

Shino's old friend

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About Shino and his old friend. Misa, his friend, left when they, since their the same age, were 9. Now their 13, and she's back, but Shino's changed a lot.

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1 - The Past

Once there was a young girl who was very beautiful. Her name was Misa. Misa was a wonderfully happy girl. One day, Misa was going to see her best friend, when her father stopped her. He shook his head in disapproval.

You must stop seeing that boy. What's his name? Whatever. He's an Aburame. Misa, I don't want you mixed up with their clan, he said. Misa didn't want to stop seeing her friend; but her father made it very clear she could not. Her friend had been waiting for her halfway from his house and halfway from hers. But she never came. The 4-year-old boy went home, curious about what happened to her. In time, they forgot about each other. When they were 8, Misa ran out to meet with him again. He was there only for a short time.

I'm not coming back here, Misa. I'm going to Ninja Academy. I can't waste my days waiting for you anymore, Misa, he said. Misa cried. She shook her head.

Shino... you can't go. You can't! I need you, Shino! I'll just go, too, then, she told him.

I refuse to talk with you anymore. Good-bye, Shino said, and walked away. Misa did go to the Ninja Academy. But Shino did refuse to talk with her.

One day, her family was moving. Leaving Konoha. The place where they were married, born... and the place where everyone thought her parents would die, too. The last day she had in Konoha was the day she and Shino turned 9-years-old. She cried when he never even looked at her.

I'm leaving, Shino! I'm leaving Konoha for the Fire Country! And you just don't care about me anymore! she yelled at him. He stared at her.

Leaving? But you can't... I won't let you! I do care! I do! I want things to stay the way they are! You're the only person who, other than my family, understands me! You can't let your parents leave- he was interrupted by her father pulling her away. She was gone. He took his hand out from behind his back, which he had kept behind his back the whole time. In his hand was a rose with a note tied to it. He threw the rose in the air, and the note came undone.

She's gone anyways! I can't care anymore! I can't tell now! I just can't! he sobbed, yelling anyways. A wind took the rose. And the open note, which said:

Misa

Sorry I didn't care about you for a while. Will you forgive me? I want to tell you something. So here it is.

Misa, I love you. Now and forever. I'll always love you Misa. Shino.

The note and rose floated on the wind. Misa reached up and grabbed the rose and note. She read it, and smiled.

I love you too Shino, She whispered to the wind.

2 - The Return

Shino didn't think of Misa anymore. He had forgotten about her, and he had other things on his mind. So when a girl with short red hair walked past him, he didn't really care. The girl stopped.

What's your name? she asked him. He looked at her through his sunglasses.

My name's Shino Aburame- he was interrupted by a loud squeal from this girl and he stared at her curiously. She hugged him. He shrugged her off him.

I'm Misa, Shino? Remember? We were the best of friends when we were 9, and I got a rose and a note on the wind that said you loved me, she said, pulling out the note. Shino took it from her and read the words he had wrote when he was 9. Misa giggled. Shino remembered her now. But it didn't make a difference. Before he could say anything, though, Naruto, Kiba and Shikamaru walked up. They stared at her.

Hey, Shino, who's the girl? I didn't think you had a girlfriend- Naruto was cut off by a sharp slap to his head. He rubbed his head. Shikamaru was talking to Misa now. She smiled at him. Then she walked over to Shino.

Let's get outta here, Shino. I want to be alone with you now. So we can talk, Misa told him. Shino nodded in agreement. They eventually went to Shino's house. No one was home. Shino took her into his room.

Ok. Let me tell you some things, about your note and I. First, I changed a lot. I don't get so happy, or mad, or upset, anymore. I'm different. Second, I... don't love... you anymore. Sorry, he said. Misa looked at him, and ran out of his house.

Misa! Wait! Come Back! Misa! Shino shouted.

3 - She's done, He's not

The next day, when Shino saw Misa, she frowned at him, and walked away. He sighed, and walked after her. Then he saw her hugging Rock Lee, and something in him made a tiny crack. He sighed. She preferred Lee now, to him. All because of yesterday. He thought to himself, *what did I do?* Shino kicked a rock at Lee so hard it hit him in the leg. But they didn't notice. Misa looked over and stared at Shino with a hard, angry look. Shino couldn't bear that for long, so he turned and headed home. *I blew it. And I made myself feel like crap* he thought to himself. He heard her say one thing.

You are way better than Shino. You actually feel emotions, unlike that hunk of crap, Misa said. Crap. That's all he was to her now. Shino cried and ran home. He could feel his heart actually breaking now. And he thought she would take it hard.

Can't someone kill me now? I don't want to suffer this anymore. I've had enough now! he screamed. He cried only harder. He thought he could wash the pain away with tears. But he could not. He thought of all the good times they shared. Then he heard laughing and a small noise. Shino looked out his bedroom window and next door, Misa was kissing Rock Lee. No. She was his new neighbor. Shino couldn't take it. Misa saw him watching her when Lee was gone. A small tear rolled down her cheek. That's it, he thought to himself. When Lee's around she doesn't want the fact that she still has feelings for me to show. She misses me. And I want her back so badly. I need Misa. I can't live much longer without her, he thought. But then he saw her perk up when Lee came back. No, Shino thought to himself. She really doesn't. And Misa didn't; she only had eyes for Rock Lee. All she thought of Shino now was a huge pile of crap no one needed, or liked, or cared about. Especially her. But she forgot that, like everyone else, when the one they love leaves, it really, very badly hurts. The way Shino was hurting that moment. She forgot that he was human too. Shino's chest felt tight then. He ran outside, to stare at them. He felt like he couldn't breathe, when he knew he could. He couldn't fix what he did. No one cared about him. He felt his heart breaking.

I can't believe the pain! All because of a broken heart! I don't want to think anymore! My heart aches! I can't stand all this damn pain anymore! And it's only been a day of it! He shrieked. Rock Lee and Misa stared at him. But she ignored him. You're going to kill me, you know that? Kill me! he shrieked again. But this time they both ignored him. I miss you! I miss you, miss you, miss you! he screamed at Misa. But she just didn't care.

Shino, you fat piece of crap, shut up and go away, Misa said. Those words broke Shino. He fell to the ground in a heap, crying his eyes out.

4 - Back again and something else

Shino went back inside, leaving Misa with a thought in her head, *If I came back just for Shino, why aren't I with him now? I mean, he's showing me now... he does love me. And here I am, with Rock Lee, not Shino! I can't do this to him*, she thought, breaking away from Lee and running towards Shino's house. She heard his sobs when she pushed the front door open. She ran to his room, slamming the door open, and making him stare at her.

Shino, don't just stare at me as if I came back from the dead. I want you, Shino! I want you! she screamed at him. Shino hopped up at once. She hugged him.

Shino, I'm so sorry I called you a fat piece of crap. I didn't mean it. I don't want to hurt you anymore like that! Forgive me, she said, crying into his jacket. Shino nodded.

It's ok. It's ok, Shino said. Misa looked up at him. She smiled. Misa went home then. Shino decided to go for a walk, so he did. During his walk, he was shoved against the side of a wall. A strange ninja held him there, and held up a bottle with white contents in it. Shino stared at the bottle.

Do you want this? the strange ninja asked him.

I don't know what it is... Shino said. The ninja sighed annoyed.

It's- the ninja whispered it to Shino. Shino's eyes widened.

Take it or Misa will have an unfortunate accident, if you know what I mean. And use the stuff. When you run out come for another walk, ok? the ninja told him roughly, and Shino nodded. The ninja disappeared and Shino ran home. He sat on his bed, holding the bottle. He thought about what the ninja said to him. So he opened the bottle.

The next morning, Misa ran over to Shino's at 10:30. Shino groaned as she walked through his door. He was still lying in bed.

Aghh. Why aren't I feeling good this morning? Everything was the same last night... Shino said slowly and looked beside his bed. On his dresser was the white bottle. *Oh, it's that stuff I took last night*, Shino thought to himself. Misa walked over to the dresser, since she also noticed the bottle. She took it and walked over to Shino.

What's this, Shino? THIS wasn't here YESTERDAY, Misa asked him, sounding concerned. Shino grabbed it from her.

It's nothing, ok? I must've eaten something funny yesterday, Shino said. Misa didn't believe him when he said that.

It has something to do with that bottle, I know it, Misa said. *I took it for her. Why won't she leave me alone about it? Oh, I know, because it's bothering her. And me, too. Because it's crack*, Shino thought to himself.