

A HOKAGE'S JOURNEY- VOLUME 2

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After suffering the death of his father Kakashi, Kiko goes through much, to complete his father's wish, for his son to become the Hokage over the village of the Leaves!

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1 - KAKASHI'S FUNERAL

CHAPTER 1: The next day was terrible, it was a rainy day and Kiko had to go to his father's funeral. Kiko got up and showered, and cleaned up. Kiko grabbed his coat and walked out of his house. There to greet him was Shadow. Kiko smiled faintly and nodded. Shadow smiled and said, "It's okay, you can be sad. Kakashi loved you though, remember that." Kiko nodded and went down the walkway alongside Shadow. Kiko picked up a rock and skipped it along the ocean. Kiko said nothing the whole time, leaving Shadow feeling sad for him. By the time they got to the funeral, the day had brightened a bit, making Kiko feel a little better, he didn't want his father to be buried on a gloomy terrible day. Kiko took his seat in the back and waited. Soon, the music sounded and all of the family was to sit in front row. Kiko got up reluctantly and headed for a front row seat. After that was over, each family member was required to say something on Kakashi's behalf. Kiko refused and stayed in his seat. Shadow urged him to get up and say something but he refused still. Finally Shadow whispered, "What's wrong, why aren't you going to pay at least a little respect towards your own father?!" Kiko didn't answer. Shadow then spoke, "Please, just go up there and say something." Kiko spoke in a shaky voice and said, "Look,I,.....I love my father, okay. It's just,....." Kiko took in a deep breath and continued, "If I go up there, I'll break down, I just can't accept this, he was my father, killed and awarded as a KIA! I don't want that,.....I would give anything to have him here, anything....." Shadow sat for a moment and then was quiet. The preacher then said, "Is there anyone else who would like to speak on behalf of Kakashi Hatake??" Kiko raised his hand slowly and then stood up. The preacher moved aside and Kiko got in front of the podium. Everyone was quiet and waiting. Kiko took in another deep breath and began, "Today, we are at my father's funeral, as much as I wish, he can never come back. I shall miss him, terribly, and I will always love him,.....always." Kiko looked down at the casket and stepped down. Soon the funeral was over, and Kiko was on his way to his home when Shadow walked up to him and said, "Are you coming to the burial and the will ceremony?" Kiko shook his head and walked on. Shadow grabbed his shoulder and Kiko halted. Shadow walked up to him and said, "I know, it hurts, but at least come to his will ceremony and burial." Kiko nodded reluctantly and said, "Okay, for him." Shadow hugged him and said, "It'll be okay,I promise." Kiko walked on and sat through the burial, and then Kiko walked up to the tombstone engraved, "Kakashi Hatake: Loving husband and father, KIA." Kiko bent down and set some flowers. Kiko stood up and walked away. Last but not least came the will ceremony. Kiko took a seat in the front row yet again and waited. After calling through a few names, the preacher spoke, "Kiko Hatake." Kiko looked up and waited. The preacher continued, "Kiko as in the will inscribes, you shall receive your father's headband, coat, mask, and favorite book, "Come, come Paradise." Kiko nodded and took the keepsakes. Kiko sat back down and the ceremony continued. Later Kiko went home, and took off his coat. Kiko took off his mask and headband, and placed his father's headband and mask on. Kiko couldn't tell the difference much, but he knew it had a special meaning to him none the less. Then Kiko slipped on his father's green customary jacket. All Jounin were permitted to wear them, he just hadn't got one yet. Now, he had his father's. Kiko fell to his knees and cried, his father was really gone.

2 - DO YOU WANT TO GET COFFEE WITH ME?

CHAPTER 2: The next morning Kiko woke, not having slept well, he was kind of tired and grumpy. Kiko walked over to the bathroom and took a shower, which woke him up a bit. Kiko got out and heard a knock at the door. Kiko threw on some pants and ran for the door. Kiko opened the door and saw Iruka sensei. Iruka looked away and said, "Sorry I came so early, just wanted to say you are now a candidate for the Hokage's position. Since you are Jounin and, you've done so much for our village already I've nominated you for the spot." Kiko smiled and spoke, "Thank you, but I really must say, that you deserve it more than I." Iruka looked taken back by this and said, "Oh, well.....thank you sir." Kiko looked oddly at Iruka and said, "Why did you call me sir?" Iruka was puzzled and said, "You rank higher than me, I'm suppose to call you sir." Kiko smiled and said, "Call me Kiko." Iruka looked at Kiko and said, "Are you alright?" Kiko smiled widely and said, "Yeah, want to get some coffee?" Iruka smiled and said, "No thanks, I've got stuff to do, but thanks anyways." Iruka turned around and headed off. Kiko shut the door and thought of what to do on a nice Saturday morning. Kiko then remembered the coffee offer from Shadow. Kiko quickly slipped on a shirt and his shoes and ran outside. Kiko then walked into town, towards Shadow's house. Kiko got to the house at an early time, which pleased him. He didn't want to get coffee at seven in the afternoon. Kiko knocked on the door of Shadow's house and waited for a response. Kiko waited for a couple more minutes, no response. A couple of minutes later, Kiko heard a voice from behind him. Kiko turned around and saw Shadow. Kiko was entranced by the movement of Shadow's dark brown hair, it went right down to her shoulders, Kiko liked girl's hair to be that long, not too long or short, just right. He got his perfection from his mom. Kiko then saw Shadow's eyes, they were blue, his favorite color. Kiko then realized that Shadow wasn't slowing down. Kiko got ready for the worst. Shadow ran at him, and kicked Kiko in the crotch. Kiko fell to his knees his eyes watered and he felt like crying a little. Kiko looked up and said, in between sobs of pain, "What was that for?!" Shadow smiled and said, "For being so sad, I thought it might take your mind off the sad, and more about pain." Kiko winced and got up slowly. Kiko smiled between gritted teeth and said, "Would you like to get some coffee with me?" Shadow blushed a little and she said in a shy voice, "Sure and sorry about that, you want me to help you to there?" Kiko shook his head and said, "I'm good, I can make it think." Shadow smiled and they walked off to the coffee shop, together holding hands.

3 - TIME - ASANKA'S CHALLENGE

CHAPTER 3: They got to the coffee shop and sat down at an outside table. A waiter came over and spoke dignified, "What would you, sir like?" Kiko looked up from the menu and said, "I'll just take coffee, thank you." The waiter nodded and looked over to Shadow and spoke, "And what would the lady want?" Shadow said quickly, "Uh, I'll take coffee also, thanks." The waiter nodded and bowed out leaving Shadow and Kiko alone to talk. Soon, Kiko and Shadow talked until both of their coffees arrived. The waiter asked if they wanted anything more, and then he bowed out once again once he was sure they needed nothing more. Shadow looked at Kiko and said, "So.....uh.....are you free tonight?" Kiko took a moment to think and then remembered he was scheduled for a mission, a "B" ranked one. Kiko shook his head and said, "I'm sorry, but I've got a mission to do, I'm sorry, I've got to go." Kiko stood up and bid Shadow a goodbye. Kiko turned and then walked down the abandoned sidewalk. Kiko got to the corner and heard a scream. Kiko turned around and shot off for the sound. Kiko then saw it, it was Shadow, lifeless on the table. Shadow had been strangled by some strong evil force. Kiko felt a strong wind and then was cut on the cheek by a ninja star. Kiko looked up and saw Asanka. "How could you?!" Asanka smiled and spoke in his cold mono tone manner, "Because, in order to get your attention, I had to do something drastic." Asanka smiled sadistically. Kiko shouted, "You could've said something instead of killing my one true love, I will find a way to bring her back, I swear!!" Asanka smiled and said, "Listen, I want to fight you, or rather test you abilities. If you can defeat me, and impress me, I shall give you the vial that contains the antidote to the attack." Kiko looked over at Shadow once more. "Isn't she dead?!" Asanka frowned, "No, not yet. But if she stays like that for more than an hour she will be dead!" Kiko looked back over to Asanka and spoke, "Fine, let's go!"

4 - LEAVING AND MEETING

CHAPTER4: Asanka smiled and held up his hands. Asanka formed a clock out of sand, which resembled the shape of an hourglass, in one and in the other hand he showed the antidote. Asanka laid down the clock and held up the antidote. Kiko went for the antidote catching Asanka off guard. Kiko snatched the antidote away and ran to Shadow. Shadow lay there, still petrified. Kiko raised her head and poured the antidote into her mouth. Asanka looked at Kiko and spoke, "Watch your back ninja, because if you let your guard down once, I'll kill you before you even see it coming!" Kiko nodded and Asanka left in a storm of sand. Kiko waited moments on end and was on the edge when Shadow came to. Shadow sat up and rubbed her head, while Kiko ran for some water. Kiko came back in a flash and said reluctantly, "Shadow, I don't think it would be wise for us to see each other again." Shadow looked taken back by this comment and retorted, "Why, did I do something?" Kiko looked down and spoke at a low, "I'm sorry, but I just don't want you to die, you mean too much to me to die." Shadow stood up and spoke, "Shouldn't that be my decision?" Kiko shook his head, "Look, I like you a lot , but I don't want you in harms' way, so please just leave me alone, for you safety." Shadow walked over to Kiko, "Look, if I die, I want it to be at your side, no one else." Kiko looked up and saw just at the moment a shuriken flying at him. Kiko shoved Shadow to the ground and grasped the shuriken. Kiko looked at the shuriken's design, it was made out of sand. Kiko let go of the shuriken and realized his hand was oozing out blood. Kiko quickly tore off his sleeve and wrapped it tightly around his hand. Shadow came to see, but Kiko pushed her back. "NO!" Shadow was shocked and turned away. Kiko took in a deep breath, and spoke, "Look, I meant what I said, I like you a lot, maybe even love you, so that means in order for you to stay alive, we can never be. I am sorry." Kiko turned around and shot off into the woods, leaving Shadow on the ground, crying. Kiko got to his home and opened the door, awaiting his arrival was Hokage Sasuke Uchiha. Kiko froze, honored to see the Hokage of the village hidden in the leaves at his home. Sasuke smiled and said, "It is time Kiko Hatake.

5 - A NEW TEACHER AND THE GATE OF LIGHT

CHAPTER 5: Kiko was still speechless, when finally Sasuke walked over and spoke, "Kiko come with me." Kiko snapped out of his trance and followed. Kiko spoke, "I thought you were deceased, the records showed..." "The records show that I'm deceased during Naruto's rule, he would like to have me dead more than anything, but he isn't as skilled as I am, especially in hiding." Kiko then asked, "What is of Sakura then?" Sasuke halted for a moment, and spoke in a deadly tone, "Don't ever bring up her name in my presence again!" Kiko nodded and continued, a little more cautious of his words now, "Um, where are we going?" Sasuke smiled and replied, "To my home of course, to train you." Kiko stopped and looked at Sasuke. "Why do you want to train me?" Sasuke turned half way around and replied, "You know why,.....because of the prophecy, you know as well as I do what havoc is to be wreaked upon this earth, and as well as you defending it!" Kiko was stunned, how did he know about the prophecy?" Sasuke smiled and continued, "I read it in the archives of course, only Hokage are permitted to read it though, and since I've been elected for heir to the position, I'm now permitted to view it. Amazing, how much power you know nothing of, you've barely scratched the surface of your demonic power, as well as unleashing your true power. Indeed I have much to teach you." Kiko looked down and said, "How long will this training take me?" Sasuke smiled and replied, "Many hard worked years my friend." Kiko was dumbfounded. Sasuke turned around finally and said, "We are here." Kiko looked around and saw nothing, but four stones. "Where is it, I don't see anything." Sasuke smiled once more and spoke, "Your eyes are indeed untrained, you see, to the naked eye you see nothing, But if you look closer you'll see." Sasuke walked into the center of the four stones and signed numerous hand signs, not losing focus, when finally Sasuke shouted, "The gate of many opens to one, I being the one, the beholder and protector, I being the one bare to you the forger and the guardian, I am the light, Sasuke Uchiha!" Sasuke stood back and the ground started to shake, and a rift formed in the center of the four stones, revealing a tall rectangular stone. Sasuke walked up and looked back at Kiko, "Come, we shall be training in the gate of light, but as soon as you step through, you shall no longer be my friend, rather my student, and I your master." Kiko moved slowly to the gate and walked through with his new master, Sasuke. There on the other side of the gate stood everything Kiko would need,.....ever.

6 - SASUKE'S NUMBER 1 RULE

CHAPTER 6: Kiko looked over at Sasuke, "Where did you learn those words from?" Sasuke looked back at Kiko and replied, "From the prophecy you know that, why are you asking of what you already know?" Kiko looked down at his feet and continued, "Because, I know about the prophecy, but still even as we speak of it, I still can't believe that it is finally here." Sasuke looked down and spoke back, with a tone of sympathy in his voice, "I know, what you mean. I, more than anyone should know what it is like to face your destiny, to look fear in the eye. I myself had to face my brother, Itachi Uchiha, it wasn't as epic as your bout with Naruto, but still all in all, it was the scariest day of my entire life. Many people can talk, but backing up your words is a totally different story, both you and I know of that first hand." Kiko nodded. "Yeah, I'm ashamed to admit it, but I'm.....scared." Sasuke looked at Kiko, "Kiko, everyone is scared, no matter how much someone tries to deny it, they are. Everyone has their fears, and hopes, you just so happen to be special." Kiko looked up and met Sasuke's gaze. "Special...." Sasuke nodded and continued, "Yes, you contain two sharingan eyes, like myself, but also you have that demon. That demon saves your life, it is special, making you unique and desirable by many powerful people, good and bad. I on the other hand have this blasted curse seal, which makes me not as desirable as you, but defiantly desirable by some." They sat there then, reviewing what had just been said. Kiko looked up and was about to ask another question when Sasuke said, "No more questions, time for sleep, you have a big day ahead of you tomorrow, you'll need all the rest you can get." Kiko nodded and laid down. Soon Kiko was fast asleep. Kiko got up the next day ready for his first day of training. Sasuke was already up looking at the sun rise into the early morning sky. Sasuke looked back and smiled, "Good to see you up early, we can get a jump on things now." Kiko nodded and remembered back when he woke up with his father to train for the bout that would make him legendary. Sasuke looked at Kiko stone faced and continued, "You are thinking of him aren't you?" Kiko shook his head and replied, "No, I've got no reason to." Sasuke smiled yet again and retorted in a civilized patient manner, "We shall start training tomorrow, so you may have time to get over his death." Kiko shouted, "I'm not thinking of him! We can start training now!!" Sasuke looked up and didn't say a word. Kiko understood by the look in Sasuke's eyes, that he wasn't truly ready yet. "I understand now master.....I'm sorry." Sasuke smirked and spoke, it's okay, as soon as you can get over your father's death, the sooner we can get a move on. If you train with me, you'd better be ready and focused! That's my number one rule, and you'd better abide by it, and if you don't, you'll regret it!" Kiko looked at Sasuke and asked, "Is that a threat?!" Sasuke looked up with a grim look on his face and disappeared and reappeared in front of Kiko with a kunai in his right hand up at Kiko's throat, "Yes, it is." Kiko fell to the ground and was quiet for the rest of the day.

7 - SEEING THROUGH DECEPTION

CHAPTER 7: The next day was a silent one, Kiko sat and didn't even bring up the matter of training in fear of being killed by his master. Sasuke then looked up and finally said, "You're ready." Sasuke shouted, "Transform!" Kiko let the smoke clear and was shocked when he saw his own father before him. Kiko then quickly averted his thoughts to something else, in fear of being confronted with his thoughts. Sasuke looked down and spoke, "You have to be able to get over his death, if you can't, you're as good as dead to me!" Kiko stood up and looked Sasuke straight in the eyes, "You have no right to say that I have to forget my own father!" Sasuke looked down, shadowing his eyes, "I was afraid you'd say that." Sasuke smiled and shouted, "Sharingan!" Sasuke lifted his head slowly and revealed his two sharingan eyes. "You and me shall fight now, get ready!" Kiko was taken back but none the less shouted, "Sharingan!" Kiko then shot back and got on guard. This time, you won't defeat me!" Sasuke smiled wryly at this remark and shouted back, "Don't be too sure of that yet Kiko!" Sasuke launched at Kiko and struck him in the abdomen and then the face, knocking Kiko in to the air. Sasuke shouted, "You're going down kid!" Sasuke shot into the air and met Kiko in the air. "Kiko was frustrated and angry, thinking, "Why can't I touch him, I've got the sharingan eyes on target and everything else, what could I be doing wrong?!" Then Kiko realized, "A ninja must be able to see through deception!" Kiko shouted, "Shadow clone jutsu!" A Kiko clone shot out of thin air and attacked "Sasuke." In reality, Kiko was fighting a clone the whole time, in fact he was talking and conversing with the clone the whole time he had been there. Kiko was so angry at himself he couldn't help but scream. Kiko landed on the ground safely and watched the clones fight until he was confronted by the real Sasuke Uchiha. "Good, you've managed to finally see through my clone, you're ready for stage two." Kiko looked up and spoke, "Is all you said still true?" Sasuke looked at Kiko and smiled, "Yes." Sasuke then heaved a right upper cut to Kiko, Kiko didn't see it coming and was hit head on. Kiko fell to the ground and shouted, "What was that for?!" Sasuke shook off his smile and replaced it with a look of absolute death, "You will listen to me everyday, and not pass my judgment lightly, you will always respect me, and last,.....be on your toes, expect the unexpected! GOT IT?!!" Kiko nodded and rubbed his sore chin. Kiko was still in a loop over Sasuke, was he good or bad, friend or foe?

8 - RETALIATION

CHAPTER 8: The following morning, Kiko was in no mood to talk, or even train for that matter. Sasuke walked over to him and poked him, "Hey, get up, it's time to train!" Kiko ignored his sensei's orders and pulled away from his touch. Sasuke sighed and stood up. "You know, I don't think you're taking my words seriously." Kiko didn't speak. Sasuke beginning to get irritated by Kiko's silence continued, "Don't make me repeat myself!" Kiko still stayed at a silence. Finally, fed up with the silence of his student, Sasuke shot his leg back and swung threw with full force. Kiko wasn't expecting this, and was knocked out of breath by the powerful kick to the abdomen. Sasuke reeled back his leg once more and swung it through yet again with even more power. Kiko went into a shock from the lack of air coming to his body. Kiko was gasping for air, not receiving any because of the harsh and brutal kicks. Kiko finally dug deep inside himself and shot up, shocking Sasuke. Kiko withdrew a kunai from his holster pouch with lightning reflexes and slammed Sasuke up against a sturdy old tree. Kiko swiftly placed the kunai against Sasuke's throat and got close to his sensei's face, harshly whispered, "If you ever, ever touch me again, it'll be the last thing you ever do, you got that?!!" Sasuke glared at Kiko and didn't answer. Kiko infuriated flipped Sasuke around and pulled his arm behind his back. Sasuke winced a little and remained silent. Kiko pulled his arm up more directly and heard a pop, Sasuke started to sweat a little. Kiko, finally having enough, leveredged up on the dislocated arm and heard Sasuke scream and yell in pain and agony. Kiko threw Sasuke to the ground to tend to his own wounds and walked towards the gateway out. Sasuke reached out to Kiko and screamed, "No, you can not go, the prophe-" Kiko turned around slowly and spoke, "Screw the prophecy, I'm leaving this place, and regaining my one love," Kiko looked down at his locket of Shadow, and contiued, "Shadow." Kiko turned around and left through the gate of light, leaving Sasuke alone and hurt. Sasuke yelled, "You've dishonored yourself, and you've retaliated against your own village!!" Kiko stopped and said in a harsh and beaten tone of voice, "No, i've retaliated against you, the traitor of the Leaves. You are the dishonorable one, what with beating me on a daily basis and all. So, you can find yourself a new student.....Class dismissed!" With that said, Kiko leaped through the gate's vortex and was greeted a second later by the evening sun and a smiling face,.....Shadow.

9 - REUNITING

CHAPTER 9: Kiko was released onto the Earth once again, a new man. Kiko looked about his area and location and saw no sign of anyone or anything. Kiko bent down slowly and thought, "I'll find you Shadow, no matter what the cost!" Kiko shot off at light speed, leaving a trail of dust in his wake. Over in the Village hidden in the leaves, Shadow twirled a flower between her palms and watched it float gently to the ground. A second later it was stomped on by Sasuke Uchiha. Shadow looked up and gritted her teeth. "What do you want?!" Sasuke wasn't in the mood for explanations and simply spoke, "Where is he?" Shadow looked at Sasuke oddly and replied, "Are you okay?" Sasuke looked at her intently, as if to find a long lost treasure in her eyes. "No, I'm not okay, where is Kiko Hatake?!" Shadow looked at him and thought for a moment, "Well, last time I checked, he was with you!" Sasuke gritted his teeth and got right in Shadow's face, "Look, I don't have time to mess around, where is Kiko Hatake?" Shadow didn't flinch or even blink. Instead she stood up tall and poked a finger at Sasuke's chest. "Look, you'd better back off, or I'll....." She was cut off by Sasuke, "Give me the location of your boyfriend, or else!" Shadow was about to speak when a strong mighty gust of wind came barreling through the village. Dust and rocks were circling wildly and the dust and dirt got into people's eyes. When the dust and debris all cleared, there stood Kiko, looking angry and determined. Kiko raised his finger to Sasuke and shouted, "Don't you ever, EVER, touch Shadow! Do you get what I'm putting down?!" Sasuke nodded slowly and looked almost scared of Kiko. Kiko took off his torn up green vest and rolled up his sleeves. Sasuke turned around and went for Shadow. Sasuke grabbed Shadow and drew out a kunai from his pouch, aiming it for her jugular. Kiko looked down for a moment and chuckled silently to himself. Sasuke shouted over to Kiko, "What are you laughing at you fool?!" Kiko raised his headband to full view and revealed two sharingan eyes, blood thirsty! Sasuke shouted, "You—" Sasuke was cut short, for Kiko had already killed him. Kiko slammed his palm in deeper into his stomach, drawing thick crimson blood. Sasuke looked up and uttered quietly, "The prophecy has begun....." Kiko let him down gently and looked up at a horror struck Shadow. Kiko went over to her and hugged her tight. "I missed you," Shadow whispered. Kiko pulled back far enough to see her face, and spoke, "I missed you as well. Would you like to come over to my place for a cup of green tea?" Shadow smiled and nodded, "Yes, that would be great." Kiko and Shadow then walked out into the now darkened day, holding hands.

10 - KIKO HATAKE: A TEACHER?

CHAPTER 10: At Kiko's house, Kiko placed a tea kettle on the burner and went over to the table at which Shadow was already sitting and waiting patiently. Kiko pulled out his chair slowly and sat down. Shadow looked at Kiko and smiled. Kiko loved that smile, he grew to love it more and more everyday. Kiko smiled back and asked, "Would you like something to eat?" Shadow thought for a moment and replied, "No thanks, I just ate some fruit, but thank you anyway." Kiko nodded and continued, "Do you remember when we were little?" Shadow looked at him for a moment and answered, "Yes, back then, it was great, no worries, and no taxes." Shadow and Kiko both chuckled silently at this remark. Kiko was trying to think of something else to say, when Shadow spoke, "You know, you were so cute when you were littler, you're cuter and more handsome now though." Kiko blushed a little and thanked her for the compliment. Shadow sat there, waiting for something to happen when a knock was heard at the door. Kiko got up and went to the door, and opened it. Kiko didn't know who this was. The guy just sat there and smiled. Kiko spoke first, "Who are you may I ask?" The man raised up his arm and gave him a thumbs up, and flashed him a smile. Kiko stumbled back a little, now seeing this guys bushy eyebrows, and his hair looked like a sleek black mop put on his head. Kiko shouted to Shadow, "Come here for a second, there's a guy here that wants to see you,.....I think." Kiko heard footsteps hurry down the hallway and then a loud scream of excitement. "Lee!!!" Shadow ran into Lee's arms, and blushed a little. Looked like they had met before. Kiko waited and finally Lee looked up and shot out his hand. "My name is Rock Lee, I would like to become your pupil!" Kiko was dumbfounded, and at a loss for words. "You want me to be your teacher?" Rock Lee nodded and saluted him. "I, Rock Lee of the leaves am back and ready to learn from the best!" Kiko looked over at Shadow, she nodded and Kiko reluctantly nodded as well. Rock Lee was to be the pupil of Kiko Hatake!

11 - ON MY OWN NO LONGER

Chapter 11:

The next few days were rough, and confusing. Kiko had no idea of what to teach Lee. So, the next day, Kiko got up and went outside. Kiko spotted Shadow in his sight and walked a little faster. Shadow yelled out, "Kiko, wait!" Kiko didn't stop; he kept walking, and eventually vanished in the brush. Shadow ran to the edge of the clearing, and spotted a note. Shadow picked it up and read, "Dear Shadow, I've got to go, I'm sorry, I'm just so confused, and I don't know what to do anymore, I've got to get back in control of my life. I'm sorry; I hope you can forgive me. I'm going away for a while, and in turn, I wish for you to learn from Lee for now, and you as well, teach him. I hope you are safe, and I shall see you again one day.....Kiko Hatake." Shadow fell to her knees and started to cry. "Why do you have to leave??" Lee ran outside and hugged Shadow, "It'll be okay, I promise." Shadow buried her face in Lee's chest and sobbed uncontrollably. Shadow looked down at the note once again, and couldn't believe he was gone once again. She couldn't live without him, she needed him in her life, and now Kiko was....gone. Shadow through the note to the ground and went back into the warm house. Lee looked down and spotted the note, "How could he do this again, what did she do to deserve this?!" Lee stood up and kicked the ground with anger. Lee sat in a pile of leaves and thought, "I will take care of her, if you can't do it Kiko, then I will!" Lee stood up with a new found determination and headed to the house, head hung proudly in the air. "I will make Guy sensei proud. His death will not be in vain!"

Kiko walked a good distance and fell to his knees. "What have I done?!" Kiko buried his face in his hands and cried softly. Kiko was interrupted by a voice, Kiko looked up and sawhis father! Kiko ran to him and fell to the ground and bowed. Kakashi didn't object, and didn't say a word. Kiko raised his head and saw the pain in his father's face. Kiko stood up slowly and reached out for his father, was this real, or was he hallucinating?! Kiko held his breath and hoped it was true, that his father in fact wasn't dead, and still living. Kiko almost touched his father's vest when Kakashi spoke with a tone of sympathy for his son, "I'm sorry son, but.....do you really wish to know?" Kiko didn't even have to think about that, he shouted, "Yes, I do! I need you, I'm lost without you!" Kiko fell and was caught, by Kakashi. Kiko looked up, and saw his father tear up slowly. Kiko tackled his father to the ground and hugged him tightly. Kiko cried and spoke, "I've missed you so much, I love you dad, and.....I need you so badly!" Kiko hugged him tighter and then felt the warm hand of his father on his head, "I know son,... I know...." Kiko and Kakashi sat there for quite some time, Kiko cried like a baby, and wasn't embarrassed, he finally had his father back in his arms, and that's all that mattered to him at that moment.

12 - FUTURE TRAINING

CHAPTER 12:

The next day was one of the best days Kiko had ever had, in a long time. Kakashi was sitting by a newly made fire, roasting some marshmallows. Kiko remembered when his father always put marshmallows over a fire, those were some of the best times in his life. Kiko sat by his father and looked at him. "Dad,how are you still alive? I mean, I saw you die right in front of my own eyes." Kakashi raised his hand slowly and chuckled silently, "Son, it's okay, I know you have many questions. I shall answer them all, but one at a time please." Kiko smiled and nodded. Kakashi started, "Okay, now as for the death part, I was dead for a time, but....." Kakashi looked into the fire and sat silent for a moment. "Your mother sacrificed herself for me." Kiko sat, eyes widened. "You don't mean she.....no!" Kakashi looked over at Kiko and nodded. "Yes, I'm afraid your mother did, gave her blood to me, and died in the process. She had found my burial site, and dug me up. Then she took me to a hospital and told some doctors I was badly injured, and in need of blood. The doctors did not know that I was dead, so they went with it. Your mother, bless her soul, gave all of her blood to me. She gave me all of her blood except the portion which had the demon gene in it. Your mother died to save me, and now the situation is reversed." Kiko was shocked and sat down slowly. Kiko laid on the ground for a moment and just thought. The August breeze swayed through the forest, making Kiko a little cold. Kiko sat up after a little while, and asked, "Will you still train me?" Kakashi looked over at him and nodded, "If you wish for me to, I shall." Kiko nodded and stood up. "We begin now then!" Kakashi looked up at Kiko and spoke, "Son, I cannot fully complete your training, for I have no sharingan anymore, I gave it to you." Kiko thought for a brief moment and added, "Well, is there any other person you know of that possess the sharingan eye or eyes?" Kakashi smiled at this remark and replied, "Yes, and you just left her." Kiko was in utter disbelief, "Shadow possess the sharingan?!" Kakashi nodded, "Yes, didn't you think it was odd that you two got along so well? It isn't for no reason, you two are destined to be." Kiko sat for another long moment, this was too much to take in, all this time he had avoided her, and now in the end he now knows he was supposed to be with her!" Kakashi smirked and added, "Why don't I give you a day or so to rest, and get ready, you have no idea what I've got planned for you." Kiko looked at Kakashi and nodded wearily, "Okay, if you say so." Kiko laid back down and stared up into the sky, and said, "You know, the sun is rising now, you should enjoy the day." Kakashi was silent and replied, "I don't think so, I've got a warrior to train, and a prophecy to fulfill." Kiko was silent and then soon fell back into a deep sleep.

13 - THE OBLIVION FIST TECHNIQUE

CHAPTER 13: Kiko got up the next morning and went over to his dad. "Dad, I've got to tell you something before we go any farther." Kakashi looked interested in what he had to say. "Go on then, what is it?" Kiko took in a deep breath, "Okay, I didn't come out here just to organize my life and stuff, I came out here to escape the Hokage, I mean the new one. I'm wanted in the Village, and if they find me, I'm sentenced to death by stoning." Kakashi smiled. "I know, I've been waiting for you to tell me, and you did, I'm proud of you." Kakashi rummaged through his pack and threw a pair of new different clothes at Kiko. "Try these on, they will make you less noticeable. And next we're gonna have to cut that hair of yours, and perhaps change the color." Kiko was overwhelmed and shouted, "NO! You can change my clothes, you can cut my hair, but I love the color of my hair, I was born with this color and I intend to die with this color!" Kakashi shrugged, "Okay, the change of clothes and the hair cut should be a good enough change." Kiko smiled when he fully viewed and saw his new set of clothes. "You've got a taste in clothes dad." Kiko and Kakashi laughed at this remark. "I snatched them on the run, had to." Kiko quickly changed his clothes and changed into his new pants. Kiko turned to the silver flask in his father's hand, "Can I borrow that for a second?" Kakashi looked down and smiled, "Sure." Kakashi handed him the flask and Kiko viewed himself fully dressed. "Cool, not bad dad." Kakashi smiled, "I try." Kiko looked at his father, "Now it's time to cut my hair, do you know how?" Kakashi smiled widely, "Not even a clue." Kiko smiled and nodded, "Good, take your best shot!" An hour later, Kiko was fully transformed into this new attire and haircut. Kakashi looked at him and smirked, "I could get used to this." Kiko viewed himself in the flask once again and was satisfied. Kiko was ready to meet Shadow for some training! Kiko turned to his father and spoke, "You got any last words to me?" Kakashi smiled, "Yes, I do. ONE:, I'm coming with you, TWO: I'm going to teach you a new and deadly technique." Kiko was dumbfounded, "A new technique, AWESOME!" Kakashi looked Kiko in the eye and spoke with a serious tone, "Don't use it unless everything else is futile, this move could very well kill you and the whole world!" Kiko felt like he was slapped in the face, "Is it that powerful?!" Kakashi nodded and said, "It's called the Oblivion Fist, it is capable of wiping out the whole entire world, so wield this with great care, if you miss your target and collide with anything else, the world is doomed." Kiko gulped, "Okay....." Kakashi continued, "If you succeed with the attack, it will annihilate your opponent, from the inside out." Kiko thought of what the attack would look like. Then he asked, "What does the attack look like?" Kakashi smirked, "I don't know, the only one who can do it is you, at least as far as I know." Kiko was at a loss for words. "This is going to be very unreal," Kiko thought. Kakashi looked at him sternly, "Kiko, you have to be at full alert when doing the training, that means don't mess around with this technique, it could kill you." Kakashi then smiled widely and said, "Goodnight, it's time for bed." Kiko couldn't sleep for the whole entire night, thinking of the devastating power inside himself. "Will I be able to do this?"

14 - THE RETURN OF KIKO HATAKE!

CHAPTER 14:

Kiko woke up the next morning to an autumn day, orange and brown leaves flurried around him, until he got up to see his father right about him. "How did you sleep?" Kiko sat for a moment and answered, "Not bad, you?" Kakashi smiled, "Not too bad, I felt a little bad though about letting all that on you at once, but rather now then never." Kiko nodded. Kiko got up and walked off to his home, hoping Shadow would be there. Kakashi was right beside him, reading his book as usual. Kiko got to his house and knocked on the door. Lee answered the door in a robe and slippers. "What do you want?!" Kiko was shocked, had Shadow and Lee... Kiko didn't want to think about it. Kiko shoved Lee out of the way and Kakashi followed suit. Shadow was in the kitchen making breakfast when she saw Kiko. She walked over to him and slapped him in the face. "How could you leave again?!" Kiko didn't answer he only said, "I need you as a teacher." Shadow was fuming mad and slapped him again. Kiko was growing tired of this repetition and said once again, "Shadow, I need you to teach me better with my sharingan eyes." Shadow ignored him and slapped him again, but harder. Kiko sat and took each shot, his right cheek growing numb. Kiko said once again, in his same polite tone, "Please, you have to help me." Shadow pulled back her hand and went for another slap. Kiko caught her hand and pulled her to his face, "I NEED YOU HELP." Shadow pulled away and shouted, "I won't help you, you don't deserve it! All you'll do is get your needed info or training and run off like always!" Kiko thought back to all the times he had left her alone, and then he spoke, "I can't help it, it is urgent if I have to leave." Shadow threw up her hands and shouted, "It's always urgent!" Kiko didn't have the time for this, Kiko motioned for Kakashi. Kakashi stepped forward and greeted her. Shadow was at a loss for words when she saw him. Kiko then spoke again, "Now do you see, I need your help to save the world!" Shadow nodded and looked at Kakashi. Kakashi smiled and waved at her. Lee stormed forward and punched Kiko in the jaw with anger. "HOW DARE YOU LEAVE SHADOW LIKE THAT!!" Kiko was at a loss for words, he couldn't explain himself any better.

So, Kiko took a couple punches and then he retaliated with a straight jab to Lee's chest, knocking the wind out of him. "Lee, I didn't mean to leave, and it's probably going to be the last time. I don't know." Lee shot back up and grabbed Kiko's arm firmly. "You will have to leave for this one!" Lee started to turn Kiko's arm and twist it. Kiko shouted, "Nullify jutsu!" Kiko withdrew his hand from Lee's grip and looked at Lee. Lee was motionless. Shadow yelled, "What have you done?!" Kiko shrugged this remark off and simply replied, "He's okay, he's just frozen for about an hour or so." Shadow nodded and all of them except Lee went to the back.

15 - THE PROPHECY IS REVEALED

CHAPTER 15: Kiko took his stance out in the back, and waited for Shadow. Shadow walked out reluctant and angry. Kakashi sat under a tree and read his book. Shadow shot at Kiko, and kicked him in the jaw, knocking out one of his teeth. Kiko bent down and spit out his tooth. Kiko looked up at Shadow, she was still flaring at him for leaving, she couldn't blame her one bit. Kiko threw the tooth to the ground and went for Shadow, when something got in Kiko's eyes. Kiko wiped the blinding substance out of his eyes and looked up to see Asanka sitting there, looking malevolent and sadistic. "I've come for you Kiko, and you WILL come!" Kiko tried to fight, but he was snatched by a sand morphed hand. Kiko struggled and nothing helped. Shadow and Kakashi were out, and Kiko was left helpless. Asanka drove deep into the woods and went into a mysterious cave, Kiko knew nothing of. Asanka slammed Kiko unconscious on the ground.

Kiko woke up later and was blindfolded. Asanka ripped the cloth off of Kiko's face and handed him a letter, that was wrote in a different language. The only words that could be read were at the top labeled, "The Prophecy." Kiko gasped and looked away. Asanka was growing impatient, "READ IT!" Asanka's voice rang throughout the cave like a bone chilling winter. Kiko reluctantly looked at the piece of paper and read, "The Prophecy, and I quote, "A warrior of great power shall be born, from a skilled Jounin master. The powerful ninja shall wield the Sharingan eyes, also, the Bykochugon, and shall become a demon at full rage and intensity. The ninja shall be from the Village hidden in the leaves, and shall be able to wield the Lightning Edge, the Phoenix Fire Jutsu, and the ultimate devastation, the Oblivion Fist. This Ninja will face his destiny, facing foes from present, past, and future. This ninja is the ultimate weapon, and shall rule the village from which he or she have came. This ninja's name shall be.....Kiko." Kiko was in utter shock, he had never read the prophecy till now, but he was fearful of the outcome. He didn't want to be the chosen ninja, why did it have to be him! Asanka let Kiko loose and then bowed down to him. "I, Asanka of the Sand am sorry, and would be in your debt, I shall serve you if you desire." Kiko shook his head, "No, just leave me alone, that is all I request of you." Asanka nodded and walked away. Kiko shot off for his home, trying to forget what he had just read.