good thing as everyone should be allowed and be able to use their own style of fighting and I’ve noticed that you have a very specific and unique style of fighting” Mifune analysed as he took out of his bag a sword that looked extremely similar to what Ragnarok looked like in his weapon form “This is for you. I’m aware that you’re more used to this design of sword”[br]

Crona was in absolute awe as she took hold of the sword that Mifune presented her “It’s amazing” she said as she looked at the blade which had an inscription in Japanese Kanji saying “Ragnarok”[br]

“Do you like it?” Mifune asked[br]

“Yes I do” Crona said almost cheering “Thank you”[br]

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Meanwhile whilst Shibusen was preparing to go to battle. Within Arachnophobia Mosquito was feeling restless[br]

“How long is it going to take for her to be complete” Mosquito questioned the scientists[br]

“I think if all goes well she’ll be complete within the next twenty four hours” one of the scientist replied[br]

“Finally” Mosquito sighed out of relief that this business would soon be over. But his sigh of relief was to be short lived[br]

“Mosquito we have a problem” the man in black robes said as he appeared in the room[br]

Mosquito started to get alarmed “And the problem is what exactly?”[br]

“I’ve just got word from one of my spies that Shibusen is marching straight here with a large squad of troops”[br]

“What?” Mosquito gasped “How did they find us?”[br]

“That should be of little concern right now. It doesn’t matter how they find us. What matters that they are coming here and they will surely ruin everything we’ve worked so hard to achieve” the black robed man stated[br]

“You’re right. So let’s give Shibusen a very warm welcome” Mosquito agreed[br]

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Mosquito then activated an intercom and made an announcement[br]

“Attention all Arachnophobia operatives. We are now entering a state of emergency. Shinigami’s dogs have found us and are marching straight here. I want all personnel to guard this base at all costs, we must not allow them enter the base to capture or destroy the new Kishin. You all should know what to do now go prepare for battle”[br]

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“Think that we have enough force to stop them Mosquito?” the black robed man enquired[br]

“We have no choice but to hold them back for as long as possible” Mosquito replied “But if push comes to shove we might be left with no choice but to awaken the Lady Oni as incomplete as she is”[br]

“I understand. I will personally organise a defence strategy to stop or at least slow down Shibusen’s advance” said the black robed man as walked out of the room leaving Mosquito alone with the now

frantic scientist and Oni who was inside her Kishin rebirth chamber.[br]

“Don’t worry Lady Oni” Mosquito spoke out aloud “I will not let any of these curs near you, so long as I
breath, Shinigami will not have you, even if I have to use all my strength to do so”[br]

7 - The fight begins

Arachnophobia vs. Shibusen. One side, supporting Shinigami to keep the world at peace and in balance, the other supporting the Kishin for a world of chaos, insanity and imbalance. Who would emerge victorious in this struggle for the future of the world?[br]

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Arachnophobia had set up a more than formidable defence in and around their base. However Shibusen had set up a more than formidable attack plan. The battle would be decided not by who was the strongest but by who can out think who.[br]

Mifune and his squadron were already at the front gate of the base calling out the soldiers to come and fight them. Obviously the men guarding the gate broke formation and attacked Mifune and his squad.[br] Mifune alone could take down the attacking soldiers easy, but he was not alone, so that meant he had to also protect every single person that were assigned to him, so it made him a little more cautious to attack then what he would usually do.[br]

Elsewhere other Shibusen attack squads were already trying to make the soldiers around the base break formation as Mifune did, but for some reason they were not responding so in the end they all had to move in and try to force them to break formation.[br]

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While the battle raged on, Stein and his demon hunting squad - which consisted of Maka, Soul, Black Star, Tsubaki, Death the Kidd, Liz and Patty – were looking for an opening to get into the arachnophobia base without being drawn into the fight and also more importantly getting spotted by the enemy, at least not until they got inside.[br]

“Alright listen up all of you” Stein ordered “This is it, we can’t mess this up. If we fail the Kishin will awaken and that will cause serious problems for us in the future. So while we look for a better way in then I want all of you to know that we have to win no mater what”[br]

“Not a problem, even if the Kishin wakes up, I’ll beat it, cause after all I’m the man who will surpass god” Black star boasted[br]

“Will you get serious black star” Maka scolded “This is not going to be like last time. We have to be more prepared this time round”[br]

“Maka’s right, Black Star” urged Kidd “We nearly lost everything the last time so I think its best to do this perfectly and win”[br]

“I don’t see what the fuss is all about. If it wakes up we just need to beat it anyway so what’s the problem?” Black star sighed[br]

“All of you stop your yammering” Stein interrupted “Lets not think about the Kishin waking up and focus on getting rid of it while its asleep. That should be our main priority right now”[br]

After Stein spoke out everyone nodded in agreement and didn’t speak of the matter[br]

“Now then, time for us to get moving” Stein continued “Now all human weapons turn into your weapon form now. There is not telling what we’ll find in the base”[br]

With that said; Soul turned into scythe weapon mode. Tsubaki turned into her chain scythe weapon mode. Finally the Thompson sisters; Liz and Patty turned into their twin gun weapon mode.[br]

After all that was settled the team set out in search of a way into the Arachnophobia base without getting

involved in the massive battle.[br]

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Inside the base, the black robed man was sensing the activity of the battlefield from his room.[br]

I wonder how long it has been since I've been in a good fight. Too long. Well I suppose I better start helping out my poor pathetic comrades he thought to himself as he observed the battle that raged outside his room's window.[br]

As he looked he noticed Mifune cutting up many of the soldiers[br]

"Well this is a surprise" He said to himself "No wonder we're losing the battle at the front gate. Mifune is there. I suppose I better remove him from the picture"[br]

As he began to walk away to the door he picked up a mask and put it on his face[br]

Don't want him to recognise me now do I he thought as he left the room to aid the men at the front gate[br]

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Yumi Azusa who was also taking part in the battle as a field strategist for Shibusen. Was using her ability of clairvoyance to locate where people were in the enemy base and more importantly to locate where the Kishin was.[br]

Sid was regularly calling in to her to see if she was having any success with the location of the Kishin[br]

"So Azusa got anything" Sid said over the radio[br]

"Sorry not a thing Sid" Azusa replied "But I think I can make a calculated guess as to where it is"[br]

"Good enough for now. Go ahead and inform Stein's team about what you found" Sid commanded[br]

"Understood" Azusa agreed and hung up the radio and started to dial in on Stein's frequency number[br]

"Stein this is Azusa come in" she called[br]

"Stein here. Whats going on Azusa?" Stein replied[br]

"I think I've got some information as to where the Kishin might be"[br]

"Alright but tell us that once we get inside. You see we are having trouble finding a way inside without getting caught in the crossfire"[br]

"I see. Well give me a minute and I'll try and find you a pathway in"[br]

"Got it. I'll be waiting on my end"[br]

With that, Azusa temporally cut off the call to Stein and used her clairvoyant powers to try and find some other entrance into the Arachnophobia base[br]

Although Arachnophobia have plenty of soldiers to protect them. They also have many non-combatants as well. Which means they would rather flee then fight she summarised in her head **Which means all I've got to do is find these non-combatants and figure out if they maybe escaping using secret exits**[br]

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Meanwhile Stein and his team where keeping their heads low and awaiting word from Azusa.[br]

"I wonder how long she'll be" Soul asked still in his weapon form[br]

"Long enough to help us" Stein answered "Don't worry she'll pull through for us"[br]

As they sat and waited Black Star noticed someone walking out of the main gate of the base, looking rather relaxed even during the heat of battle[br]

"Hey who's that?" He asked everyone[br]

Soon everyone got on their feet and look over the large rock they were hiding behind, to see who it was that Black Star was talking about[br]

"No idea" Kidd replied "But he looks rather strange. I mean wearing black robes like that in battle? He must have either has an ego bigger then Black Star's"[br]

"Hey" Black Star protested[br]

Kidd ignored him and carried on talking “Or he is just able to battle fight in that attire”[br]
“Who knows what he is capable of or what he is for that matter” Stein said “But from what I can see from him. He is not your average fighter that’s for sure”[br]
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At the main gate, Mifune and his squadron were busy eliminating Arachnophobia soldiers until suddenly they heard someone clapping loudly from within the base and it seemed that who ever was clapping was walking towards them.[br]

It was the black robed man. He continued to walk closer and closer to Mifune until he was only just a few feet away from him. By this time the Arachnophobia soldiers were already retreating back into the base and Mifune’s squad had already retreated a fair distance away from the two.[br]

“It’s been a long time, Mifune” he said behind the mask[br]

Mifune’s eyes narrowed and asked “Who are you?”[br]

“Oh just someone from your past” the robed man replied “Tell me did it feel good when you killed my brother”[br]

“Who was your brother?”[br]

“I’ll let you figure that out yourself you murderer”[br]

The two then stood facing each other in silence before they backed away from each other ready to fight[br]

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Stein’s team were still observing this strange encounter and would still have been had it not for Azusa’s voice echoing over the radio “Stein this is Azusa, come in”[br]

Stein picked up the radio and answered “Stein here. What you got for us?”[br]

“I’ve found a secret exit that some of the Arachnophobia scientists are using to get away from the battle. It’s to the north side of the base and is mostly surrounded by trees but you could easily see it when you get close enough” Azusa informed[br]

“Thanks good work Azusa” Stein replied “So what land mark apart from trees should I be aware of?”[br]

“Look for a pyramid shaped rock and you’ll find the entrance there. You may also find some Arachnophobia agents there anyway so it shouldn’t too hard after that” Azusa explained[br]

“Thanks. Stein out” Stein cut of the connection and turned to his team and said “Looks like we’ve got out way in. Now let’s get going. Time’s wasting”[br]

8 - The bitter struggle Part 1

Mifune and the black robed man were standing facing each other, waiting for the other to make the first move.[br]

“Before we begin” Mifune spoke “Draw your weapon. I will not fight an unarmed opponent”[br]

The robed man grinned under his mask and replied “How honourable. Very well give me a little moment”[br]

As soon as he said, that he click his fingers and a massive wolf – about the same height as him - appeared from a puff of white smoke[br]

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Mifune was perplexed **What does he intend to do with the oversized wolf. Surely not send it out to fight me. Does he not have any honour?** He thought still keeping his guard up[br]

“Curious aren’t you?” The robed man spoke out “Don’t worry this wolf is not a normal wolf”[br]

“I can see that by its unnatural size” Mifune analysed[br]

“True, but. This wolf is in fact a weapon yokai”[br]

“I see. So I assumed you named it and now you own it”[br]

“Of course. How else would I be able to wield her?”[br]

The robed man then petted his weapon yokai “Alright Okami, transform”[br]

With this, the yokai wolf know as Okami turned into a samurai sword[br]

“Ready Mifune” the man asked[br]

“Whenever you’re ready” Replied Mifune[br]

There was another long silence as the two stared at each other one more time before they truly started to battle[br]

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Meanwhile Stein and his team were approaching what Azusa said would be the secret exit that some of the Arachnophobia operatives were using to escape the battle.[br]

By this time the entire team had been informed of what they were supposed to look for[br]

“There’s the pyramid shaped rock” Pointed out Maka[br]

“Excellent now to find the entrance into the secret escape route” Informed Stein as they stooped running to look around[br]

As they were searching for the way in, an arachnophobia scientist accidently ran into Kidd[br]

“Ow! What the hell?” The scientist mumbled as he fell to the ground and then it dawned on him what he ran into **Oh shoot I’m done for** he thought as he slowly got up and was about to run away. That was until Kidd pointed his twin guns at the man[br]

“Don’t move. Least you want your soul to be sent to the afterlife” Kidd ordered as he walked closer to the frighten scientist[br]

“Please spare me, I was only following orders. Please let me live” The scientist begged already on his knees[br]

“Think we should let him go Kidd-kun?” Asked Liz[br]

“Hrm. Tell me where is the secret entrance that you just used to escape and I think I’ll let you go” Kidd said as he lowered his twin guns[br]

“Oh thank you. Thank you. I’ll show you. It’s this way. Follow me” The man said beckoning Kidd to follow[br]

Kidd smiled and followed him. Fair enough the man kept his promise and led him to the secret entrance”[br]

“Now am I allowed to live now?” The man asked nervously[br]

“You kept your word so yes, your free to go” Thanked Kidd “But just make sure I don’t catch you doing this sort of thing again, you got that”[br]

The scientist nodded and ran away.[br]

Alright. Now that I found the entrance. I better tell the others Kidd thought as he whistled for the others to come to his location. Not long after they all turned up[br]

“Nice work Kidd” praised Stein “Now let’s get moving”[br]

Everyone agreed and followed Stein into the secret escape tunnel into the Arachnophobia’s base[br]
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Back at the main gate Mifune and the black robed man were duelling each other[br]

Their swords clashed continuously, but neither of them was gaining the upper hand.[br]

They soon backed away from each other trying to get some of their breath back.[br]

“You’re good Mifune” Complemented the robed man “But don’t think I’m going to let you win”[br]

“The same goes for you” Mifune replied “By the way I just realised that you know my name, but I do not know yours. Mind telling me?”[br]

“Of course not” The man agreed “But I’m afraid you’re going to have to settle with a fake name, because I don’t want to reveal my true identity just yet. You understand right?”[br]

“Fair enough. Just so long I can name the person that I battle with”[br]

“Then you can call me Aku for the time being”[br]

“Very well then “Aku” shall we go another round?”[br]

Aku grinned under the mask and replied “Of course”[br]

The two were once again tensing up for an oncoming attack from the other[br]

Their last duel lasted ten minutes and now their going at it again with more power? Scary. Crona thought to herself as she observed the battle from a “safe” distance along with the rest of Mifune’s squad.[br]

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Within the Arachnophobia base Mosquito was looking at several monitors observing all that was happening in and around the base. It was then the he saw Stein and his team using the secret entrance to get inside[br]

“Damn it” he cursed “Things are moving far too quickly. I guess there is no other choice”[br]

Mosquito got out of his chair and started to walk out of the room. But before he did he gave one final order to the remaining scientist that did not flee “If I should fall in battle I want you to awaken the Kishin immediately”[br]

“But Mosquito-sama she is still incomplete” One of the scientists objected[br]

“I would rather have the Kishin able to stand and fight then be destroyed before she can have a chance to be free. Now is that understood?” Mosquito barked[br]

“Y yes of course Mosquito-sama. Forgive my rudeness” The scientist apologised[br]

Mosquito never said a word, instead he just walked out, leaving the Kishin alone with the scientists[br]

Lady Oni. I promise I won’t let them hurt you. Just leave everything to me. I’ll take care of these annoying rats Mosquito thought as he walked to where he would encounter Stein’s team and do battle with them[br]

9 - The bitter struggle part 2

Stein and his team were now deep within the Arachnophobia organisation's base, due wholly to the fact that they had used a secret passage to enter it.[br]

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Azusa, who was regularly communicating to people via radio transmission, decided that now was the best time to speak to Stein about the location, or rather a rough estimate to the where the Kishin could be found.[br]

"Stein, its Azusa, come in" her voiced echo on the radio[br]

"Stein here. Whats going on?" Stein replied[br]

"I think that now is the best time to tell you where I believe the Kishin might be"[br]

"Go on"[br]

"Well I've noticed a very large soul wavelength resonating near the centre of the base and steadily it has been growing since the battle started. I'm guessing the Kishin is close to awakening"[br]

"That's not good. Can you give me a rough idea in which direction we should be heading from where we are in the base?"[br]

"Just keep following the corridor and you should be able to feel the soul wavelength for yourself. In fact I think you might be able to sense it from where you are now, considering it's become so large.[br]

"Understood. Stein out" Stein put down his radio and then turned to Maka and the others. "We have our lead on the location of the Kishin. But don't start celebrating yet from what Azusa has just told me the Kishin is dangerously close to waking up"[br]

Everyone tensed up from what Stein had said. For if the Kishin awoke now, things would be more difficult then ever thought possible[br]

"Maka. I want you to use your Soul perception with me. To see if we can sense the Kishin's wave length"[br]

Maka agreed and then began to focus her senses to feel where the Kishin was. Stein too was also performing the same technique as he too possessed the power of Soul perception.[br]

After what felt like an eternity the two finally found the soul wavelength that would correspond to a Kishin's wave length, after all they felt it before with Kishin Asura.[br]

"It's not to far from where we are" Maka spoke out[br]

"Yeah but I think we might be held up for a little while" Stein said pointing down the corridor[br]

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Everyone then looked to see what Stein was pointing at and quickly realised that someone was slowly walking towards them.[br]

"Well this is a surprise. To find Shibusen rats so deep inside our base. I'm impressed that you've made it this far without getting caught but your little adventure ends here" Mocked Mosquito[br]

"Get out of our way" Black Star demanded[br]

"I think not. I'm not letting any of Shinigami's lapdogs anywhere near Lady Oni" Barked Mosquito[br]

Lady Oni? Everyone thought in unison[br]

"Who is this Lady Oni?" Kidd queried[br]

Mosquito grinned "You want to know? Then I'll tell you. She is the daughter of our late Arachne-sama.

Soon she'll be reborn as the new Kishin and there is nothing that you can do to stop it"[br]

This Oni girl's story is just like Crona's Maka thought in horror[br]

"Now enough talk. It's time to end this little game" Mosquito growled[br]

Now what form should I take to kill them? Hrm they already beat me in my form of two hundred years ago, at the time I was my toughest. Perhaps I should go for my form of four hundred years ago. Yes that will work Mosquito pondered as he begun to transform into one of his past forms in days gone by[br]

"PREPARE TO DIE SHINIGAMI DOGS"[br]

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While Stein and his team prepared to do battle with Mosquito. Mifune and the robed man who preferred to be called Aku for the time being were already having it out at the main gate[br]

Mifune was using his infinite One-sword style to try and deliver a killing blow to Aku. But no matter how many time he tried to cut him or how many swords that he kicked or through at him, Aku continued to dodge all of Mifune's attacks as if they weren't there.[br]

Damn it how is he doing that? Does he have the power to see the future? No that's not possible, is it? Mifune thought still trying to figure out what made Aku move so efficiently[br]

"Annoying isn't it?" Aku taunted "The reason you can't hit me is cause I have trained myself to detect even the smallest movement on the human body"[br]

"What?" gasped Mifune[br]

Aku chuckled at the reaction "Human muscles are quite eloquent, they tell me what the next move is going to be before they even make it. In other words you're as good as dead facing me"[br]

Suddenly within the blink of an eye Aku had managed to get by Mifune's defences and cut him across his chest. Mifune fell to the ground and was luckily still alive but Aku was far from finished[br]

"Tough luck Samurai. Better luck in the next life" he mocked as he lifted his sword in a bid to finish off Mifune. His sword descended towards Mifune's neck but just before the death blow could strike home, Crona had managed to get in the way and she blocked the attack with her own sword.[br]

"Well what's this? A Mifune fan girl is it" Aku joked as he backed away from Crona[br]

"Sensei, you alright?" Asked Crona[br]

"I'll live, but let's pull out of here. You'll be no match for him" Pleaded Mifune[br]

"I can't. Maka is in there trying to stop the Kishin from awakening. I can't back away while she'll be fighting for her life. She wouldn't quit if things got bad and neither will I" Crona boldly spoke[br]

"Crona?" Mifune gasped in awe of his student's courage and resolve[br]

"Leave it to me sensei" She urged[br]

"What makes you think you can beat me? If you precious sensei couldn't, then what hope does a weakling like you have?" Aku gloated[br]

"I have no choice. That's why"[br]

"I see. Well then don't blame me if you drop dead at the end of this"[br]

10 - The bitter struggle Part 3

Within the walls of the Arachnophobia base, Stein and the others were now facing a titanic problem. Mosquito, the organisation's new leader, was blocking their way to the still sleeping Kishin. If they could not get passed him then all hope would be lost to prevent the Kishin's awakening.[br]

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"I've lived for many hundreds of years" Mosquito boasted "And no-one has ever been able to best me in combat"[br]

Black Star twitched and replied "That's not true. I think we bested you back when we were getting BREW"[br]

Mosquito only chuckled "I remember that slightly differently. I recall letting you leave in peace"[br]

"Yeah, after we nearly killed you" Corrected Maka[br]

"Hmph. Well in any case, you've only bested one of my many forms"[br]

"I think cause we beat you at your most toughest, I think we've got you beat already?" Interpreted Kidd[br]

"Yes, in my form of two hundred years ago I was at my toughest. But I'm going beyond that. I'm going into my form of four hundred years ago when I was at my fastest"[br]

Everyone gasped.[br]

Slowly Mosquito's body started to transform. His entire body elongated and the length of his torso, legs, arms and even his pointy nose were significantly longer than before.[br]

"Lets se how you fare against me now Shinigami dogs"[br]

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Everyone braced themselves for the coming attack and they were surprised to have Mosquito already behind them. Everyone then tried to move out of the way in any possible way they could.[br]

"Too slow" announced Mosquito as he made a beeline towards Maka "I'm going to drink your blood till your body's dry"[br]

"Maka!" Alerted Soul[br]

"I know" replied Maka as she tried to manoeuvre herself away from Mosquito's pointed nose, as that was the instrument to how he is able to suck the blood out of his victims[br]

On Maka's part it was futile to avoid Mosquito's attack as he was moving inhumanly fast to the point that it was all put impossible to get out of the way. Just when it looked like Maka was done for, Black Star suddenly moved in the way of Mosquito and had managed to grab his pointed nose and threw him clear the other direction. Needless to say Mosquito was not only shocked but also furious.[br]

"How the hell did you manage to keep up with me?" he growled[br]

Black Star smirked and said "Easy, I used my speed star technique which makes me move very fast as well"[br]

"I see, so I guess that means we could be on equal ground when it comes to speed?"[br]

"Not a chance"[br]

"What?"[br]

"I'm the man who's going to surpass God so you will never be able to beat me"[br]

Mosquito started to laugh "Is that so? Well first your going to have defeat me before you can get near

the Demon God I have here”[br]

Black Star chuckled.[br]

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“I think we better go while Black Star is taking care of Mosquito here” Stein suggested and everyone agreed[br]

“Hey Black Star, think you can handle him alone?” Kidd playfully mocked[br]

Black Star replied with a thumbs up and said “No problem”[br]

Everyone smiled and then went down the corridor to locate the sleeping Kishin[br]

“Don’t think that your friends will get too far before I kill them” said Mosquito preparing to attack[br]

“Well if you want to get to my friends you’ll have to beat me first” replied Black Star, also preparing to attack[br]

The two stood glaring at one and another waiting for the next move[br]

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Tsubaki who was still in her Chain scythe weapon form and being held by Black Star felt a little concerned[br]

“Black Star?” she said in a tone of voice meaning “You ready?”[br]

Black Star nodded “Lets do this Tsubaki”[br]

With that said Black Star launched himself towards Mosquito, who in turn was mimicking him. “Tsubaki, ninja sword mode, now” Black Star ordered[br]

Tsubaki agreed and transformed from her Chain scythe weapon form to her Ninja Sword form.[br]

Black Star and Mosquito were now on a fast paced battle of stamina, to see who could doge who the longest and who could kill the other the quickest, with both of them attacking and then defending and then attacking again, a sort of tug of war type battle.[br]

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Over time, as this tug of was battle went on, the two began to tire and that was becoming evident by their speed decreasing steadily.[br]

Unconsciously, the two, in unison, temporarily backed away from each other to try and catch their breath[br]

“I must.....admit.....your pretty good...kid” Wheezed Mosquito[br]

“Don’t call me kid.....that sounds like you belittling me.....I’m going to surpass God...so don’t talk to me like that” Panted Black Star[br]

“Unattainable dreams are the best kind” Mosquito mocked[br]

“Unattainable my @\$” snapped Black Star as he quickly charged again towards Mosquito[br]

Damn it here he comes again thought Mosquito as he tried to brace himself for the coming attack[br]

“Tsubaki, smoke bomb now” ordered Black Star[br]

Again Tsubaki agreed and turned into a smoke bomb. The moment she transformed Black Star threw her between him and Mosquito. As Tsubaki exploded (Don’t worry this doesn’t kill her for those who don’t watch the anime) and let loose the smoke, Black Star erupted from behind it and tried to smack Mosquito’s face in with an extremely powerful punch[br]

“Think I’m that easy you little brat” growled Mosquito as he grabbed Black Star and tossed him the corridor walls[br]

Black Star feel unconscious from the impact and Mosquito gloated in his victory and was about to finish him off when suddenly he felt a sharp pain in his back[br]

“What the hell?!” gasped Mosquito[br]

When he managed to look behind him it turned out that Black Star was behind him and this out rightly caused some major confusion[br]

“Wait if your there then who’s?” Mosquito said trying to gain his breath, as he looked at the Black Star

that was sitting at the wall. A puff of smoke later it was revealed that the one Mosquito planted into the wall was Tsubaki, using the copy star technique[br]

"It's over for you now" Black Star stated as he poured his soul wavelength into Mosquito with enough force to kill him[br]

As Mosquito was flung down and corridor and his body started to fade away it turned out that he was smiling and still clinging to his quickly diminishing life[br]

"What's so funny?" Black Star questioned[br]

Mosquito chuckled "I think there is something I forgot to tell you. I told the scientist keeping watch over the Kishin that if I die then they will awaken her, complete or not"[br]

"What?!" Black Star snapped[br]

"It's true and now that I die, you will understand what true fear is" With those words said, Mosquito's body finally faded away and Black Star was left alone to tend to the unconscious Tsubaki, but with the thought of the Kishin's awakening haunting his mind. **Maka, Soul, Kidd, Liz, Patti and Stein. You better have gotten to the Kishin by now or else were going to be dealing it[br]**

11 - The bitter struggle Part 4

While Black Star was dealing Mosquito, Crona was busy dealing with the enigmatic Aku, who had just managed to force Mifune to withdraw from combat.[br]

“What makes you think you can have a chance against me?” Asked Aku, who was curious about his new opponent[br]

“It’s because I have too. My friends are doing all they can to stop you and I can’t let them fight alone” Crona replied[br]

“Heh, I see. Well if I still had any love for this world I think I would find that little sentiment heart warming” Aku chuckled[br]

Crona never answered back; instead she just raised her sword and prepared to fight. However Aku made no attempt at preparation, instead he just stood there waiting.[br]

“You going to fight?” the perplexed Crona asked[br]

Aku merely raised his hand in a “Come and get me” gesture, to which Crona responded to by swinging her sword at his head, but he blocked it with his sword.[br]

He’s fast Crona thought as she made another attempt to hit her opponent, but all she got was more the same, sword on sword rather than sword on skin.[br]

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This little skirmish went to for a little while longer until Crona just backed away as it was clear she was not getting anywhere.[br]

“Giving up already?” Aku taunted[br]

“No. Just trying to think” Crona replied[br]

Aku just laughed “Trying to think? You must have a death wish. On a battlefield, if you stop and think. You die”[br]

Crona tensed up as Aku charged at her and was about to slam his sword on her head, but she managed to block it in time.[br]

Hrm? That attack should have killed her Aku thought to himself as he tried and side swipe approach but with still the same amount of force as his previous attack. But again Crona blocked it again.[br]

That’s not possible. Even if a person is able to block using their sword, this attack is meant to cut through it, and yet I’m not breaking through. What is her sword made of? But a more important question how does she know I’m going to hit her when she can’t see my movements?

Aku thought again, now beginning to agitated[br]

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As Aku continued to ponder how Crona was able to block, she herself took the initiative and struck back, nearly cutting Aku[br]

I never saw that attack coming he thought in horror. But his ordeal was not over as now Crona was swinging her blade in an unorthodox and also rather unpredictable fashion and that was giving Aku a hard time, as he tried to figure out where Crona was going to strike next.[br]

This is not possible. I can see her muscle movements but I can’t predict where she is going to attack from Aku thought as he tried desperately to dodge and block Crona’s oncoming attacks **Now I get why she wanted to fight. She doesn’t have a singular attack pattern and it’s extremely**

random, and this makes her dangerous to me as I can't read what she'll do. But no matter, if I can't see what she'll do with my eyes then I'll rely on pure instinct and hope that I can cut her open, but then again she's relying on instinct as well so this will be a tough slog[br][br]

As Aku had predicted, Crona was a difficult opponent to deal with as no matter how many times he tried to hit her, she'd always block and then retaliate. But then Crona herself was experiencing the same problem with him as well. In the end the two were mimicking each other trying to tire the other out, but for either of them it was not going to be an easy win[br]

[br] Watching the battle from afar looking with a pair of binoculars was the commander of the battle Sid Barrett. He was watching from the Shibusen main camp, which had a fairly good view of the terrain and that was good for keeping a close eye on his allies as well as his enemies. He was not alone in the main camp; he was with Azusa who was busy radio people in about enemy positions and other such matters, trying to keep casualties to a minimum.[br]

"Azusa" Sid spoke out[br]

Azusa put down her radio earphones "Yes Sid?"[br]

"What do you think of the one who managed to beat Mifune? Can you read anything about him from his soul wavelength?" Questioned Sid[br]

"Well I'm not sure actually" Azusa sighed "He has some soul protection power on him so I'm having a hard time keeping track of his location so I can't really tell you much, other than the fact that he is a force to be reckoned with"[br]

"Soul Protection? Like the magic the witches use?"[br]

"That's what it looks from here. I think he knows some magic from witches, but how he managed to learn them is beyond me"[br]

"Agreed. Well in any case could you turn into your weapon form for a moment? I want to snipe him from here"[br]

Azusa agreed and transformed into her weapon form which was a cross between a crossbow and a musket with a rifle scoop attached[br]

Sid took hold of Azusa and then positioned himself in a good spot to pick off Aku once he let his guard down.[br]

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Aku and Crona were still battling it out in a back and forth battle with neither one seemingly gaining any advantage. But that situation was about to change in a hurry.[br]

Crona had somehow, miraculously, got beyond Aku's fierce defence and had managed to plant her sword into Aku's heart, to which he reeled from the blow and almost slumped over on top of her.[br]

The two were exhausted and both were trying to gain their breaths back from this bizarre break in the fighting[br]

"Very impressive" Aku spoke out, coughing up blood as he spoke "You managed to get me, but your sword didn't go in deep enough to kill me yet"[br]

Aku raised his sword and was going to chop Crona's head off, but she managed to push her sword even further into Aku's body, till it eventually went through the other side. This forced Aku to drop his sword and he coughed up even more blood and was now slumped over then before.[br]

It's over. I did it; I won Crona thought as a smile creped onto her face. But the smile was short lived as she could hear Aku laughing despite that fact she had just stabbed him right through the heart[br]

"What's so funny, your close to death and yet your laughing" Crona asked beginning to feel that something was not right[br]

"I have to admit. You're good. Your unpredictable style thwarts my style of fighting all together" Aku

replied coughing more blood then before[br]

“So what’s your point” Crona demanded[br]

“Well of a normal person this blow would kill them. But I’m not a normal person” Aku gloated[br]

Crona started to feel uneasy “Meaning”[br]

“You hit the wrong place to get my heart” Aku said now beginning stand up again “You see my heart is on the right”[br]

Crona gasped as Aku was now standing up again and was towering over her[br]

“Time to die” he said as he pulled out a Wakizashi blade from under his robes and proceed to send the blade straight into Crona’s throat and at the same time grabbed Crona’s arm so she wouldn’t get away[br]

Crona tried desperately to break free but it was all for not and her time was running.[br]

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Overlooking the battle Sid was poised to fire the moment Aku lowered his guard and now was the perfect chance to shoot him as he was other wise occupied with trying to kill Crona. Sid took aim and targeted Aku’s head.[br]

From behind the mask Aku could see a gleam of light coming from somewhere reflecting from the sunlight. It didn’t take him long to realize that someone was about to snipe him so before he could finish of Crona,he let her go and then he jumped away as fast and as far as he could before the shot came.[br]

But it was too little too late as Sid fired his shot and had made contact with Aku’s temple[br]

The part of the mask that was hit shattered and Aku’s fell to the ground looking very lifeless[br]

Did we get him? Sid thought still keeping aim, just incase that shot failed[br]

Slowly but most defiantly surely, Aku slowly began to rise up back on his feet again and to Sid’s horror he only managed to shatter the top left half of Aku’s mask. But that wasn’t the only think that shocked him. From what he could see through is rifle scoop and to what part of the fact that was reveled from the broken mask, Sid resized that he knew the person’s face.[br]

“No, it’s not possible. He should be dead” he gasped as he trembled all over from fear and shock[br]

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Aku face was not fully revealed but that part that was revealed, was already covered by hair that had managed to escape the mask’s hold on it and was now covering his now exposed left eye[br]

“So it looks like your still alive yourself? Sid Barrett” Aku said out loud[br]

Although Aku was not able to see Sid clearly from where he was, but he knew it was him, he sensed it.

“Well alive or not I think I’ve played this game for far, far too long now” he turned and faced Crona

“Now I’ll finish you off, right here right now” he then picked up his sword and was about to attack Crona but something in the air forced him to stop.[br]

He turned to see where the disturbance he felt was coming from, and it was coming from within the Arachnophobia base.[br]

Azusa stirred still in here weapon form and gasped out the words “This wavelength! Don’t tell me that....”[br]

Sid sighed “We’ve failed”[br]

Aku then started to laugh maniacally, out of joy, or maybe even out of insanity, but one thing was for sure, his laugh was spine chilling “Well it looks like you lot have lost this little battle” he chuckled[br]

Crona was still unsure to what was going on as she was still trying to summarize what had just happened in this short amount of time. She asked “What makes you think we lost?”[br]

Aku was still laughing away to himself[br]

“Tel me what happened?” Crona demanded[br]

Aku looked back and her and said “The Kishin has finally awoken”[br]

12 - The Awakening

The Kishin. Its very existence brings forth insanity like a plague and brings disorder to the world. Its power is devastating. If awakened, the world will suffer.[br]

That is what was going through the minds of Stein and his Demon hunting squad as they frantically searched for the slumbering Kishin.[br]

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The Kishin's soul wavelength was now so great that even Stein and Maka were able to pinpoint its location without the aid of Azusa. But despite this, the team could not lower their guard even for a moment, for they knew that the closer they got to the Kishin, the more desperate the people holding her would be to try and keep them away.....or worse.[br]

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Inside the room where the Kishin Chamber was, the scientists were looking at monitors to keep an eye on the oncoming intruders and to see if Mosquito was still alive, as they were ordered to awaken the Kishin effective immediately should something happen to Mosquito.[br]

"Think he can hold out against that Star kid?" A scientist asked aloud[br]

"No idea" answered one scientist, while others said "Defiantly" and "Maybe" and even "Not a chance" by some[br]

In the end the room was filled with different opinions on the fight. The Chief Scientist, who was the only one monitoring the condition of the Kishin, began to get irritated at his subordinate's lack of attention to the Kishin and shouted "STOP GAZEING AT THE MONITORS AND GET BACK TO WORK"[br]

With that single shout all the scientists got back to work except for one who looked rather ill and could only look at the security monitors.[br]

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As he gazed a sudden feeling of fear came over him as he looked at the monitor that was showing the Mosquito, Black Star battle.[br]

"Mosquito lost" he whispered to himself as he continued to watch. He then saw Mosquito's body fade and he said again "Mosquito lost" this time louder so that everyone could hear him.[br]

Needless to say, the fear he felt that he felt now spread throughout the entire scientist for they immediately knew what was to be done[br]

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Awaken the Kishin[br]

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The team of scientist then hesitantly started preparations to revive the Kishin from her slumber[br]

The Chief scientist was calling the shots now and said "Drain Kishin chamber of spirit water"[br]

One man replied "Draining Kishin chamber"[br]

Slowly the chamber was drying out the "still" sleeping Kishin was floating to the bottom of the chamber[br]

The chief spoke out again "Raise chamber seal"[br]

"Raising chamber seal"[br]

The see through wall that was the only thing keeping the Kishin away from the scientist was now rising

and the temperature of the room dropped dramatically[br]

“She is now free from the womb” the Chief said “Someone approach her so that we can coax her to wake up”[br]

Hesitantly one of the scientists (I use that word far too much) slowly walked, or rather tip toed to the Kishin. He was now so close to the Kishin that he could touch her, but he did not dare. Sadly his superior just nodded as if to say “Shake her awake” The man gulped and crouched down began to tap her shoulder. That didn’t work. So he then pushed her gently, causing her to roll over. This still didn’t wake her up. So in the end the brave scientist decided that only pain would wake her up, and so with a shaky hand he clenched his fist and was about to punch her arm to wake her up.[br]

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Suddenly her three eyes opened to see a fist heading her way, this prompted her to retaliate. By not even moving a muscle, she somehow beheaded the man that was about to punch her by using some unseen force”[br]

“She awake” someone gasped[br]

The Kishin began to rise to her feet, her deep red eyes glaring at the scientist that woke her up[br]

“She scary” another man said trembling[br]

The Chief Scientist was overjoyed and asked “How do you feel? Kishin Oni”[br]

Oni looked at him and replied “Pretty.....good” As soon as she said the Chief scientist was on the ground dead, again by an unseen force that the Kishin was wielding[br]

“She’s gonna kill us, run” A frightened Scientist called out, but his voice would never be heard as Oni had managed to kill everyone in the room within the blink of an eye by an unseen power, leaving him alone with her[br]

“Please spare me” he begged[br]

Oni looked at him with murderous intent and said “No” With that she killed him and as she did the air around her changed and it spread through out the Arachnophobia base.[br]

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Stein and his team were the first ones to sense the change in the air. And they all knew that only one thing could change the feel of the environment in this way, and that was the Kishin[br]

“I can’t believe it” Maka gasped “The Kishin woke up”[br]

Stein was gritting his teeth “We were too late”[br]

Kidd then suddenly bolted down the corridor **I’m not letting the Kishin leave the base alive, I have to end it here and now before it has time to get to powerful** he thought as he found the door that the Kishin was sealed behind, but the door opened by it self and Kishin Oni was starring him in the face.[br]

“Looking for me? Baby Shinigami?” She taunted starring Kidd in the face[br]

Kidd was terrified as he was now standing face to face with the second Kishin in existence and here she was just standing there looking pleased with herself because he was scared.[br]

Kidd backed away and as he did Oni stepped forward until Kidd was backed up against the wall. “You look cute when your scared, baby Shinigami” She taunted again[br]

Kidd’s temper flared “Don’t think I’m letting you live” he snapped as he pointed the twin guns but as he did Oni slapped them out of his hands, leaving Kidd to deal with her unarmed “I wonder” She said “What would happen if I managed to take your soul”[br]

“Not gonna happen you....” Kidd was bout to say something but Oni had put her hand around his mouth “Another word out of you and you die, got that cutie” she taunted in a sick murderous manner[br]

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Whatever Oni was going to do to Kidd was stopped short before anything happened as Liz and turned into her human form and was wielding her sister Patti, who was still in her gun form, and was pointing her gun at her Oni’s head.[br]

“Let him go” Liz demanded[br]

Oni turned to face her “Or you’ll what?”[br]

“I’ll shoot”[br]

“Heh, not likely. I can sense your fear. I can sense that you don’t have the heart to shoot me, for you know that if you do, you will regret it”[br]

Kidd still with his mouth covered was mumbling “Shoot, just shoot”[br]

Liz was frozen stiff by fear, as she was looking Oni straight in the eye; her red blood eyes surrounded by blackness to where white should be, was the thing that unnerved Liz to the bone “You gonna fire or what” Oni said interrupting Liz’s trance[br]

Liz was trembling, she was not prepared to fire, but she had to do something.[br]

Thankfully Stien and Maka came charging down the hallway to rescue Kidd, and they, unlike Liz, were prepared to do harm to Kishin Oni.[br]

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“Unhand Kidd you dog” Maka barked as she raised her scythe to try and cut Oni in half[br]

Oni only sighed “Such foul language you should know better, my dear” as she let go of Kidd and jumped away from the attack.[br]

With Kidd now freed and the team was now together, minus Black Star and Tsubaki, and were ready to do battle with Kishin Oni[br]

“Think you can kill me?” she playfully taunted “Come now, you should already know I’m a whole different ball game to Asura, so stop playing pretend and give up”[br]

“We’ll see you wretched Demon” Stein hissed, still angry that he failed to get to the Kishin before she awoke.[br]

“Kill Me” She laughed “If you can”[br]

13 - A Weakness Exposed

The worst possible result had occurred. The Kishin had been awoken. This meant that time was now running out for the world, as the longer she remained alive the quicker the world will plunge into insanity.[br]

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Standing before Stein and his team was the newly awakened and second Kishin, Kishin Oni.[br]

“Think you have the power to kill me?” Oni taunted[br]

No one replied as they were too deep in thought to try and think of a strategy to kill her[br]

Somehow I don't think I can beat her like I did with Asura.....she's different from him in more ways than one Maka thought clutching her scythe[br]

Damn it, how can we kill her? Stein thought Only a Kishin hunter can kill a Kishin and no one here has that ability[br]

“So no one is going to answer me huh” Oni spoke out, breaking everyone's thought patterns “Oh well it doesn't matter. It matters little if you think you can kill me or not cause your all going to die here anyway”[br]

Everyone tensed up ready for whatever she was going to throw at them[br]

Oni's posture changed from a relaxed state to a fighting state “Lets get started shall we?”[br]

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Oni then charged at Liz, the only human weapon not in weapon form, and slammed her through the one of the corridor walls[br]

“LIZ!!!” everyone gasped[br]

“That's one down for now” Oni chuckled as she then charged from Kidd “Your mine baby Shinigami”[br]

Kidd raised his remaining duel gun and fired at Oni in quick succession, but all the bullets were not hitting their mark as she kept on dodging them.[br]

“Too slow” she mocked as she grabbed Kidd's arm and broke it. Needless to say Kidd dropped his remaining gun to the ground from the loss of use in his arm. “Pathetic” stated Oni[br]

“Don't get too distracted” Maka announced as she swung her scythe at Oni. But she flawlessly jumped away the attack[br]

“I'm not letting you get away” Maka growled, as she perused Oni to continue her attack. Swing, after swing, after swing, and none of Maka's attack were touching Oni, let alone getting close[br]

“You swing that thing like a crazed woman” Oni analysed “So quit wasting my time”[br]

Suddenly Maka was hurtled down the corridor by a force that she could not see. She continued to glide down the corridor till a wall at the other end stopped her. The force of the collision knocked her out cold[br]

Oni was feeling proud of herself from what she had accomplished but his inner celebration was quickly brought to an end, because Kidd had his gun back again but was using his other arm that was not broken, and began to fire at her[br]

Miraculously Kidd managed to her a few times as he had caught her totally off guard. “Gotcha” Kidd spoke out[br]

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Oni was now injured but she looked strangely and rather more disturbingly calm. She then turned to face Kidd[br]

“Please tell me that was not all you can do?” she said sounding rather un-amused[br]

“What?” Kidd gasped **How can she still be so calm after I shot her so many times**[br]

Oni smiled evilly and her wounds began to heal rapidly. Kidd looked on in horror as a realisation hit him

“This is the power of a Kishin’s black blood”[br]

“You got it sweetie. No matter how you wound me, my wounds will heal instantly” she replied as all her wounds healed completely “Ah my perfect body is scar free again”[br]

Kidd was at a loss at what to do next[br]

“Now since you were nice enough to make me feel pain, I think it’s only fair that I give you some too” she said menacingly[br]

Before Kidd could even conjure any form of defence he was suddenly sent flying through several wall by an unseen power, and just like the rest he was knocked out cold.[br]

“I thought Shinigami’s had more bite to their barks” Oni mocked again[br]

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“I must admit, for a Kishin, you’re very strong, maybe even more powerful than your predecessor, Asura” Stein spoke out smoking his favourite brand of cigarettes[br]

“I thank you for the complement” Oni replied “So who are you might I ask?”[br]

“I’m Professor Stein, the strongest Meister to come out of Shinigami’s DWMA” (Death Weapon Meister Academy)[br]

“I see”[br]

“You don’t seem to be impressed”[br]

“Not really no, but I do look forward to kicking you around”[br]

Stein grinned maniacally “I think the one who be kicked around is you”[br]

Why is he smiling like that? “Really and how do you figure that?”[br]

“You see, I’m very sensitive and prone to insanity. So with you standing so close to me, I guess.....I guess you can say”[br]

“?”[br]

“THAT I WANT TO DISSECT YOU”[br]

“!”[br]

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Stein quickly moved to try and hit her but she dodged, but only just[br]

I better be more careful with this one, if that attack was what I think it was then one hit from it and it will cause havoc to my soul Oni thought as she continued to dodge Stein’s attacks[br]

“What’s wrong, I thought you weren’t scared of me” Stein said now slipping deeper into his own insanity, brought out by Oni[br]

“Shut up” Oni barked **I won’t be able to keep dodging like this forever. I have to use my extended arm technique**[br]

“Drop dead scar face” Oni barked as she tried to use the invisible force that had caught everyone she used it on but Stein moved away from that un seen attack[br]

“What the?! How did you do that?” Oni demanded[br]

“You see I also have the power of Soul perception, which allows me to see people’s souls[br]

“What’s your point?”[br]

“You should already know. Your so called invisible power comes from your soul, which you can extend and make it a physical force that no-one can see[br]

“Put with this Soul Perception ability of you can see my invisible attacks coming can’t you”[br]

“Correct”[br]

shoot, I’ve been caught out. But if he thinks I’m just a one trick pony he is so wrong “You may be able to see my attacks, but that does not mean you can act all superior. Remember I’m a Kishin.[br]

“I know but I don’t need a Kishin hunter to beat you I’m afraid[br]

“What?”[br]

“Like I said before I have the power of Soul Perception, Which allows me to see into peoples souls[br]

“You already said that you twit”[br]

“I know but I like repeating important things”[br]

“Grrr”[br]

“Anyway as I was saying. I can see people’s souls and I can see that your soul I made of two parts”[br]

Damn it he already know my weakness[br]

“From what I can gather you are not the original persona of the body your inhabiting, you’re a parasitic entity that was born from the subconscious of the girl who was sealed away to become Kishin. A Kishin can only be born if countless human souls are devoured by the said person, but in your case the souls were absorbed into her while she slept. The end result being that by the time she woke up her original persona would be gone and devoured by you. But I’m under the impression that you were released prematurely and as such, your soul it in two, meaning that if your soul wavelength is suddenly disturbed, you will fall asleep and the original persona would wake up.[br]

“I’m impressed; you worked out my weakness very quickly. Yes I am a parasitic entity. But I’m the Kishin, their original persona is not. So if I sleep she becomes human, but she sleeps she becomes me. A Split personality you could say”[br]

“Correct, so right know you are that dominant persona, but if I cause imbalance to your soul, the real original persona will become dominant”[br]

“That is the case at the moment, but if I stay active, then I will slowly kill the other me anyway from within”[br]

“But the reverse is true as well”[br]

“My, My I am impressed; you know an awful lot about me despite only meeting about a few moments ago”[br]

“I’m a Professor knowing things is my job. Now can we get back to me dissecting you, I always wanted to see inside a Kishin”[br]

“Come and try”[br]

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The two stood glaring at the each other ready to kill on a whim. They stayed like this for what continued on like an eternity, this moment of tense silence.[br]

Oni made the first my by using her invisible Power (Or in Stein’s case visible extension of her body) and aimed to decapitated Stein. This failed however as Stein could see the attack and so moved away accordingly. But Oni wasn’t done she made more extension’s of her soul and aimed all of them towards Stein in an effort to kill him. But it was all for not as Stein avoided all her many extension attacks and had managed to get right up close to her so the he can physically hit her.[br]

Damn it Oni thought as she knew what Stein was planning to do.[br]

“Soul Purge” Stein called out and slammed his fist into her chest, pouring some of his soul wavelength into her was well. The force of the attack was enough to not only whined Oni but also, because of Stein sending some os his soul wavelength into her, caused her two parted soul to become imbalanced, thus causing each part to fight for dominion over the body. This reaction was also happening physically as well as with the soul trying to turn human into Kishin and then human again the body was experiencing the same result.[br]

Stein then for god measure used the “Soul Purge” attack again except with more force, causing the

already agonised Oni to be sent flying through countless walls, so much so that she ended up erupting out of the Arachnophobia base[br]

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On the outside witnessing Kishin's Oni's unceremonious exit was the enigmatic Aku, along with Crona, whom he was fighting, and the team she was assigned to[br]

Aku, upon seeing Oni collapse to the ground after being smashed out of the base, quickly realised that all was not well with Kishin Oni. He turned to face Crona and said "I'm afraid that we must battle another time. It's seems that my little Kishin is experiencing some difficulties. I must go now.[br]

With that, Aku ran as fast as he could to aid the suffering Oni[br]

"My Lady, are you alright" he asked once her reached her. But Oni was not able to reply as the pain was too great for her to do anything except curl up and try to dull it[br]

"Worry not, my Lady I'm here to protect you" Aku said picking her up[br]

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Stein emerged from the hole that Oni created during her exit from the base. Aku looked upon Stein and said "You fought well and I salute you for that, but this war is far from over. We'll be back"[br]

With that said Aku, carrying Oni in his arms vanished in a cloud of smoke.[br]

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Thus the battle against the Arachnophobia organisation and the Kishin was over.[br]

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14 - A time to rest

With Arachnophobia completely liquidated, except for the mysterious Aku and Kishin Oni, Shinigami labelled the battle a success despite the overwhelming fact the Kishin was awakened, which in many people's minds was the soul purpose of the mission.[br]

Many people were injured in the conflict, so Shinigami ordered that for all who participated in the battle are not allowed to go on any missions until they are fully healed.[br]

No one complained as everyone just wanted to just relax after such an ordeal, but for Stein and his team, Mifune and Sid, rest was not an option as not only was a Kishin roaming around the world somewhere but also Aku was someone who could but a real wrench in Shibusen's works.[br]

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Mifune and Sid requested to speak to Shinigami about the situation with Aku, but all they got was an order to leave him alone for now and to also leave the Kishin be alone as well.[br]

If Shinigami had a plan this was certainly an odd one. To not only ignore Aku, but to ignore the Kishin? Something was brewing in Shinigami's head.[br]

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Some time had passed since the battle with Arachnophobia and most of the people who took part in the battle were now ready to carry out missions again. For Shinigami, now was the time to carry out his plan that had been brewing in his head since the Kishin's awakening. He asked Maka, Soul, Black Star, Tsubaki, Kidd, Patti and Liz to come and see him.[br]

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"Wonder what he wants?" Soul asked everyone[br]

"Maybe it's about the Kishin? He has been on edge since we failed to destroy it" Maka answered[br]

"Hmm maybe" replied Soul[br]

"What's wrong Soul?" Black Star enquired[br]

"I might be wrong but, don't you guys think something is up?" Soul said sounding rather worried "I mean since the Kishin got away he's been acting all tense and stuff. This is my opinion but I think something is just not right with him"[br]

Soul's words rung home to everyone that was with him. Indeed they have noticed a change in Shinigami-sama's attitude and it was beginning to unnerve plenty of people.[br]

"I know my father has been acting strange lately" Kidd spoke out "But he has good reason to be. He just feels that now is not the time to explain things to everyone yet"[br]

"What do you mean Kidd" Tsubaki asked[br]

"I mean that if he wanted us to know something he would tell us and if he felt that it would be safer for us to be in the dark about things then so be it"[br]

"You know something don't you Kidd" Black Star said grabbing the collar of Kidd's suit "Out with it, what do you know about what's wrong the Shinigami-sama?"[br]

Kidd forced Black Star off of him before he spoke again "I can't tell you, but I will say this. We might be seeing my father in a new light soon"[br]

"What do you mean?" Maka asked[br]

"I mean..... I'm sorry I really can't tell, just let my father tell you himself when he feels good and ready"

Kidd replied placing a hand on his forehead[br]

Everyone then just stopped pestering Kidd for answers after that as in the end he was right.[br]

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The group eventually reached the Death Room where Shinigami-sama was usually found to be in. He seemed in a good mood, but then it was hard to tell if he was for real or acting.[br]

“Good morning everyone. How are you all feeling today?” Shinigami said rather cheerfully[br]

“We’re feeling good today Shinigami-Sama” Everyone replied[br]

“Good good. Well then let’s get down to business shall we”[br]

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Meanwhile somewhere in the world, Aku was bussing himself keeping the Kishin alive after Stein had used two devastating Soul purges on her.[br]

“How are you feeling, Lady Oni” Aku asked bringing in a tray with cups of tea on it[br]

Kishin Oni stood out of her bed and said “I’m feeling much better today, but I still feel like I’m not in full strength”[br]

“That is understandable. You were released prematurely and as such a remnant part of the original inhabitant’s soul still remains. Obviously you are not going to be able to wield all of your power until you rid yourself of this other you quickly”[br]

“How do I do that?” she said taking a cup of tea from the tray[br]

“Well, I do know some soul removing techniques but that would kill you in your case, so I suggest using a skill I call a literal soul search”[br]

“A literal Soul Search?”[br]

“That’s right. I will place you in a coma and you will wake up in another dimension, within your own soul. All you have to do is locate the other you and well tell her to submit to you”[br]

“Submit? Why can’t I kill the other me?”[br]

“Because if you do, you also kill yourself”[br]

Oni felt rather ashamed of her outburst as she should have already known that by now[br]

“If you can make the other you submit to you then you will be able to utilise all of the power that was bestowed upon you. Eventually the other you will wither away gradually and you will be able to fight a person like Stein without fear of his Soul Purge reeking havoc on you”[br]

“I see. Then let’s get on with this Soul Search technique of yours”[br]

“It takes time, I’m afraid. So in the mean time just rest and I will come back to you when where ready to proceed”[br]

“How long will you be to get ready?”[br]

“Not to long now, I’ve been preparing since I brought you here to rest, so I’d say within the hour”[br]

Oni smiled “Good to hear”[br]

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Back at Shibusen[br]

“Honourable father are you serious?” Kidd gasped in shock[br]

“Yes I am serious” Shinigami replied “You see I’ve been working on it since Asura died and lately it has shown signs of working. But now it works”[br]

“So that explains why you’ve been so on edge recently” Maka sighed with relief[br]

“Yes and I’m sorry for making you all worry”[br]

“That’s quite alright” said Tsubaki “But don’t you think everyone in Death City should know?”[br]

“No, only the best of Shibusen and my closest companions are allowed to know this. So for the mean time keep quiet about this.[br]

“You can count on us Shinigami-sama” Black Star cheered[br]

“I hope I can”[br]

With the meeting over. Maka and the others left Shinigami alone with his death scythe Spirit, who was also Maka's father.[br]

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"Think you can find the Kishin, Shinigami-sama?" Spirit enquired[br]

"Definably. If I know that man, who is calling himself Aku, as well as I think I do, then finding the Kishin will prove little trouble." Shinigami answered[br]

"I see, well lets hope she can be taken care of before the worst of her powers come out"[br]

"Let's hope indeed"[br]

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Back at the hiding place of Aku and Kishin Oni. The preparations for the Soul Search technique is about to get underway within a large room with a complex circular drawing on the floor[br]

"Are you ready for this Lady Oni?" Aku asked[br]

"Just hurry up, I want to use my power to their fullest" Oni hissed[br]

"Then we shall begin. Step into the soul circle"[br]

Oni did as she was told and readied herself for what was to come[br]

Aku then started to use some unknown chant and after awhile Oni began to fall into a deep sleep. Not only that, but while under the induced coma she was levitating horizontally to the floor.[br]

Once Oni was floating in midair, Aku walked up to her and said to her "If you can hear my voice. Go in search of the other you and force her to submit to your will, only then may you have the power that will make you unstoppable"[br]

15 - The depth of Darkness

Kishin Oni was now under the full effects of the Soul Search technique. Her mind had left her body and had dived into the inner consciousness of her soul.[br]

The world the Kishin Oni found herself in as quite a bizarre place. At first there was nothing. But slowly a world began to appear, with buildings and trees etc.[br]

After some time the once blank canvas of her inner world now took on a life of it's own, with people walking round street corners and entering buildings.[br]

So this is what my inner world looks like Oni thought to herself as she looked around[br]
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"Lady Oni" A voiced echoed from out of nowhere "If you can hear me, I want you to go in search of the other you and make her submit to your will. Only if you can do that will you have the power to destroy Shinigami"[br]

Oni was so mesmerized by the world around her that she nearly forgot her purpose in this strange world[br]

That's right I have to find the weakling other me and make her submit to me Oni thought clearing hear head of any cobwebs **Right time to go hunting...But where do I start?**[br]

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Back in the real world, Aku was keeping a close eye on Kishin Oni, just in case something went wrong with the Soul Search.[br]

Just when he began to feel that everything was going well, he felt a strong presence approach.[br]

This wavelength. It's impossible. There is no way it could be him. But how can I deny this presence I'm feeling. There is no doubt it's him. But how? Aku thought in total shock at what he was feeling. **I have to confront him and see if it is him**[br]

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Aku left the room where Oni was and charged for the door to his hideout. Once he emerged from the enclosure of his hideout, what awaited Aku outside his door brought him nearly to his knees[br]

"It IS you" he gasped "But how is this possible"[br]

"It's been a long time hasn't it old friend"[br]

"But how?" How did you break the seal?"[br]

"A lot of time, trial and error"[br]

Aku was now gritting his teeth **Oni if you don't force the other you to submit soon, you won't be able to do it at all**[br]

"So what have you been up to lately Aku? Is that the name you go by now?"[br]

"Yeah I go by that name. I've been doing very little I'm afraid"[br]

"Very little? If you class creating the new Kishin very little. I'd hate what a lot is"[br]

"Just what brings you here?"[br]

"I'm here to kill your precious Kishin"[br]

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Back in the inner world of Oni's soul. Kishin Oni was still searching for her other self, but was have little success.[br]

Damn it. Where is that girl Oni thought as she frantically looked around **Where would she hide?**[br]
As if by some miracle Kishin Oni discovered, out of the crowd of generic people, a person that looked like her human state[br]
“I finally found you” she said to herself as she approached[br]
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“So this is where you hide” Kishin Oni said addressing her other self[br]
Human Oni turned and nearly died of shock at what she was seeing “You’re me?” she stammered[br]
“That’s right. Now why don’t you be a good girl and give up you little game of reclaiming your body”[br]
“No. Never. This is my body and you can’t have it. Arachne promised me that I would be a great and powerful person, so I can’t let you take over.[br]
Kishin Oni laughed[br]
“What exactly do you find so funny?”[br]
“It’s just how ignorant you are that’s all”[br]
“Ignorant?”[br]
“Yeah. Arachne only used you so that you could become Kishin..., which in fact is me. In other words, the one Arachne really desired was me, not you, me.[br]
“You’re lying. That can’t be true.... it just can’t”[br]
“Oh but it is. Just look at me. I’m a bonafide Kishin, while you are nothing more then a pathetic human. Even you have to understand the Arachne wanted a Kishin. Well I’m that Kishin. Now if you really are loyal to her I suggest you give me control of your body right now if you know what’s good for you”[br]
The human Oni was now in tears. She just couldn’t comprehend what she was hearing. What made the situation worse was the fact that the other her was absolutely right. She was only the host, a tool for a greater scheme.[br]
“Well?” Kishin Oni barked “You gonna give up or what?”[br]
The human Oni hesitated but within her heart she felt that whatever light that she had, whatever reason to live was now gone and all was left was to give the Kishin her what she desired.[br]
“Are you absolutely sure that you are the one that Arachne really wanted?” the human Oni asked, hoping for some hope[br]
Kishin Oni was now getting a little irritated “Of course. Now will you?”[br]
“I will”[br]
An evil grin spread across Kishin Oni’s face. “Then take my hand and let’s be done with this then”[br]
The human Oni hesitantly reached out and grabbed the other hers hand. As she did the world around then vanished and turned into a world of infinite blackness.[br]
“Where are we” Oni said distressed[br]
“You new home” Kishin Oni replied as she vanished into the blackness[br]
“My new home?” Oni said to herself **No this is a prison. To keep me from interfering**[br]
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With Kishin Oni’s mission complete she was able to regain consciousness. As she woke up she realised that she felt far more powerful then she did before. She didn’t feel as restrained as she did. She felt free, liberated and of course unstoppable.[br]
“Where is Aku” she asked herself[br]
It didn’t take long for her to figure out where he was, as she felt a very strong presence in the area.[br]
Well this is interesting she thought **It seems that he couldn’t wait for me to come to him so he has come to me instead**[br]
Oni then charged out of the room and out of the hideout to see Aku standing toe to toe with none other the Shinigami-sama himself[br]
“Speak of the Devil” Shinigami spoke out[br]

Aku turned and only said "Lady Oni?"[br]

Kishin Oni started to laugh maniacally "Shinigami you're a fool coming here. You just couldn't wait for death to come to you so you have come to death"[br]

"No I'm here to put an end to you"[br]

"We'll see about that"[br]

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Thus this was the beginning of a battle that would ultimately decide the fate of the world[br]

"Prepare to die Shinigami" Kishin Oni hissed as she readied her self for battle[br]

16 - Shinigami Vs Kishin Oni

Shinigami has freed himself from the confines of Shibusen and is now able to roam the world once again. His first priority, after gaining freedom, was to destroy the Kishin while it was vulnerable.[br] However, upon arriving at its hideout, it turns out that Kishin Oni's injuries have been healed and she seems more powerful than ever. Has Shinigami arrived too late to kill Kishin Oni?[br]

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"You're such a fool to come alone Shinigami" Oni smirked "Do you really think you can kill me without the use of Death Scythe?"[br]

"I had hoped to kill you while you were still weak from Stein's attack" Shinigami replied "But it looks like I acted too late, as you seem to be looking well enough to fight"[br]

"You got that right. Any injury that Stein caused is now fully healed and now I'm ready to tear you apart"[br]

"You think you can kill me?"[br]

"I know I will. You know it yourself, without Death Scythe, you stand no chance against me"[br]

She has a point Shinigami thought **But perhaps her power is not a full yet. She may be healed but that does not mean that her strength is either**[br]

"Well in any case" Said Shinigami "While I'm here, I guess I better try my luck in eliminating you"[br]

Oni only laughed, "I'll give you credit for gut Shinigami, but nothing more"[br]

"Quit your babbling and fight" Shinigami demanded[br]

"With pleasure"[br]

The two then had a stand off. Each prepared to attack at any second. Aku took this stalemate to run behind cover before he got caught in the crossfire.[br]

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It would be Oni that would make the first move. She charged at Shinigami with the intention of hitting him with her fist. But Shinigami was smarter than to let her punch him, so he vaulted himself into the air and was now hovering over the ground.[br]

"Think that flying is going to save you. I can fly as well you fool" Oni barked as she too vaulted into the air. But what greeted her as she moved to strike Shinigami in the air, was his famous "Shinigami chop"[br]

The force of the chop caused Oni to catapult down to the ground, making a massive impact crater in the process.[br]

"Ouch. That kinda hurt" Oni admitted as she crawled her way out of the crater that she created when she hit the ground.[br]

Shinigami was still flying overhead watching her every move. This irritated Oni greatly[br]

"Think you're so tough? I'm only just starting to play with you"[br]

Oni then used her Soul extending attack to try and bring Shinigami crashing to the ground. But unbeknownst to her, Shinigami could see her Soul extending attacks.[br]

Shinigami in an effort to prevent Oni from pulling him to the ground created a barrier that when Oni's attack hits, would send a shockwave down to her, injuring her.[br]

Needless to say that was exactly what happened. Oni's attack bounced off the barrier, but a shock wave

was now travelling down her extended soul.[br]

Damn it, there's no way I can guard against this Oni thought as she braced herself for what was to come[br]

The shockwave finally hit her, causing her tremendous pain, but also cut her open. But thanks to her Black Blood, her wounds healed quickly and any blood that had left her body now became a weapon to use against Shinigami.[br]

Oni then used her control of her black blood turn the blood on the ground into thousands off solid black needles and she sent them straight for Shinigami.[br]

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Crap Shinigami thought as he rattled his brain for a solution **If I get hit by even one of these things I'll be in trouble**[br]

In the end Shinigami created a non-shockwave barrier to protect him from the bloody needle attack. But in his haste to guard against the attack, he never noticed Oni appear behind him[br]

"Gotcha" She taunted as she fired a massive energy wave from her third eye, embedded into her forehead.[br]

Oni made sure that the force of the energy wave would be enough to all but kill Shinigami. She also made sure that he wouldn't be able to retaliate from the attack.[br]

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Shinigami then went crashing into the ground and was now seemingly defenceless against any further attack from Oni, whom was now floating back to the ground.[br]

Damn it. I can't seem to move Shinigami thought as he tried to get up, but to no avail[br]

"Wondering why you can't move?" Oni said, walking up to her arch nemesis intending to gloat over her victory "I'll tell you why, it's cause, when I used that energy blast on you, I added an extra nerve damaging attack with it"[br]

"You little witch" Shinigami barked[br]

"Oh, I'm so scared" she mocked "I'm not afraid of an enemy who can't fight back"[br]

Oni then stood over Shinigami and forced some of her black blood out of the palm of her hand and made it into a long solid black spike[br]

"Any last words before I send you to the hereafter?" she gloated[br]

"Don't ever lower your guard with me" Shinigami answered[br]

Oni looked confused and asked "What's that suppose to mean?"[br]

"I'll show you" Shinigami replied as he shot his own energy wave, but unlike Oni who fired it from her third eye, Shinigami fired it out of one of the eye holes in his mask.[br]

The force of the energy wave was so great that it pierced a hole right through Oni's chest. Predictably Oni was now riving in pain as she fell to the ground clutching was left of her chest.[br]

"LADY ONI!" Aku shouted from behind his cover, as he ran to Oni's aid[br]

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Shinigami then began to rise to his feet and then began to float in the air again. Oni was now livid[br]

"How? How the hell can you still be able to move?" she demanded, still holding her chest[br]

"It's seems you overestimated how long your paralysing attack lasted for" Shinigami answered, but sounding as if he was in great pain himself "So while you were gloating, I noticed the effect wear off, so while you guard was down I counter attacked"[br]

Oni was not only in shock but was now more angrier then ever "Damn you Shinigami" she cursed[br]

"I think we can declare this battle a draw" Shinigami said now flying away "We'll fight again Kishin Oni, that I promise you"[br]

Thus Shinigami hasted a quick retreat before Oni could heal from her injury.[br]

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Oni was in absolute pain from having a hole punched through her, and was trying to heal the injury as fast as possible.[br]

“Lady Oni are you going to be alright” Aku asked concerned[br]

Oni made no attempt to reply instead she let out a deafening shriek that was caused from her attempt to use her black blood to heal herself. It was working.[br]

Luckily for Oni, due to her black blood, even if a massive hole is punched in her, or even then lose of a limb for that matter, her black blood would regenerate any damage taken and also make sure that blood never pours out of her body so she never suffers from blood lose related problems.[br]

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Oni’s injury was healed, but the effort of healing herself had left her severely drained. Aku then took her in his arms and placed her onto her bed within the hideout and told her to rest. But rest was the last thing on Oni’s mind, as she continued to curse Shinigami for almost killing her[br]

“Lady Oni, I must implore you. As your protector, I urge you to rest” Aku begged, but Oni was having none of it[br]

“Shut up Aku, or would you rather have me kill you too” Oni hissed[br]

Aku bowed and replied, “Forgive me my Lady. But I must ask, how will you kill Shinigami now? He most likely will return to Death City to heal. Once he’s healed, he’ll come back to kill you and next time he’ll have his Death Scythe with him. I hate to say it, but you’ll be no match against him when he has his Death Scythe”[br]

Oni gave Aku a look that was saying to him “Another word from you and you die”[br]

Aku then gave up making any attempt to calm Oni, as that was not going to be possible. To his surprise however, Oni began to chuckle.[br]

“Is there something funny my Lady?” he asked curiously[br]

Oni manage to make her first smile upon being defeated and replied “I think I’ve found a way to bring Shibusen to rubble”[br]

“How?”[br]

Oni didn’t reply but then she didn’t need to as some growling sound came from the other end of the room.[br]

Aku alarmed as to what was there, quickly turned to face what was making the growling sounds, as the growls were not coming from his Yokai wolf Okami.[br]

What he say sent shivers down his spine “Lady Oni, don’t tell me you can...” he said in horror not able to finish his sentence[br]

Oni got out of her bed and chuckled “Indeed I am able to”[br]

“Then your plan to bring Shibusen to rubble requires the use of ‘them?’”[br]

“Yes and I don’t think there is anyone is Shibusen, that has the power to fight of the combined force of myself and ‘them’”[br]

Aku gulped as he realised that Kishin Oni was far more darker and more dangerous then her predecessor Asura could ever hope to be[br]

To think she could control ‘them’. It’s unreal, let alone unheard of Aku thought as he felt a trickle of sweat drop down from his face.[br]

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Oni was now laughing hysterically “Soon Shibusen you will feel the true power of what a Kishin, is truly capable of” she managed to say out of her incessant laughter[br]

Soon the world shall belong to me and all shall bow before me[br]

17 - The Lost Souls

Shinigami had returned to Shibusen, but he was in a bad way. The battle against Kishin Oni was taking its toll.[br]

“Shinigami-sama, are you alright?” a concerned Spirit – also known as Death Scythe – asked[br]

“He should be fine” Mirra Neigus replied, as she was the one tending to Shinigami’s injuries “All he needs is rest and he should heal up nicely”[br]

Spirit let out a huge sigh of relief “Thank goodness”[br]

“I was a fool to think I could kill her without your aid, Spirit-kun” Shinigami sighed[br]

“Don’t blame yourself Shinigami-sama. How were you to know that she was already healed from her battle against Stein” Spirit reassured[br]

“I took a gamble and it failed miserably”[br]

“Yes. But next time, we’ll finish her”[br]

“It seems that she is a lucky little Kishin. Surviving two battles against Shibusen, that’s quite an achievement”[br]

“Hmph, well her luck will run out once you’re healed up”[br]

“I wonder...”[br]

“Something wrong Shinigami-sama?”[br]

“Is she the lucky one, or are we? Lately I’ve been feeling a sense of darkness approaching since her awakening and its slowly been getting stronger as each day passes”[br]

“Your just anxious to kill her. You know that the longer she lives in the world, the quicker the insanity she brings with her will spread, and you want to prevent its spread before it becomes irreversible”[br]

“Yeah I suppose you might be right about that Spirit-kun”[br]

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Word of Shinigami’s injuries quickly spread like wild fire within Death City, as well as Shibusen itself. But the news that really sent people for a loop, was the fact that Shinigami was able to roam outside of Death City, which was thought to be impossible, as Shinigami embedded his soul into Death City, so that he could keep Kishin Asura from roaming the world again. But with Kishin Asura’s death, it seemed that Shinigami realised that there was no need to keep his soul embedded within Death City and had found a way free himself from his seal.[br]

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Meanwhile outside of Death City, within the deserts that surrounds it. A dark presence was lurking its way towards the city.[br]

If Shinigami thought that I would be down and out for long? He is seriously underestimating my capabilities Kishin Oni thought as she marched towards Death City with a massive army of monstrous creatures, which have known to be called, Lost Souls.[br]

With this army of Lost Souls at my side. Shibusen doesn’t stand a chance[br]

While Oni marched further on to her target, she reflected her thoughts to Aku and Okami, back at the hideout[br]

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“Lady Oni, how did you manage to control these monsters” Aku queried[br]

“I discovered that these beast are insanity prone and are ironically controlled by insanity. So as a Kishin - who’s existence brings insanity to the world - controlling these beasts was easy” Oni answered, calling more of the creatures to appear.[br]

“Claws, teeth, wings, a serpentine body shape and a scorpion like stinger at the tail. These monsters don’t mess around when they attack.” Aku analysed, as he gazed at the Lost Souls that were appearing before Oni and were awaiting for her orders, like a dog wanting attention.[br]

“That is why I wanted to command them. For not only can’t Shinigami control them, but when they battle, chances of surviving are slim to none....or at least according to what people say about them.”[br]

Aku was starting feel somewhat out of place, or do be more precise, no longer needed anymore. As far as Oni was concerned, the Lost Souls were her sword and shield against her enemies.[br]

“Lady Oni, do you know how a Lost Soul is born?” Aku quizzed Oni[br]

“No. But I’m sure you’ll educate me on that matter” Oni replied[br]

“Of course. Now when a person dies, their soul appears where the body has vanished. What usually happens is that the soul gets devoured or sealed away, so under normal circumstances a Lost Soul can’t be born. However if the soul is left alone for a prolonged period of time, the soul begins to form a casing round itself, to protect itself from being devoured or sealed away. In time this casing then develops a mind of it’s own and once that happens, a Lost Soul is truly born.”[br]

Oni was definitely intrigued by this knowledge and asked Aku if he knew anymore about the Lost Souls. To which he answered, “Lost Souls once they are born have only one goal in mind and that is to kill whatever they encounter. For what reason is unknown. Also Lost Souls are solo predators, you never see two working together. If you do see two, they’re most likely trying to kill each other. The fact that you can control a whole army of these things and make sure that they don’t fight each other and make them work together, amazes me.”[br]

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Oni was feeling very proud of herself for her monument’s achievement. But Aku was feeling rather useless and unwanted.[br]

“Well my Lady, with this new found power to control the Lost Souls that you have obtained. I feel that I must take my leave of you” Aku announced[br]

Oni nearly died of shock from what she heard and asked “What are you talking about?”[br]

“You no longer need me. You have now gained enough power to look after yourself now.”[br]

Oni was lost for words. Her loyal protector was saying to her that she no longer needed him and was saying that he’s leaving.[br]

“Well....Aku.....I ... I don’t know what to say?” Oni managed to say out of shock[br]

Aku placed a reassuring hand on Oni’s shoulder and said “Go and take care of Shibusen, send it into oblivion. That’s all I can say to you”[br]

Oni snapped back into reality and said “You got it”[br]

With that said Oni told her Lost Soul army to march for Death City and prepare for war[br]

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Don’t Worry Aku. I’ll make sure that Shibusen never gets to see another sunrise ever again Oni thought as she saw Death City before beyond the horizon.[br]

“Alright my Lost Soul army listen up. I want an advanced squadron to appear within Death City and cause some pandemonium before the main force arrives to crush the enemy” Oni ordered.[br]

Just like that about a hundred or so Lost Souls vanished from sight with the intention of surprise

attacking Shibusen.[br]

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Back at Shibusen, everyone were doing his or her usual rounds for the day and were enjoying the peace that came with the knowledge that Shinigami would eventually eliminate any threats that would appear.[br]

At first all seemed to be peaceful, but that peace was suddenly shattered by the arrival of a monstrous creature that appeared seemingly form out of nowhere. Then by the arrival of another, then another and then another. In the end, these monstrous creatures were appearing all over the place and everyone were thrown into a state of panic.[br]

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Shinigami was in the Death Room still trying to rest up from his injuries, when Asuza burst into the room and was in a state of fear.[br]

“Shinigami-sama we have a problem” she screamed[br]

Shinigami was stood up and asked the distraught Asuza “What’s wrong?”[br]

“Lost Souls. They’re appearing all over the city and are attacking everyone” Azusa exclaimed[br]

Needless to say, Shinigami was in shock himself and used the mirror in the room to project the image of what was happening to the city. What he saw stunned him[br]

Lost Souls? But how did they end up here? Never mind that why are they co-operating with each other? That shouldn’t be possible Shinigami thought as he tried to rattle his brain as to what was causing the Lost Souls to attack so suddenly[br]

Then suddenly Shinigami felt the familiar prescience of a Kishin near by and changed the image on the mirror to project what was out in the desert that surrounded the city.[br]

He quickly realised by what he saw in the mirror that the reason for the attack was caused by Kishin Oni who was being followed by a massive army of Lost Souls numbering in the thousands[br]

“How is she able to do that?” Azusa asked aloud[br]

“I have no idea, but she must be stopped” Shinigami replied with a mixture of fear and anger in his voice “I want every meister and weapon to mobilise at once and kill as many Lost Souls as possible”[br]

Azuza didn’t hesitate when Shinigami gave the order, she immediately sent an announcement that went all over the city, telling everyone to fight against the threat of the Lost Souls and to protect the civilian population at all costs.[br]

Shinigami was then left in the Death Room to contemplate how he could salvage the situation in his condition[br]

To think she could control those mindless monster. I never imagined she would be this strong[br]

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Thus the battle to save Shibusen from Kishin Oni and her Lost Soul army began.[br]

18 - City under seige

Maka, Soul and Blair were in their apartment relaxing. Maka was reading a book, with Blair having a catnap on her lap. Soul was watching T.V. but he looked more like he was asleep in front of it.[br]
The atmosphere was very calm and peaceful. That was until a Lost Soul burst through the front door.[br]
The crash it made when it entered the room startled Maka and she stood up, Blair woke up only cause Maka suddenly stood up and dropped her to the floor – thankfully cats always land on their feet. Soul woke up with a start and looked to see what was causing the commotion.[br]
“What the hell was that?” Soul shouted, a little irritated that someone woke him up from his nap[br]
A growl from the Lost Soul was enough to answer Soul’s question “What the hell is that?” he asked feeling a tinge of fear[br]
“Who cares what it is Soul” Maka shouted, “It’s invading our home. Hurry turn into a scythe and help me get rid of it”[br]
“No arguing with that order”[br]
Soul turned into his scythe weapon mode and Maka took hold of him and ready for combat.[br]
Blair let out a yawn and walked up to the Lost Soul, father unafraid of it.[br]
“Blair where are you going, don’t go near that thing” Maka stressed, watching Blair approach the monster[br]
“I don’t like being woken from my catnaps Maka. So leave this thing to me”[br]
“Huh?”[br]
“Pump-Pumpkin, Pumpkin”. Blair chanted as she lifted up one of her front paws. Very quickly a magic pumpkin appeared and then hurled itself into the Lost Soul, effectively killing it. “See no problem”[br]
Maka and Soul were a little stunned that Blair killed the beast, but were also somewhat relieved that they didn’t have to fight.[br]
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Just when they thought it was going to be all piece and quiet again. The three found themselves suddenly surrounded by more Lost Souls[br]
“Think you can handle this many Blair?” Questioned Maka[br]
“Not in my cat form I can’t” She replied and she transformed into her human form “But like this, these things are no problem”[br]
The three then went all out against the Lost Souls, with Blair using her pumpkin themed magic, and Maka – whom is wielding Soul – carved up any Lost Soul that got close to her.[br]
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Elsewhere in Death City. Mifune, Angela – the little witch – Black Star, Tsubaki and Crona were training together at Mifune’s new residence in Death City.[br]
Angela only watched as she was still inexperienced in magic and was also too young to train with the others.[br]
Tsubaki was already in her ninja sword weapon form and was already wielded by Black Star as he duelled with both Crona and Mifune.[br]
Crona was obviously the weaker of the three but she was able to hold her own thanks to Mifune’s teachings.[br]
While they fought in their training duel, they failed to notice that a Lost Soul had appeared in the room. It was Angela that was to notice it and she screamed when she did.[br]
As the others heard the scream they quickly realised why, as they too saw the Lost Soul.[br]

“Can anyone explain what that is?” Mifune asked[br]

No one answered as they were all clueless as to what this being was.[br]

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The Lost Soul sensing an opportunity to strike, made a beeline towards Angela in an attempt to kill her. But Mifune quickly noticed this and countered the path of the Lost Soul by throwing one of his many swords into it. Effectively killing it.[br]

“Well that was easy” he said to himself. But he was to quickly realise that there was more than one of these strange beasts. The room was packed with them and the group was surrounded. By this point Angela was clinging to Mifune’s leg out of fear of being eaten.[br]

“Looks like we’ve got our work cut out for us” Mifune stated, readying himself for combat[br]

“Heh. If these things think they can stop me? They got another think coming” Black Star boasted, happy at the thought of fighting a real battle with so many opponents[br]

Crona was unsure of what to do, as she never seen these creatures and was looking rather afraid to move[br]

“Crona!” Shouted Mifune “Ready yourself for combat”[br]

“B-but I don’t know how to deal with this” Crona stuttered, reafearing to the Lost Souls[br]

“The best way to deal with them Crona is to just fight and kill them” [br]

Crona looked more confident in herself and said “Just fight and kill them? Okay”[br]

She then got into her fighting stance and was ready for whatever the Lost Souls could throw.[br]

The group then entered the fight of their lives as they cut up every Lost Soul that would dare to attack.[br]

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In another location within Death City, at the Shinigami residence. Death the Kid was already beating the daylights out of Lost Souls with the aid of Liz and Patti – whom were in their twin pistol weapon form.[br]

“These guys just seem to go on forever” Kidd notified himself as he kept blasting away at the seemingly endless barrage of Lost Souls[br]

“Hey Kidd, don’t you think we should be heading into one of Shibusen’s safe heavens right now?” Liz suggested[br]

“I would be heading there already if these things were not in our way”[br]

“Good point”[br]

“We’re gonna have to hold our own until help comes, or we’ve blasted through all of these things”[br]

Everywhere throughout Death City it was the same story. Lost Soul were appearing left, right and centre and were carving a path of death and devastation in their wake, if you were not including the ones that were fighting Miester and Weapons.[br]

Oni was enjoying every moment of this carnage. In fact she loved the destruction so much that she forced a Lost Soul to trun into a makeshift chair for her to sit on and watch the chaos unfold.[br]

This is so much fun she thought watching the massacre of civilians and the demolition of buildings
When this is all over, Shinigami and his precious Shibusen will be nothing more than dust under my foot[br]

“I think it’s time that I entered the fray of this battle,” she said to herself as she stood up from her Lost Soul chair “Alright you lot. Follow me”[br]

The Lost Souls immediately followed her command and followed her towards Death City, which was now in a state of total ruin, with flames and thick smoke reaching high into the sky.[br]

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Oni was taking her sweet time in getting to Death City. By the time she reached it, a whole day had

passed and most of the inhabitants were either already within the safe walls of Shinigami's Death Weapon Meister Academy, or were dead.[br]

All in all, when Kishin Oni arrived within Death City, she basically marched in unopposed.[br]
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By this point in the siege, Maka, Soul, Tsubaki and the others were inside the DWMA awaiting further orders from Shinigami. Everyone all had their share of battle scars from either rescuing civilians or just fighting the Lost Souls[br]

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Shinigami's voiced then boomed over the internal loud speak and said " Attention everyone! As you all know Shibusen and Death City is under attack from Kishin Oni and her infernal Lost Soul army"
Shinigami's voice was not in his usual comic and carefree tone, it was in his serious and deathly scary tone now "I want all non, combatants to enter the safe heavens dotted within the academy and I want all Meisters and Weapons to guard each location with everything they have. Maka and Soul I want you all to report to me at the Death Room immediately. I have a special assignment for you both. Everyone else do as you've been instructed and obey the commands of your superiors. That is all"[br]
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Maka and Soul were clueless as to what Shinigami wanted with them, but with the situation as it was; they didn't really want to argue. Oni was literally at their door and could burst into the academy at anytime; this was what sent fear through every person that was still alive within the academy, and this was what forced them to obey everything that they were told to do.[br]

Stein and Sid were the ones who were in charge of organising who went were and who guarded whom. Asuza was originally the one to do this, but with the chaos of the surprise attack, she was unable to formulate any kind of defence strategy and basically forced everyone to follow his or her own individual instincts, as well as herself.[br]

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In the Death Room, Shinigami and his Death Scythe Spirit were awaiting the arrival of Maka and Soul. While they waited, the two conversed with one another.[br]

"You sure about this Shinigami-sama?" Spirit asked, with concern in his voice[br]

"You and I both know that in my present condition, I stand almost little chance of killing Kishin Oni"
Shinigami replied[br]

Spirit had to protest to this answer "But in Oni's present condition she will kill Maka and Soul if they fight. Surely you know that"[br]

Shinigami nodded "I do, but they know how to use the Kishin Hunter and it is for that reason that I have placed them on this assignment."[br]

"But you're placing my daughter in harms way by doing this"[br]

"Is it any different when she placed herself in harms way to kill Kishin Asura?"[br]

"Well no, but still"[br]

"I understand your concern Spirit-kun. But right now we need to take advantage of every power in our arsenal and Maka and Soul are at present the best defence we have"[br]

Spirit understood all too well what Shinigami was saying, but being the father of Maka, he still felt the need to keep her away from danger.[br]

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Maka and Soul finally arrived at the Death Room, the two were panting away as it was evident that they ran to get here quickly[br]

"You wanted to see us Shinigami-sama?" Maka blurted out, trying to catch her breath.[br]

"Yes I did want to see you two" Shinigami replied "Now lets cuts straight to the chase as time is evidently short. You two know how to utilise the Kishin Hunter, so as such you two are to be in charge of

guarding the entrance to the Death Room”[br]

“Shinigami-sama?” Maka gasped[br]

“You are the last line of defence before the Kishin can reach here. I know it sounds almost cowardice of me to do this but if you can injure Oni, damage her in anyway, it will give me a better edge in combating her later”[br]

Indeed, this order did sound cowardice, but everyone knew that if Shinigami were to fight Oni now, it would spell disaster.[br]

“Understood Shinigami-sama” Maka replied, almost giving a salute[br]

“Leave her to us” Soul added[br]

“Good luck to you both. I pray that you succeed. Remember, even if you can’t kill her, just cause her some heavy damage and that will be enough”[br]

Maka nodded and then looked at her father. Although the two never got along very well, deep down they still cared.[br]

Spirit had the look of despair written all over his face, but that didn’t mean he tried to put on a brave face in front of his daughter “Maka, please don’t do anything I wouldn’t do and show that Kishin who’s boss”[br]

Maka smiled meekly “Don’t worry I will”[br]

With the that Maka and Soul left the Death Room and then guarded its entrance.[br]

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Outside the academy, Oni was trying to breach the main doorway in, but she was little luck.[br]

God damn it she thought, kicking the door **This damned thing won’t open**. She paused for a moment to try and think of a solution to her problem, to try and break down the heavily reinforced – and somewhat Kishin proof- door of the academy. She looked to her Lost Soul army and an idea struck her.[br]

Yes that might work she thought as she beckoned some of her monsters slaves over to her. “Right you lot merge and become a giant Lost Soul”[br]

The creatures agreed and about ten of them merged together as one massive Lost Soul monster.[br]

“Excellent” Oni smiled “Now smash that door wide open” Needless to say the giant Lost Soul did exactly as it was told and systematically ripped apart the door till it was ripped from its hinges[br]

“Good work” Oni praised “Now everyone, infiltrate the DWMA and kill all you find. Leave Shinigami to me”[br]

An echo of roars and growls signalled that the Lost Souls understood the order and poured into the academy with the intention of seeking out any survivors from Death City[br]

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Inside one of the Safe heavens, Stien and Sid were guarding the civilians that were inside. Stein felt the need to ask the question “Why did Shinigami-sama asked Maka and Soul to report to him?”[br]

Sid turned and said “I think he wants them to use their Kishin Hunter on Oni, before she has a chance to reach Shinigami-sama”[br]

Stein was stunned “I never knew they had that ability”[br]

Sid nodded “Well they do”[br]

“Damn it, if I have known Maka and Soul were capable of Kishin Hunter I would have sent her to kill Oni before she woke up from her slumber back at the Arachnophobia base”[br]

“No use worrying about that now. We have to keep in mind what we have to do now”[br]

“Yes I suppose your right about that”[br]

Just as those words left Steins mouth, a Lost Soul broke into the safe heaven.[br]

“Time to get to work Stein” Sid as he and Stein moved to intercept the Lost Souls that were marching into the safe heaven.[br]

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Somewhere else in the academy, Kishin Oni was following the wavelength of her nemesis, Shinigami, to locate where he was hiding. She eventually found the corridor leading to the Death Room, the room where she felt that Shinigami was hiding. Because of her Lost Soul army, she was practically unchallenged in reaching it. As she walked down the strange corridor, with overhanging decapitation devices, Oni felt another presence within the seemingly endless corridor.[br]

“Where you hoping that you would just walk in without having to fight you little b**ch” A voice echoed[br]

“Show yourself whoever you are?” Oni demanded[br]

Stepping out of the shadows were Maka and Soul and the two looked ready to fight.[br]

Oni merely grinned, “Oh it’s you two. Wanting to get another trashing like before?”[br]

“Shut up” Maka snapped, as Soul turned into a Scythe. “I’m gonna end you right here right now”[br]

“Is that so? Well you better put your money where your mouth is, because when I’m done with you, your gonna wish that you died the last time we met”[br]

Oni and Maka were now in a face off, ready for whatever the other could throw.[br]

19 - Kishin Showdown: Maka and Soul

Kishin Oni is close to her nemesis Shinigami. But two people stand in her way. The death weapon Soul Evans and his Miester partner Maka Albarn.[br]

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Soul was already in his weapon form and was being wielded by Maka, whom was ready to fight Kishin Oni with every fibre of her being.[br]

Oni was looking somewhat amused by their defiance towards her.[br]

“Come on now. Do you truly think you can best me?” She asked laughing[br]

“I managed to defeat Kishin Asura” Reminded Maka “So I think I’ll be able to knock you down”[br]

“The only reason you managed to kill Asura was because he was weak” Sighed Oni[br]

“Weak?”[br]

“Yes weak. You see Asura had plenty of weaknesses, his fear of the unknown and most of all death.

Hell he couldn’t understand the simple concept of courage, the very thing you used to beat him.

Ultimately his own insanity was what ended him. He wasn’t calculating nor brave. He was coward and had the mindset of a frightened child.”[br]

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Maka had to speak up from Oni’s statement about her predecessor, Asura[br]

“So tell me. What mind set do you have? What makes you so different from him? You still have insanity within you and it does affect you”[br]

Oni grinned “The difference between me and Asura is simple.” She then paused to let her words sink in. “That I know what scares me and I am willing to face it, in order to destroy it. Also, I have methods to my madness. I am more strategic in my thinking. I am more powerful. Finally, I am much more terrifying. Fear is what killed Asura. He feared fear itself. For me, I use fear to my advantage. Fear is my weapon and I’m not afraid to utilise it”[br]

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It was true. Kishin Oni was a master at fear control. So far, everything she said and did, were all surpassing Asura in many ways.[br]

“But there has to be something that Asura surpasses you on?” Maka questioned[br]

There was a long silence as Oni paused to ponder on the question. “There is one thing that Asura is better at than me” She finally said, breaking the silence. “His insane soul wavelength is much more intense than mine.”[br]

Oni then paused again and looked at Maka and asked, “How come you’re not going insane right now? Most people would end up going mad being this close to my soul.”[br]

“I don’t know” Replied Maka “Maybe I’ve developed a way to combat insanity”[br]

One of Oni’s eyes twitched from Maka’s answer. But instead of being angry Oni just laughed insensately[br]

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“Um Maka? Do you know what’s her problem” Soul said bewildered as Oni’s erratic behaviour[br]

“She’s a Kishin, Soul. Do you really have to ask?”[br]

“Guess not”[br]

“Hey Kishin what do you find so hilarious?”[br]

Oni stopped laughing and calmed herself and answered “Think you immune to insanity?”[br]

“Why’d you ask?”[br]

“There is no immunity to insanity. It is true that there are those who can fight if off, but insanity is infectious. You see every person falls into at least one of the four paths of insanity”[br]

“Those paths are what exactly?”[br]

“Insane sorrow. Insane joy. Insane fear. And finally the path that you fall into is Insane rage. In the end, even the most resistant to insanity will fall victim to it. People have buttons that can be pressed to coax a reaction and once you get that reaction, they quickly lose control of themselves and they become mad. There is a limit to keeping sane and once you pass that limit, there is no going back.”[br]

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Oni’s words were extremely provocative. Maka was now beginning to have doubts on whether it would be possible to defeat Oni now, as she realised the Oni was extremely knowledgeable of the inner workings of insanity. Oni’s was not trying to blank out fear like her predecessor, but rather take advantage of it. Even her words were designed to provoke fear into the hearts of her enemies.[br] But Maka had to straighten herself, as she was the only thing between the Kishin and Shinigami, the last line of defence.[br]

“Alright then” Oni spoke out “Time for the talking to stop and the battling to begin”[br]

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Maka tensed up as she knew that the time was now to fight.[br]

Oni made the first move by sending out her Soul Extending attack, but Maka, having the power of Soul Perception, managed to dodge the attack very swiftly. She then charged at Oni only to slam into a Kishin shield adorned with symbolic symbols and writing. Maka then jumped away as to not face any further counter attacks from Oni, whom was looking very shell-shocked.[br]

How in the Hell did she manage to dodge my attacks? She thought Does she also have the power of Soul Perception? If that is the case then I better be more careful in how I attack[br]

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Oni’s next move was again to use her Soul Extending attack, but this time she was to use more extensions and manoeuvre them so that when Maka dodges one she will encounter another and will be hit by it.[br]

Despite Oni’s best efforts Maka was still able to dodge and was able to use her scythe to even block some of the attacks. In the end Oni was so focused on hitting Maka, that she failed to notice that she was in range of a scythe attack herself.[br]

Maka quickly took advantage of the situation and planted the end of her scythe on Oni’s neck, cutting the jugular artery. The shock of the attack immediately ceased Oni’s attacks.[br]

“Did that do it?” Soul said aloud[br]

There was a pause and the air was getting heavier, but to both Maka and Soul’s astonishment, no blood ever trickled down the Scythe. As Maka looked to see the damage, she saw to her horror that Oni was smiling evilly “You’re a fool if you thought that would work” she gasped as she grabbed the scythe and removed it from her neck and then kicked Maka in the other direction.[br]

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“How are you able to do that?” Maka exclaimed. To which Oni replied “Black Blood” and showed Maka her cut open neck healing by the effects of the black blood. “Black Blood is amazing at defending your body from attacks. I can make my body a solid fortress to which nothing can break through”[br]

Maka now had to rethink her strategy. “Soul you ready?” She said out of the blue. “Let’s do it Maka”[br]

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“SOUL RESONANCE”[br]

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The two then synchronised their soul wavelengths until they were in perfect harmony and Soul’s scythe weapon form changed into the Witch Hunter Weapon form.[br]

“I’m not a witch so that won’t hurt me” Oni taunted[br]

But the soul resonance was far from done as Soul then turned into the Demon Hunter Weapon form[br]

“Not bad. But still not good enough” Oni taunted again[br]

But the joke was soon to be on Oni as Soul took on his final form of the Kishin Hunter Weapon form, the only thing capable of killing a Kishin. Needless to say, Oni was at a loss for words.[br]

Maka was now in full resonance and was ready to attack, but before she did she planned her next move[br]

I’ve noticed that she has some kind on soul shield around her body when she isn’t using her soul extension. When she is using them, the shield decreases and ends up around the area around her soul, within her own body. So in other words I have to force her use the extension attack so I can get close to kill her[br]

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Oni was now beginning to feel some fear, as she never anticipated that her opponent would have the power to control the Kishin Hunter. But she was not going to run, she was to fight till the bitter end. She predictably used her soul extension attack, but added an extra attack to the mix. Using her third eye as an energy cannon to blast away at her enemy.[br]

Maka was quick to action as she dodged the extension attacks and also dodging the continual energy blasts. Her speed as at least double to what it was earlier and effortlessly reached Oni for striking distance.[br]

Oni had to think quickly or she was finished. One precise slice from the scythe would be enough to kill her. The scythe connected, but due to Oni’s black blood, was having difficulty cutting through. Not only that but Oni’s somehow had managed to use a last minute soul extension to grab Maka, but not in the way anyone expected.[br]

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Maka coughed up some blood as she realised that something was wrong with her but she didn’t stop, she continued to try and cut through Oni, but somehow, the more she did so the more blood she coughed up and the more pain she experienced[br]

“What are you doing to me?” Maka gasped[br]

“Heh. Did you really think that I would just let you cut me in two? Think again. You seem to understand how my soul extensions work in correspondence to my soul shield. But I always make sure that one soul extension remains close to me at all times, so I can use it to escape danger. By the looks of things I was right in doing so” Oni gloated[br]

“But that still doesn’t explain what you’re doing to me”[br]

“Oh the simple. I used my extension to grab hold of your very soul”[br]

Maka breath just left her body as she heard the answer. Her soul was now in the hands of the Kishin, literally.[br]

“Here is how it works. You keep trying to cut me in two and I’ll keep crushing your soul till your nothing more then a lifeless doll”[br]

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There was nothing Maka could do but hope that she could kill Oni faster then she could crush her Soul. But the Black Blood was preventing such possibility from happening. But still she defied Oni, trying to kill her, sacrificing her soul, little by little.[br]

Eventually Oni simply lost her patience and just ended the stalemate.[br]

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Maka dropped like a stone to the ground and Soul immediately went back into human form and went to her, to try and help her.[br]

“Maka” he exclaimed “Come on, I know your still alive, come on wake up”[br]

Oni who was now free from the Kishin hunter used her Black Blood to heal herself by reattaching her nearly cut in two body. “It’s useless you know. Her Soul has been crushed. She’s nothing more then a lifeless doll now”[br]

Soul gritted his teeth “No she’s not dead, I can still feel her wavelength”[br]

Oni smirked “You two must still be in resonance huh? Well your right, she isn’t dead.... Yet. But if you leave her in that state, she will die.[br]

“How”[br]

“The body, the mind and the soul are three symbiotic entities that lies within every living body. If the mind goes, the body and soul can still exist, but will inevitably die. If the body goes, the mind and soul will die with it in quick succession. Finally - in the case of your friend – if the soul goes, the mind and the body die a slow death”[br]

“What exactly are you talking about?” Soul demanded[br]

“I’m meaning that now that your friend’s soul has been crushed, she will live but only on a coma. Her body will die if the soul is not repaired”[br]

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Soul couldn’t do anything now; he didn’t know what to do. He was not skilled enough or even has the knowledge to repair a damaged soul. But there was one thing he could try.[br]

“You’ll pay for this” he shouted, as he turned his left arm into the blade point of his scythe and tried to kill Oni in a surprise attack. But it was all for not. Oni predicted the attack and managed to grab soul and then pinned him to the ground.[br]

“Let me go” Soul barked, but the outburst fell onto deaf ears.[br]

“I’m afraid not. I have something special in store for you” Oni remarked[br]

Soul and Oni where looking each other in the eye, Soul eyes were filled with hate, while Oni’s eyes were full of evil intent.[br]

As he looked into the red eyes of Oni, they started to glow in an eerie fashion, but somehow, Soul couldn’t bring himself to look away, he was drawn to them by a powerful force. His mind was telling him to look away, but he just couldn’t look away.[br]

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Suddenly Soul found himself in another world. He was no longer in the Death Corridor, but in a dark and empty realm, with an ominous mist where he was standing.[br]

“What the Hell? Where am I?” he panicked[br]

“Your inside your mind” a familiar voice echoed[br]

“Kishin Oni?” Where are you? What have you done?”[br]

Oni then appeared through the blackness “Demanding aren’t we?” she joked[br]

Soul’s first instinct as soon as he saw her was to attack, but quickly realised that it would not do him good at this point, considering the predicament he was in.[br]

“So how did you do this?”[br]

“That parts easy, I used my demonic powers to dive into your mind.” Oni explained, “Remember what I said about the symbiotic system of the mind, body and soul? Well I’m about to prove one point to you”[br]

“Which is?”[br]

“When the mind goes, the body and soul can still live on, but will die inevitably”[br]

“What are you going to do?” Soul asked, not liking where this was going.[br]

Oni chuckled and replied “I’m going to break your mind, so that I can Soul Posses you and make you my own personal Death Weapon”[br]

Soul’s jaw just dropped and was about to charge Oni for what she was intending to do. But suddenly he found himself falling down through the mist and down further into the darkness. After what felt like an eternity he finally landed with a thud on solid ground of some description.[br]

When he came to, he found himself in a cage and found Oni outside it. But was now the size of a giant. “Time for you to let go of your mind and submit to my will” She said disturbingly calmly.[br]

Soul then found the Oni was now crushing the cage with her hands and as this was going on he realised that there was no escape from the inevitable and out of his normal resistant character simply gave in as Oni finally crushed the cage and Soul with it.[br]

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Back in the real world, Soul’s individuality was broken and he was now a puppet, a servant to Kishin Oni.[br]

“All right then. Now turn into your weapon form and lets go meet Shinigami” Ordered Oni[br]

Soul simply stood up and did as he was told and turned into his scythe weapon form to which Oni grabbed and continued down the Death Corridor to confront Shinigami.[br]

20 - Kishin Showdown: Shinigami and Spirit

In the Death Room the sounds of Oni's battle with Maka and Soul could be heard. Both Shinigami and Spirit were listening intently to see who was winning and who would emerge the victor. But as they listened, they both noticed the sounds of battle and ceased, which made both of them very nervous.[br]

"Did she win?" Spirit pondered[br]

"I'm not sure" Shinigami replied " I can still feel the wavelengths of Kishin Oni, Maka and Soul"[br]

"But the fighting stopped hasn't it?"[br]

"I don't know Spirit-kun. I just don't know"[br]

The two would not have to wait long for an answer to their aching question, as Kishin Oni slowly emerged from the darkness of the Death Corridor and was finally in the Death Room itself.[br]

"You two look surprised to see me?" she said with a smug smile[br]

shoot she got passed Maka Shinigami thought as he watched Oni approach the centre of the room where he was standing[br]

"What the Hell?" Spirit gasped[br]

"What's wrong Spirit-kun?"[br]

"Is that Soul in his Scythe form she's holding?"[br]

Shinigami paused and look carefully at Oni. To his horror he realised that she had indeed had possession of Soul in his weapon form. "What the hell have you done you demon?" he demanded[br] Oni merely smirked and answered "I shattered his mind, making him a doll then I used Soul Possession to control what was left"[br]

"What of Maka? What have you done to my daughter?" Spirit exclaimed, desperate for an answer[br]

Another smirk appeared on Oni's face and said "Oh nothing much. Just crushed her pathetic Soul"[br] [br]

If there was one thing that Spirit held dear to him, it was the safety of his daughter, Maka. But after hearing that this Demon had crushed her Soul almost made him fall to his knees and cry. But before he could give into his emotions, Shinigami placed an assuring hand on his shoulder saying, "Maka is still alive Spirit-kun. Her Soul maybe crushed but it seems that Oni was not able to crush her soul completely out of existence. So there is a chance to rescue her."[br]

Spirit then turned to Shinigami and asked, "Are you sure?"[br]

"Positive" Shinigami nodded "But before we can save your daughter, we must get rid of this wench of a Demon"[br]

Spirit felt relived and managed to place his emotions in check before he turned to face the scourge of the earth; Kishin Oni[br]

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"I may not have killed her successfully, but it won't matter in the end. As all of you will soon perish" Oni arrogantly preached[br]

"Is that so?" Questioned Shinigami, as he made a gesture to Spirit to turn into a Death Scythe "You must really be on your high horse if you think you can beat me in here"[br]

"Correct me if I'm wrong but didn't Asura beat you in this room? The room where you are at your most powerful?"[br]

Before Shinigami replied, he grabbed Spirit, whom had now turned into a Death Scythe “Of course he did but only because there were others in the room as well as us, so he took advantage of that”[br] “And nearly killed you in the process of you defending these people yes?”[br] “Correct. But don’t go thinking the lightning strikes twice now. This time there is no outside influence; it’s just you and me, with our own death weapons. But as you know, my weapon partner is a Death scythe and is willing to help me, while your weapon partner is just a puppet and is not yet a Death scythe, so my weapon is superior”[br]

He does have a point. But he is also wrong at the same time Oni thought as she began to mentally prepare herself to battle her nemesis.[br]

“Superior you say? I think not. More power yes, but not superior” Oni chuckled “But enough song and dance. Lets just get on with the fight”[br]

“Agreed”[br]

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The time had finally arrived. The rematch between Kishin Oni and Shinigami was only a mere moment away.[br]

Though the room was silent, the air was thick tension as the two almighty beings stared each other down as to what would be a battle for the ages.[br]

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Instinctively the two charged simultaneously at each other and clashed with their respective scythes. Due to the clash they ended up in a weapon deadlock and both were trying to overpower the other in a test of strength. The power that the two were wielding changed the environment of the Death Room from its pleasant Azure blue colour to a dark and menacing blood red colour. Indeed this battle was a battle of the titans, each with a lot to lose but also a lot to gain.[br]

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Eventually it was Oni who ended the weapon dead lock by slamming Shinigami in the face using her Invisible Soul Extending powers. The sudden impact of the blow sent Shinigami hurtling the other direction and somewhat vulnerable to attack. Oni was quick to capitalise on the opportunity by teleporting herself directly in front of where Shinigami hurtling towards.[br]

But Shinigami was prepared. He then quickly up righted himself and swung his scythe at Oni’s neck, to which she easily ducked under and then counter attacked by swinging her scythe at Shinigami’s midsection, to which he jumped away from.[br]

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This little dance of attack and dodge continued for sometime. That was until Oni’s decided enough was enough and fired a beam of energy from her third eye. Shinigami then stopped and used the palm of his free hand to stop the attack, but he soon deduced that he could not hold it back and so deflected the attack away from him. Rather predictably the energy beam ended up blasting the farthest reaches of the Death Room and bore a massive hole that lead to the outside world.[br]

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“Not bad Shinigami” Oni smirked “For a moment I thought I got you there”[br]

“Don’t think that a simple technique like that could stop me so easily Kishin” Barked Shinigami[br]

“Hmph well it seems that you’ve aided me by making an opening to the outside world. So what say we take this conflict outside”[br]

“Only if you can survive getting outside first you can”[br]

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Shinigami then charged at Oni in an attempt to stop her from escaping the Death Room, but Oni was not going to let Shinigami have his way. She immediately darted to the hole in the wall but found Shinigami tailing behind too close for her comfort and so created clone of herself to keep Shinigami back for a few

moments.[br]

But the attempt failed as Shinigami cut through it and continued to give chase.[br]

Oni then started to use her Soul Extending technique to try and slow down Shinigami. At first it was having the desired effect but all too soon Shinigami began to use his own Soul Perception power to see the attacks coming. Once Oni noticed that Shinigami was dodging her attacks she then decided create a Kishin barrier between him and her.[br]

Due to the speed that Shinigami was travelling at, he wasn't able to stop or move out of the way the barrier and slammed into it extremely hard.[br]

"Shinigami-sama are you alright?" Spirit asked worriedly[br]

"Yes Spirit-kun. I'm fine. Just a little dazed" Shinigami replied, still trying to regain his senses and his bearings.[br]

As soon as Shinigami realised where he was it was too late to stop Oni from escaping to the Death Room, for as soon as he got his senses together, he saw her go through the gaping hole out of the Death Room[br]

"Damn it" he cursed as realised what just occurred.[br]

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"Finally made it outside" said to herself trying to get some breath back "Now all that is left is to end this fight"[br]

As she waited for her nemesis to appear before her, Oni watched her Lost Soul minions destroying and killing anything and anyone in their destructive path. "It seems my pets are doing their jobs right"[br] Upon further look of the carnage she soon noticed that Shibusen was full of holes were the Lost Soul had managed to break into and attack the Safe Heavens. As a result, the battle had flooded back into the streets of Death City and every Meister and Weapon were fighting for their lives, as well as the civilians that had got caught up in the chaos.[br]

Oni simply smiled as she watched the madness unfold, pleased with her work.[br]

It was not long before Shinigami emerged from the Death Room and witnessed first hand the devastation that Oni and her army had wrought[br]

"This can't be happening" Spirit gasped as he saw the city in flames and almost total ruin[br]

"Oh but it is Death Scythe" Oni chuckled "And isn't it beautiful?"[br]

Shinigami quickly turned round and face Oni and said with sheer anger in his voice "You've gone too far you retched Demon"[br]

"Not far enough it seems. I won't rest until this entire place is wiped off the map and everyone that is aligned to you cease to exist." Oni said with a malicious smile on her face[br]

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By this point Shinigami could no longer hold back his fury to what the maniacal Kishin had done and was ready to rip her apart for the evil she had committed.[br]

"Spirit its time we stop playing games and kill her here and now" he barked[br]

"Right. Lets do it Shinigami-sama" Spirit agreed[br]

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SOUL RESONANCE[br]

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Shinigami and Spirit's soul wavelength were now becoming one and the two's power were now becoming unmatched. The Soul Resonance continued until Spirit turned into the legendary and powerful Kishin Hunter Scythe.[br]

Oni just looked on looking rather unimpressed. "What wrong Kishin?" Shinigami hissed "Not what you were expecting"[br]

“Oh no I was expecting this... it’s just that I’m not afraid of a power that I can defeat” Oni answered drearily[br]

“No one has ever beaten this power outright. So what makes you think you can beat it?”[br]

“Wanna find out?”[br]

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Shinigami didn’t waste any time in charging Oni and violently swung his Death Scythe over and over again to try and get a good opening to quickly kill the demonic girl. But she was not going to give him the chance. As Shinigami kept on swinging he was losing control of his senses by giving into his anger and pushing him into an insane rage that only worked to Oni’s advantage.[br]

Just when the Death God thought he found a weakness in the Demon Goddess’s defence he immediately swung at the weak spot. Only to discover that it was only a ploy and he suddenly found himself incapable of moving his Death Scythe.[br]

“You witch. What have you done?” he ordered[br]

“Try using your Soul Perception and you might have noticed already” She sniggered[br]

As suggested to him, Shinigami used his Soul Perception and made a dreadful realisation. He had not only been dancing to the Demon’s tune but her Soul Extensions were now wrapped around his Death Scythe, effectively making it immobile.[br]

“Damn it” he cursed[br]

“You should have kept calm instead of falling into your rage and you might have seen your folly,”

Mocked the conniving Demon “Now you will pay for your short sightedness”[br]

Oni quickly used a Soul Extension and hammered Shinigami in the face - which sent him hurtling into the ground - leaving Oni alone with the defenceless Spirit.[br]

“Time for you to be mine Mr Death Scythe” Oni then used her Insane Soul Wavelength to coax Spirit into returning into human form by sending it directly into him.[br]

It worked. Spirit had indeed returned to human form but he could not get away as the Demon God still had her Soul Extensions wrapped around him.[br]

“Let me go” he demanded, but was quickly denied.[br]

Oni knew she had him and was now preparing for her next act, shattering Spirit’s mind just as she did Soul’s.[br]

All too quickly and easily, Spirit went through the same process that Soul went through and was now under the absolute control of the Kishin.[br]

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Back on the ground, Shinigami managed to get up and up into the air but was unable to help Spirit’s mind being shattered and his soul being possessed.[br]

No she did it again he thought, as he looked on helpless[br]

“Like what you see Shinigami? I hope so because now that I have your Death Scythe victory is guaranteed” Oni cheered as she let go of Soul from her hand and took hold of Spirit in his place.[br]

Soul crashed to the ground but thankfully he was still in weapon form and so was not injured but had he returned to human form the results would be very different.[br]

“Alright then now time for the real fun to begin” Sang Oni[br]

“What are you going to do now Demon?”[br]

“Unlock the power to kill a Death God”[br]

“A Shinigami hunter? There is no such thing”[br]

“Oh but I think there is. It’s just that no one has ever activated or used the ability so people assume it doesn’t exist” She then raised her Scythe above her head and called out “SOUL RESONANCE”[br]

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Oni’s Soul Resonance was not a natural one as it was a forced resonance. However that did not mean

that it did not achieve the desired results. As Shinigami looked on he saw to his horror and shock that his Death Scythe had turned into a new Death Weapon never seen before.[br]

“Behold Shinigami.. Your doom, the Shinigami hunter Death Scythe” Oni celebrated “Now time for you to die”[br]

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Oni vaulted towards her opponent and tried to swing an attack but Shinigami was having none of it. He created a shield that appeared above Oni and sent her nose-diving into the ground with catastrophic force.[br]

“Stay down you witch” Shinigami ordered as he put pressure on the shield to pin Oni under it[br]

“Not bad Shinigami” She smirked “But I’m way ahead of you”[br]

Oni’s turned into black smoke under the Shinigami shield. **It was a copy** thought Shinigami as turned behind him to see Oni seconds away from cutting him. Instinctively he summoned another shield to protect him from the blow. Oni slammed her Scythe into the shield with the intent on breaking through it with raw power. “Time for your reign to end Death God”[br]

Just as soon as she said those words her Scythe broke through the barrier between him and her enemy.[br]

“This ends now” she cawed as she swung her Scythe to deliver the killing blow.[br]

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Unfortunately for Shinigami the power of this new Death Weapon was too much. The Scythe cut through him like a hot knife through butter after some initial resistance and his body faded until all that was left was his Soul.[br]

Almost immediately Oni grabbed the Soul before any of the onlookers on the ground could contemplate what had just happened. “Finally I’ve done it. I defeated the God of Death. I defeated Death itself” She cheered[br]

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“THIS WORLD NOW BELONGS TO ME”[br]

21 - The retreat

Kishin Oni had finally achieved what no one before her as ever been able to achieve before; kill Shinigami.[br]

Above the smouldering devastation that is Death City, Oni stood triumphantly on the rooftop of Shibusen holding her winners prize; the Soul of the almighty God of Death.[br]

"I've done it? I've done it! I beat the God of Death! Now there is no one left who can match me." Oni cheered holding the soul of the Death God up in the air as a sign of victory "Now all that is left is to absorb his soul and all of his power will be mine"[br]

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Below her, within Death City, every Meister and Weapon looked up to see the epic battle between her and Shinigami. But now they wished they hadn't, cause now all they can see is their beloved master, teacher, friend and to some a fatherly figure reduced to a mere soul, helpless and weak.[br]

"This can't be.... No.... this is a dream right? No one can kill Shinigami-sama" These were the words the were quickly spreading throughout Death City as the onlookers watched as Oni began to absorb the Soul of the God of Death[br]

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Oni's absorption technique was very much different to the norm. Instead of literally eat a person's soul, she broke Shinigami's soul into smaller fragments and disrupted these fragments around her body and upon contact, the fragment were slowly drawn into Oni..[br]

Almost immediately after Oni absorbed Shinigami's soul the already dark red sky turned into a deep jet-black but with a haunting blue aura surrounding the clouds. It was not only the sky that changed, Oni herself started wailing from some sort of pain. It didn't take long for everyone to realise that the painful wail was actually the pain of transformation into a new entity.[br]

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"We have to get out of here" Stein pleaded "We have to leave before she finishes becoming... whatever she is becoming"[br]

No one moved. The trauma of losing Shinigami was still too strong, but there were some among the group of survivors that saw the danger they were in and started knocking some sense into the many shell-shocked people.[br]

"Sid go look for Soul and Maka, I fear for their well being" Stein ordered[br]

"Of course, they fought Oni before Shinigami-sama so they must be in bad shape" Sid replied after knocking over some Lost Souls "Asuza! Can you detect where they are?"[br]

Asuza nodded "Yes Maka is in the Death corridor but somehow Soul is at the main door of Shibusen. Their soul wavelengths are very weak but they are still alive"[br]

"Good, okay Sid you know where they are, now hurry, me and Asuza will try and rescue as many other as we can, we'll try to link up with the other Death Scythes and Meisters so we can formulate an escape strategy" Directed Stein[br]

"Understood" Sid said as he use his zombie digging ability to reach Soul and Maka respectively[br]

This is indeed a dark day for Shibusen but we can't sit around just yet, there is a time for mourning but it is not now Stein thought as he helped to organise a retreat plan.[br]

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Oni's transformation seemed to be moving in stages. Currently she was on stage one; where her mind, body and soul suddenly fell an influx of power and all three powers were trying to contain and control the power boost. The reason for the sky turning black was most likely due to the mass of negative energy the Oni was producing from her transformation.[br]

Suddenly without warning a dark mist surrounded Oni, it seemed to envelop her like a shroud. As the mist surrounded her, it began to thicken to the point that it was impossible to see through it. In actual fact the mist was turning into more of a solid shell to surround Oni for her next transformation stage. As the mist turned into a solid shell, the heavens let loose thunder and lightning that zoomed across the sky and crashing into the earth, not only that but Oni's transformation shell had what looked like lightning flurrying around it.[br]

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People who stopped to look at Oni were getting more and more afraid of what was going to emerge from the shell and increased the pace of their rescue/escape operations. Thankfully for them, it seemed that the Lost Souls had stopped attacking and were all looking up to Oni like a dog waiting for his master to arrive or tell it to do something. Stein and the other Shibusen staff took full advantage of the Lost Soul somewhat dormant state by evacuating people to the escape zone at the very far edge of Death city, where a couple of large people carriers awaited.[br]

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Within the Death corridor, Sid finally found Maka out cold on the floor. Instinctively he went to check her vital signs and discovered that she was very close to death.[br]

This is bad. I better get her out of here and to a doctor before she gets any worse Sid thought as he picked up Maka and placed her on his shoulders **Now time to find your weapon partner**[br]

Sid again used his zombie digging ability and dug his way to where Soul was supposed location.[br]

It took a little longer to reach Soul as Sid had to contend with the gravely injured Maka on his shoulder but he managed to get to Soul.[br]

"Hey Soul are you alright?" he asked[br]

Soul was no longer in his weapon form by this point but that didn't equal that he was coherent. **You're out of it too huh? Well it looks like I've got to carry the two of you on my back for a while**[br]

Just like with Maka, Sid placed Soul on his other shoulder and again used his zombie digging ability to reach the escape zone in Death City.[br]

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At the escape zone Stein and Marie were directing everyone into the large people carriers. It was a difficult job as people were wanting to go back to the city to get personnel belonging and try and find their missing friends or family, to make matters worse some of Shibusen's student were more inclined to attack Oni out of revenge than help safe guard the residence of Death City.[br]

But somehow as the chaos in Death City slowly died down – not including Oni's lethal lightning storm above – the people began to calm down, as they were herded into the people carriers.[br]

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Just when the last of the people carriers were finishing boarding, Sid appeared with Soul and Maka on his shoulders[br]

"Thank the heavens I made it" Sid panted[br]

"How are they?" Stein asked concerned[br]

"They're both pretty out of it but I think Soul is better off. I think you should tend to Maka first Stein she is too close to death for my liking"[br]

"Got it. Marie you carry Maka I'll carry Soul into the carrier"[br]

"Right" Marie nodded[br]

Sid let Stein and Marie take Make and Soul of his shoulders and the group proceeded to board the remaining carrier, but just as they did so the ground shook violently.[br]

“Is it an earthquake?” Marie screamed[br]

“No worse. It’s Oni! She’s reawakening” Stein answered looking back at Death City[br]

“Come on you two we don’t have time to stand around! Let’s get out of here before she finishes transforming” Sid pleaded as he tried to get the other to move.[br]

Stein and Marie didn’t say anything; they just acted and went inside the carrier.[br]

“Pilot get this thing in the air now!” Sid ordered, as he was the last to get in[br]

“No need to tell me twice, we are out of here” the pilot replied as he started the engines of the carrier and got the vehicle in the air. The other carriers soon followed suit and got in the air to escape the danger.[br]

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On board the carriers people who were able looked through the windows and watched as Oni’s transformation shell cracked and exploded open.[br]

What they saw both surprised and sent fear into their hearts.[br]

22 - The retreat Part 2

Oni looked completely different. Everyone looking out the windows of the flying people carriers could tell that what Oni had become was something out of nightmares.[br]

“Is that really Oni?” Marie asked aloud[br]

“Yeah that’s her alright” Confirmed Azusa “Her wavelength is significant different but there are definite telltale signs of her original wave length, so that is her without a doubt”[br]

“I see! I knew that she will looked different after her transformation but I never expected her to look this different”[br]

Everyone agreed with Marie’s observation. At a glance Oni looked nothing like her what she was only moments ago. Not surprising since almost physical every aspect of her person had changed.[br]

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The standard three Kishin eyes were gone and replaced with four eyes, a pair above the other. Her eye colour was now longer red but an eerie purple that seemed to shine almost constant. Oni’s hair was now longer and the colour had changed also, from a deep purple to blood red. It seems as if the colour of Oni’s hair and eyes had switched places. But the thing that had the most impact from the transformation was Oni’s body structure. Before Oni had the body structure of a teenage girl, not surprising as she is one. But now! Now Oni’s body structure was that of a grown woman, which came as a shock to all who’ve seen Oni before her transformation.[br]

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After her emergence from the shell, Oni merely floated in the air not moving a muscle. She was trying to contemplate what had just happened. Eventually she looked down at her free hand and clenched it repeatedly as if she was trying to figure out what power she had by doing so. Almost without warning she began to laugh hysterically.[br]

“I’ve done it!” she cheered, “I’ve become what no one could ever become. I’ve become a Musou Megami” Oni then looked down at what was left of Death City and saw her army of Lost Soul looking back at her, waiting to be told what to do.[br]

She then hovered down to ground level and looked at the destruction that she and her infernal army had wrought[br]

“Excellent, we’ve done well. With Death City in ruins and its current inhabitants removed, the time has come for a new age to begin, my age.” Oni preached as she walked into the crumbling halls of Shibusen, followed closely by a few Lost Souls.[br]

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Back on the flying people carriers the pilots in their respected vessels told everyone to be seated as they were about to go full throttle of the engines to finally escape from Death city before Oni decided to attack them while they lingered around.[br]

Stein however did not sit down, as he was too busy trying to keep Maka alive.[br]

“Great the pilot certainly likes to pick his moment to punch the boost button” Stein cursed under his breath.[br]

The carrier shock violently as the engines reached full power. Stein held on the table that Maka was lying on and made sure she didn’t go sliding off it till the carrier reached it’s destination.[br]

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After an hour or so of flying at an insane speed the carriers finally began to slow down and land. Once the doors were open, people flooded out of the carriers like ants coming out of an anthill.[br]

Where the survivors of Death City ended up was ironically the site of the originally Arachnophobia base, back when Asura was alive. The base was replaced by a copy of Death City that was made for the purpose of emergencies. Basically the Death City that was hiding here was smaller and still under construction, but even so it was enough for everyone to live and hide from Oni's grip of terror.[br]

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The first thing everyone did as they exited from the carriers was picking a house to live in. But for the injured it was straight to the infirmary.[br]

At the infirmary Stein worked on getting Maka's soul back to normal by bringing it back from it's crushed state[br]

Who knew that Oni had the power to do this Stein thought as he feverously tried to revive Maka **It is unreal how strong she was as a Kishin, but as what she is now I don't even want to think about it**[br]

Else where in the infirmary Mira Nygus was working to piece together Soul's mind.[br]

First Oni's crushes her target's mind and Soul Possess what is left. Truly she is dangerous. Mira thought as she reflected on Soul broken mind[br]

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Back at the original Death City, Oni immediately got her Lost Soul Army to work by using what ever power they had to re-build the city to Oni's liking. In the Death Room, the Lost Souls had constructed a throne for Oni to sit on.[br]

"Finally this world is mine." Oni mused, "Now all that is left is to master my powers and remove anyone that can oppose my power... Namely those persistent bugs of Shibusen"[br]

Oni then asked for a piece of paper to be brought to her so she can write a letter. Obediently one of her monstrous slaves presented her a pen and paper.[br]

After about five minutes of writing Oni handed the paper back to the Lost Soul who brought it to her.[br]

"I want you to takes this message to Mabaa, leader of all Witches. Make sure she gets it and DO NOT attack anyone. Got that?" Ordered Oni[br]

The Lost Soul nodded, as it understood what was asked of it. It then vanished into thin air and went to deliver its master's important message to Mabaa.[br]

23 - Witch party

News of Shinigami's death and Oni's massive victory against Shibusen spread quickly. One of the first to hear of the Death God's death was his longest standing enemy; the witches.[br]

In one of the many witch towns, the news of Shinigami's death was news that should be one to celebrate about.[br]

"Woohoo He's dead! He's finally dead!" Sang one of the witches in the town's tavern "We should celebrate and party the night away"[br]

"I agree" "Yeah lets party" "Time for some fun" These words rang everywhere in the tavern as the witches cheered the end of their greatest enemy[br]

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Nearly all the witches of the town had found their way into the tavern to party, all in a merry mood. But there were a few witches that didn't feel like to party and they were slowly beginning to get annoyed of their sisters' carefree behaviours.[br]

"About time that monster keeled over," said a one witch holding her drink in the air[br]

"Yeah I know with him gone we can do whatever we want and not have to worry about anything"

Replied the other witch who she was conversing with[br]

One witch in the corner overheard the small conversation and asked, "You two really think that now is the time to be so carefree about this whole situation?"[br]

The two witches looked over to the next table and replied to the solitary blue haired witch that was there and answered, "Well duh, of course. I mean Shinigami is dead, we have no more enemies and I'm sure if you ask every witch in this tavern or even in this town they would say the same thing"[br]

The blue haired witch shot out of her seat shouted, "Are all of you girls out of your mind?"[br]

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The air in the tavern suddenly changed from the pleasant atmosphere to extreme silence as all the witches turned to the blue haired one.[br]

"Look at all of you!" Blue Witch exclaimed, "Have you all no idea that just because Shinigami is dead doesn't mean that we're any safer then before?"[br]

"Well no-one asked for your opinion you hag of a Witch" Huffed a young Witch in the tavern[br]

A huge gasp rippled throughout the tavern as everyone registered what the young witch said[br]

"What? Well it is the truth. This blue Witch can't seem to understand that this is now out time and not the old... like she is"[br]

The blue haired witch was fuming "What did you say you little runt" she hissed, "You mind saying that one more time?"[br]

The young witch was about to insult reply but one of her friend next to her stopped and said "Don't say another word to her, she'll kill you"[br]

The insulting young witch then asked "Who is she then? You looked all scared of her like she was the devil"[br]

"You mean you don't know? That's Aisu the Witch of the Ice and one of Mabaa-sama's great eight"[br]

The young insulting witch immediate went pale after hearing that and she stuttered "O-one of the Eight?"

Her?”[br]

“That’s right you little pipsqueak” Spat Aisu and if you had any brain cells you better shut your trap and listen to what I have to say” Then she turned to everyone else in the tavern “And that includes the rest of you as well”[br]

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After Aisu established her authority in the tavern she decided to continue with her speech outburst from before[br]

“Yes Shinigami has been an enemy of the Witches for many centuries, but just because he is dead doesn’t mean we can just sit back and have a riot of a time. What you lot seem to fail to realise that the one who killed Shinigami may very well decide to go after us. If you remember your history, Kishin Asura, on his path in becoming the first Demon God, single handily eliminated all the witches of the East. How do we know that this Oni girl might not do the same now that she has removed Shinigami from the picture? Also Shibusen is not completely dead yet, they might go after us too. Not only that but if there are any surviving members of Shinigami’s Eight Powerful Warriors and word reaches them of his death we could also get in trouble by them”[br]

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Silence gripped the tavern as Aisu’s words began to sink into the minds of the Witches present.[br]

“You forgetting one more enemy Lady Aisu” A witch who sat in a dark corner spoke out[br]

Asiu and the other witches turned to see who spoke[br]

“Well, well, well, if it isn’t Rosuto The Witch of the Lost” Identified Aisu “What brings you to neck of the world”[br]

Rosuto took a sip of her drink and then replied “Just passing through”[br]

“I see” Aisu nodded “So what did you mean by me forgetting about another enemy?”[br]

“You’re forgetting to mention the vast Lost Soul Army that Oni controls”[br]

Aisu laughed “Those things? They’re nothing compared to us witches, we can kill them easy”[br]

“DO NOT underestimate the power of the Lost Souls Aisu! Many a witch have seen their own demise at those mindless creatures”[br]

Aisu stopped laughing and listened to what Rosuto had to say[br]

“Now we all know the process of how a Lost Soul comes into being so I’ll skip that part. Now there are a huge variety of Losts and each have their own type of strength, but what you all need to realise that there could also be a Lost Soul above all others, one that Oni may not be able to control”[br]

“How’s that?” Aisu enquired[br]

“As you know from time to time Shinigami sealed souls into another dimension so that no one can get to them. Well it is from that process that a mega Lost Soul could be born, living in a dimension of souls all floating around aimless. These souls were kept in this other dimension by Shinigami, but with his death it could mean that this beast could be unleashed and everything in existence could be threatened.”[br]

“So to sum it all up” Aisu mused “Oni could be an enemy, Surviving Shibusen and Eight Warriors could be an enemy and now finally the possibility of a mega Lost Soul could be an enemy. We witches are seriously in a bad situation”[br]

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Everyone sighed as they noted that despite Shinigami’s death, there were still things to worry about[br]

“What’s with all the long faces, just a few minutes ago I heard a party, now I here sad sighs” An elderly Witch spoke out as she entered the tavern[br]

Everyone gasped as they sway who walked in[br]

“Mabaa-sama” they all exclaimed in unison[br]

“Something wrong?”[br]

“No, no Mabaa-sama, were just surprised that you here” Asiu stuttered[br]

Everyone let Mabaa pass so she can reach the bar table where Aisu was sitting. Once she was there, she started to speak again.[br]

“Both Aisu and Rosuto are right. We mustn’t be careless and think that everything is all well and good with Shinigami dead. We must be on guard, and more importantly we must understand the intention of our Death God killer, Oni.”[br]

Everyone started to talk amongst each other to discuss what will be the next course of action.[br]

Then out of nowhere a black dust appeared at the centre of the tavern and take shape. Rosuto knew what it was instantly and got her magic at the ready[br]

“Stay behind me Mabaa-sama, it’s a Lost Soul that’s here” Rosuto respectively ordered[br]

Just as she realised, a Lost Soul appeared in the tavern and looked directly at Mabaa[br]

“You beast! Has your master sent you to kill mine?” Challenged Rosuto. Nothing happened. The Lost Soul stayed still holding out a letter with Mabaa addressed on it[br]

Rosuto took the letter cautiously and handed it to her leader “It came here to give you a letter”[br]

Mabaa accepted the letter and read it thoroughly[br]

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After a minute Mabaa started to chuckle “Well it seems that Oni’s time with Arachne has not been a waste of time after all”[br]

“What is it Mabaa-sama?” Asked Aisu[br]

“Read this”[br]

Aisu respectably took the letter and read it[br]

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To Mabaa Queen of witches[br]

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I’m sure you know by now that Shinigami is finally dead. Now I’m sure that you’ll be holding a Witch Mass soon to discuss what you and you’re kind will do, now that Shinigami is gone. Well in my current position as Musou Megami, I ask that you have your next Witch Mass at Shibusen itself. I hope that you can find this suggestion agreeable. I look forward to hearing of your wise decision soon.[br]

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From Oni[br]

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“That little sneak” Aisu grumbled “She wants us to go to her so she can kill us all”[br]

“Perhaps” Mabaa mused “But it could also be a chance to align with her. I’m more inclined to accept her offer to have the next Witch Mass in Shibusen. You see if I decline, Oni could take that as a threat and kill us”[br]

“Hrm I see” Rosuto sighed, “So either we say no and die or we say yes and have a fifty, fifty chance of dying or living”[br]

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Mabaa started to use her magic to erase the witting of the letter and replace it with her own writing. After a little moment the Witch Queen was done writing and handed the letter to the Lost Soul still present[br]

“Give that to your master” Mabaa ordered “I think she will be delighted with the reply.”[br]

The Lost Soul nodded as it took the letter and vanished just as quickly as it appeared.[br]

“Mabaa-sama what is your reply to the letter?” Asked Aisu[br]

Mabaa paused for a moment before she replied, “The next Witch Mass will be held in Shibusen”[br]