

Out For Karma: Naruto

Chapter 36: Making the older generation feel old

Riku was bashing his head against the dining room table repeatedly when Tsunade and Shizune got back home at the end of the day. They both looked at each other wondering what he was doing then the former saw the familiar scrolls on the table.

“Is it that difficult?” She asked; Shizune leaving the room for the kitchen to make dinner since Riku was busy.

“Difficult?! Difficult?! I’m of a mind to find the pedo snake to ask him to bring your uncle back just so I could strangle him. AGAIN!”

“Alright, calmed down.” she said as she approached him and put his hands on his shoulders from behind. “If there is one person that can undert-”

“That’s not the problem, sensei! The problem is that the Nidaime AND the Yondaime are retards!”

The blonde woman was taken aback by the venom and the exasperation from her student’s voice. The word ‘retard’ definitely wasn’t one used for those two men acclaimed as geniuses.

“How so?”

“They both use their chakra directly from their position to go to the position of their anchor. It should be the other way around! The anchor should pull them to it. Less chakra consuming. And don’t let me start on the shoddy space calculations! They’re all correct but overly complicated! They’re trying and succeeding in calculating position in our own world, our own dimension. It’s heavy, it’s long!” he began ranting and Tsunade was already lost, something that he noticed. “Let’s say I create two identical barriers with a ten feet gap between them. The same tags, same anchors, meaning the space or dimension inside of each is part of a whole or identical if you prefer. How difficult do you think it is to calculate the spatial coordinate of a space made of 1m^2 , even if they are separated, in comparison to the whole planet?”

“Not much?”

“Yes! Not much! All they had to do was create a barrier around their anchors like my shurifui Type-B1 do! Even though in our dimension the barriers are separated by a good ten feet, in the dimension inside those barriers there is no distance between them. Because they are in a way the same space.”

"Because they have the same everything, most notably anchors? Despite not having the same thing inside, one could have a tree while the other does not but it wouldn't matter because they are not an actual part of the space, they're just in it."

"You got it! And so the calculations are short! Well actually they are not but compared to what they did it's like comparing one single word inside a dictionary to the whole dictionary. Furthermore because those idiots take our dimension as reference, they use lot of chakra to go from point A to B and the greater the distance-"

"The greater the amount of chakra needed."

"Yes! And the fourth! That stupid moronic retard! To make his 'flash' go faster than your uncle he's just using more chakra. Cherry on the cake it's not 'I'm going twice as fast so the amount of chakra is twice as big'! That would be smart for him but nope! It's following a cubic curve! Cubic curve, sensei!"

"That's ill thought." she replied not knowing what a cubic curve was but playing along.

"It is! And do you know what the worst is? The worst of the worst that proves that they are just children who picked a brush and drew some silly doodles and pretended they were seals? Do you know?" She didn't even have a chance to reply as he went on.

"They called it 'space-time fuinjutsu' when time is not involved at all! Frauds! That's what they are! Because if they had used Time they would have won any fight before it began, or counter any jutsu before it was used!"

That caught Tsunade's attention on the spot. The implication she heard in Riku's words were impossible but when it's him, impossible just became improbable so she asked for confirmation.

"Riku... are you saying that it's possible to travel back in time using the Hiraishin?" she asked, completely bewildered.

"YES! KAMI DAMN IT!"

At this point he was breathing heavily, out of steam after such a long rant, while Tsunade had her mind blown away.

"They're so stupid they make me want to kill myself." he whined as he turned around to rest his head in her bosom. Instinctively one of her hands reached for the back of his head and caressed it comfortingly.

"How... How would that work?"

"The anchor you want to travel too is surrounded by a barrier whose time has been slowed a lot while the time in... well our own barrier is flowing normally. With the right calculation which I admit are difficult but not impossible, it's possible to arrive earlier

than we departed. It would only be a few seconds at best. Perhaps a few minutes but that would be more than enough. Anymore and it's time travel shenanigans and I don't want to touch that with a pole with a length identical to the diameter of the moon."

If **he** didn't want to touch that, then she certainly didn't.

"That depends how long the anchor you go in has been put in place."

"How long for the... 'normal' version of the Hiraishin?" she asked and Riku sighed.

"Months? No more than six if I spent all my time on it."

"Alright and the-"

"Years. I'm not going to lie sensei, but years. The theory is easy, the practical on the other hand..."

She nodded in understanding. It took him years to finally get the Time dilation effect down. Adding space to it would no doubt be a more difficult task. She was sure he would succeed however. He had proven time and time again that no matter the goal he would achieve it.

"That also gave me an idea for perfecting the Iryoken. What if I was accelerating the time of the cells at the area where I hit? Or slow it down."

"Faster or slower cellular division. Either way that will mess the body badly. Or help heal it."

"I was thinking of perhaps making seals on gloves for it. It could be useful if we simply slow the time of a body during a surgery." he suggested and her eyes grew big.

'If the time of a body is slowed, all body's function would be slowed too giving ample time to a surgeon or a medic to treat a patient! The death rate would drop significantly if not be non-existent!'

"Is it really possible?"

"In theory, yes. Instead of having the time tempered inside a barrier, the body would be the barrier. But the body is organic so it may complicate things a bit."

Tsunade was in a bit of a conundrum. Riku couldn't work on all of that alone at the same time. She had to decide what was the most important.

'Perhaps Karin could help with one of the two? Shizune told me she was working on reproducing her chakra healing capabilities but even faster with seals so no one would be able to heal her.'

“Would Karin be able to help with that medical time seal?”

“Hm... Probably? She’s certainly smart and more than competent enough in fuinjutsu. She hasn’t dabbled in space-time because it doesn’t interest her but Time mainly works with barriers and she’s in a way better at it than me. Perhaps if...we should tell her about the shadow clones. I mean, she’s perfect for that jutsu. She has the high chakra reserves to use its full potential. And now that I think about it, would her clone which is a chakra construct would have her healing abilities? Can you imagine if you could bite a clone and suck up all its chakra? Maybe the nasty side effects of her kekkei genkai wouldn’t apply? Wait, she could also use it with her chains! They’re chakra constructs too! How did I not think of that?!”

Abruptly, Riku stood up from his seat to go meet Karin but was restrained by a hand on his shoulder.

“I think you brainstormed enough for today. It’s also late and she may be busy or tired after a day at the hospital.”

“I... you’re right. Tomorrow. I’ll see her tomorrow.”

“Good! Because I didn’t work on dinner just for you to not eat it!” Shizune said as she entered the dining room, with a tray of bowls. Ramen seemed to be on the menu tonight.

“And Riku... Karin will be told about the Kage Bunshin tomorrow. You’re right. She has proven loyal to the village more than enough times and she’s the perfect candidate for it.”

He nodded at his sensei words and sat back down. The trio enjoyed the meal sharing what went on during their day then went to bed. But not their own. At least not for Riku. Tsunade had dragged him to hers for a cuddling session, with a smirk at Shizune who pouted. The raven haired kunoichi had been given the riot act two weeks ago for *‘perverting young children’s minds’*. Knowing that she, and not Shizune, had actually been Riku’s first real sexual experience didn’t stop Tsunade from berating (without any heat or reproach) her eldest apprentice. Though secretly she gave her a thumbs up for giving him the opportunity to practice many things. As a consequence and for her own enjoyment in tormenting Shizune, she has been forbidden to do anything ‘funny’ with Riku and would have to use her toy to satisfy herself for a whole month.

When morning came, Tsunade had her breakfast like usual then went to her office. She had sent one of her Anbu guards giving a message to Hiruzen for showing up immediately and another message for Karin to show up in one hour. As usual, she took her time to walk down the streets of Konoha and greet the early risers on her way to the Hokage Tower. Hiruzen arrived just as she reached her destination. Once inside the security to her office, she activated the lock down protocol and pulled out her own Botib from her personal Book of Seals. The old man raised an eyebrow at her actions but

quickly understood that what they were about to discuss must be **that** serious. And boy was he right.

“Two weeks... You’re telling me in two weeks he broke down the whole Hiraishin, the both of them, finding out the flaws, and isn’t **that** mind blowing? The hiraishin has flaws. Then came up with a better version in theory, that seems sound and workable?”

“Yes.”

Hiruzen took a deep breath to calm himself down. Never in his entire life has he been so glad to have made the decision to get to know Riku himself and tie him down to the village and so thankful to Kami for Tsunade to enter the genius’ life.

‘Had he defected, that would have been the greatest disaster the village would have ever known. Worse than Orochimaru.’

“But that’s not all, he theorized that time travel would be technically possible with it.”

“Of course it would be possible.” he replied flatly, not even bothering to be surprised anymore.

“And he came up with... at least two, maybe three more game changing ideas for Konoha on the spot.” she added and began sharing what she had discussed with her apprentice the day before.

“Hm... Including young Karin is... a good idea. Taking her away from Kusa had been the right decision after all. We could combine the time dilation effect with her training.”

“That’s... an excellent idea, sensei. Why did Riku never think of that?” she asked after blinking in thought for a moment.

“Maybe he did but because spending time in that time barrier, you actually age faster. If you spend a month in there and get out you will have aged a month. In the very long term, it’s not advisable. But with Karin’s chakra reserves that may mitigate it a bit by the use of shadow clones. She may not have a need to spend that much time inside.”

They discussed further the possibilities of what they could do with Riku’s new ideas and exited the Botib. When the lock down on the office was lifted it was just in time for Karin showing up.

On the other side of the village Riku was taking a break by helping train Hinata. Or he was until she took a break herself and the sight of her jacketless self with sweat drenching her shirt making it stick to her voluptuous body distracted him. He silently got close to her and before she could understand what was happening, they were locked in a very sensual kiss full of passion. That had started Hinata’s engine and she was

rubbing herself unconsciously against his groin. It didn't help that he pushed back against her pelvis and his hands kneaded her ass.

"Sorry." he said out of breath when they separated. "You were just so alluring like that and-"

"That's alright, I don't mind. Not when you make me feel like that." she replied with a blush on her face.

Ever since that sleepover, two weeks ago. Their relationship had moved forward fast. Within limits. There was lots of kissing and petting, Hinata wasn't so shy with that anymore. Proof of that was her lack of stuttering and her very satisfied smile. More however? They haven't tried.

"I could eat you whole right now." he confessed, kissing her along her jawline, then neck then went down toward her throat then lower, only stopped by her shirt.

"Why don't you then?" she replied with a daring smile.

"And be used as a Juken's dummy for trying? No, thanks."

"Maybe you won't." she teased.

"You spend way too much time with Ino."

"Says you. From how I see it, **you** are the one spending too much time with her with how lecherous you are."

"Nu-huh."

"Uh-huh."

He picked her up, holding her by her cheeks and she naturally put her legs around him. He walked toward a tree and pinned her against it gently.

"Now what?" asked the bluenette in anticipation.

"Now, I chase away the thoughts of what Ino would do with you in my mind." he said, making her snort cutely. "Then I let my own guide me."

He let her down and moved one of his hands under her shirt to touch her bare pale skin. Slowly, so very slowly he moved it upward, taking his time to feel and explore her soft kissable skin. It was also to test the waters, to not make it too fast that she was uncomfortable with what was happening. When he reached her stomach without being stopped, he used his other hand the same way, but this time moving them down as he knelt in front of her. He lifted her shirt a bit and began to sensually kiss her lower

abdomen with butterfly kisses. Sometimes he let it last and sucked on her skin leaving behind a small red hickey. Then he went up bit by bit while his hands, positioned higher than his head went up to, taking her shirt with their thumbs. When he reached her navel he gently blew on it and used his tongue to map every millimeter of it. At this point Hinata put her hands on his head and pushed it towards her. A clear indication she wanted him to continue and do more. Her breath had shortened and her lips delivered sweet but barely audible moans which were music to his ears.

He went up again, and this time the tip of his fingers had reached the bottom of her boobs. He stopped for a moment but kept going when she invited him to do so by pushing his head harder. His fingers slipped under her bra and sank into the flesh of her breasts in a bit of a rougher way than they did until then. They separated to have a better grip and he lifted them up a bit before letting them fall as he stopped supporting them to reach her nipples. They were hard and a bit thin but he didn't care. He began to caress them with his indexes, drawing circles on their very tip, then changed tactics and tug on them gently. The pressure of the pinch and the tug forced her to let out a very loud moan, that he wanted to hear more. When his lips arrived at her breasts level, she pulled him back, away from her.

He was confused at first, then thought it was as far as she was comfortable to go. He couldn't be more wrong. Under his very eyes, Hinata got rid of her shirt and her bra then pulled him back head first into her bosom. You didn't need to tell him what to do. Now with full access to the almost watermelon size breast of his moon princess, he kissed, licked, nibbled and bit as much as he could without inflicting any pain. Hinata's breath was completely ragged. Shortening further and further with every single little thing he did. It didn't take him long to understand that her nipples were very sensitive and her weak spot. That was why, knowing she was very close to reaching her peak, he bit one of them. The effect was immediate and even with her biting her fingers to muffle her moans was not enough to hide that she was having an orgasm. Her body shook like a leaf in the wind for a dozen seconds before calming down. Riku got up, put a hand behind her neck and dragged her in for a very hot kiss. She didn't have the strength to fight it, not like she wanted too. As their tongues acquainted themselves with each other again, Riku's free hand began to go down her abdomen, reaching the top of her pants. Whether because she was comfortable with it or because she didn't notice, she didn't stop him exploring her nether region, slipping under her panties and caressing her pussy. If anything, she moaned loudly in his mouth and became even more into it. He put two fingers in her slowly, her legs closing but not for making him stop but because she felt good. The two digits explored her core but not in depth. They were just twisting around taking a lay of the fertile, wet and warm land they were discovering. After a bit, Riku pulled them back and removed his hand to put it at his face level. Breaking the kiss and under her lustful eyes, he sucked on his fingers.

He liked it. He liked it alot and moaned at the taste. Sucking all of her juice on them he pulled them out and gave her a peck on the lips then rested his forehead against her. She was still having some difficulty getting her breathing back under control.

“Why?” she whispered but Riku knew the real question was ‘*Why did you stop?*’

“Because at his rate, we’ll have a little Hyuga in our hands in nine months.”

That drew a small smile on her face. Was it out of amusement or because she liked the idea, he didn’t know and he didn’t care.

“Now, I don’t have a problem with it-”

“You don’t?!” she exclaimed in surprise.

“Not really. I have money and I want a family. Maybe 18 is too young to be a parent but I’m sure we will manage. No, what I have a problem with is Ino exploding on us, either because she was not part of it or because she wasn’t the first.”

She giggled at the thought of a very, very upset Ino, ranting about how she should have been the first to get pregnant and snatching Riku away to make a child herself. Not because she wanted one, but because she was competitive and didn’t like to lose. She also liked to think of herself as the first woman in his life.

“That would be funny.”

“And our funerals, probably. Now... I think you should put your shirt back on because it’s not helping me resist you.”

“And what if I don’t want to?” she teased with an air of defiance.

“You, me, baby in nine months.”

She giggled again, and picked up her shirt she had discarded on the ground. When she went for her bra, Riku snatched it away and put it inside his book of seals.

“Really?” she remarked flatly but her eyes were amused.

“That way I always have something with your smell to remind me clearly of you.”

“And that has nothing to do with the fact that without it, my breasts will jiggle in all directions while I train?”

“...Honestly? I feel ashamed for not thinking about that.”

Hinata rolled her eyes but didn’t fight for her bra back. She didn’t go back to training though. She made him sit down and she sat in his lap, feeling his bulging right under her ass. She still wasn’t ready for that final step but there was a step she was ready for and she needed to ask Ino for help with it. In the meantime, she just enjoyed the nice weather and nature with her boyfriend.

Chapter 37: Akatsuki re-match

“Team Yukari, we just received an urgent request of assistance from Suna. Akatsuki had attacked their village and captured the Kazekage.” Tsunade said, looking at Yugao, Kakashi and Riku in front of her. “You are to find and rescue the Kazekage, and capture if possible the Akatsuki members. Any questions?”

“How many are there? We were three against Sasori and got lucky.” Riku asked.

“Two from what Suna’s Message reported. Deidara, the mad bomber of Iwa and Kurosaki Raiga, former member of the seven swordsmen of Kiri. The latter is manageable by one of you, the second is not as versatile as Sasori was but just as dangerous.”

“I’ll be more comfortable with a fourth member.”

“It’s up to you to decide who you want to add to Team Yukari, Riku. You’re in charge.”

“Me?! That’s-”

“You need to learn how to lead an elite team like this one.”

“You have no problem with this?” Riku inquired of his teammates. Kakashi as the most experienced should be the leader then Yugao.

“Mah~ You’ll do a good job.” the cyclops said, making their female teammate nod in agreement.

“In that case... I have one last question. Why Team ‘Yukari’?”

“Yugao’s hair, your favorite color and because it’s for **Yugao**, **Kakashi**, **Riku**.” she replied with pride in her smile.

“... How long did you take to come up with that?” Riku replied with a deadpan face.

He barely dodged in time the paper weight that was aimed at his head.

“Get out of my office, you got a job to do!”

They left promptly and made a stop on the side of the corridor.

“You were thinking of someone for a fourth member?” asked Yugao.

“Yes, a tracker. Better than Kakashi’s summons for our situation.”

“A Hyuga then.” the called out man remarked aloud.

“Yep.”

“Since we have to battle two S-rank nin and deal with Gaara’s rescue and well being, may I suggest taking two more members?”

““Who?”” wondered Kakashi’s teammates. He wasn’t the type to request for help, so that surprised them.

“Naruto and Sakura.”

“... Kakashi, if it’s to spend time with them on-”

“It’s not.” He quickly cut off Riku with a ‘stop’ hand gesture. “Sakura is an excellent medic on her own and Naruto with his bottomless chakra reserves and ingenuity would be able to help on the fly where it’s necessary. He progressed much during his training trip. He won’t be a burden. Neither will Sakura.”

“... Alright. I just hope they will be able to stay professional with me and our fourth member.”

“Why is that?” Yugao asked.

“Sakura hates my guts, blaming me for Sasuke deserting and her not apprenticing under sensei. Naruto is... well... Hinata is the one I was thinking about and he’s been kind of avoiding her ever since his return two months ago.”

“They’ll do fine.” Kakashi said.

Riku looked at the man, and chose to trust him. He had done enough missions with the man (and Yugao) to give him that.

“East Gate in half an hour for a gear check then we leave another half after that?”

“Good for me. I’ll warn Naruto.” Kakashi said, knowing where his blonde student dwells most of the time.

“Then I’ll take care of your other student.”

“And me, Hinata.”

Their short term plan over, they went their separate ways to look for their supplementary members. Riku didn’t know what Hinata was doing today and tried his luck with Ino who

he knew was working at her family's flower shop. To his pleasant surprise he found the one he was looking for there.

"Baby!"

Seeing passing through the door, Ino, moved with incredible agility and was on Riku in an instant to get a heartfelt 'hello' kiss.

"Hey!" He greeted her with a smile on his face. Ino's behaviour towards him ever since they started their thing always cheered him up.

"Finally, out of your head and you decided to come visit, little old me, hm?" she said in a husky voice that had him hard on the spot as she hung on his neck with her arms.

"I came to see you, yes but for professional reasons, I'm afraid. I wanted to know if you knew where our moon princess was. It turns out you do."

"What is it about?" the blonde asked, releasing him from her embrace and looking at Hinata.

"The Kazekage had been kidnapped by two S-rank nuke-nin and Suna asked for our help. We need to leave in 50 minutes and we need a tracker so I thought of you, Hinata." answered Riku looking at the bluenette.

"S-rank?! Are you mad?!" protested Ino. She knew perfectly well that Hinata wasn't strong enough for a fight against an enemy of that calibre. Two even less.

"She won't be a frontliner but in the support team with two others."

"That's not-"

"I'll do it."

Ino turned around to look at Hinata in shock, not believing what she just heard.

"No, you're not!"

"Ino... If the village needs my help, as a kunoichi it's my duty to answer present."

"But..."

"Riku is there."

"I am and I have a method to get her as far away as possible in four hand seals. Kakashi and Yugao are there too in my team. Naruto and Sakura will be with Hinata at

the back. It's never without risk but she has plenty of protection." explained Riku to his blonde lover.

"... If something happens to her..."

"You'll take my freedom away by putting me on a leash for the rest of my life. I know."

"And that's just the tip of the iceberg!"

Hinata couldn't help herself but giggled at their antics. Despite not being a couple, they sure were acting like an old married one. Ino took Hinata in her arms for a hug and whispered some words that Riku didn't hear. He didn't really care, if he was meant to know, Ino would have spoken aloud and not in their friend's ear.

They separated and she hugged him too. She got the promise of getting back in one piece, gave him a kiss and shooed them all out.

"So, that's the young man you've been all fussy about for years."

Turning around, Ino saw her mother coming out from the backroom behind the counter.

"I wasn't 'fussy' mom but yes, that's him."

"Hmhm. Why don't you invite him home for dinner? I want to get to know this boyfriend of yours."

"We're not dating, mom."

"Sure. And those kisses were my imaginations? So is the slight limp in your steps from when you get back from a sleepover at 'Hinata' or 'Karin'? And the smile on your face that only a woman that got her bell rung all night long would have?"

"Oh, no. I'm fucking him alright! As much as I can. We're just not... like that yet." she said unashamedly to her mother before hesitating about how she should define her relationship with Riku.

"You're clearly in love with him, you're having sex with him but you're not dating? Ino..."

"He's not taking advantage of me mom, it's... Complicated. He's... He has trust issues and it's difficult for him to enter into a serious relationship. He wants to, and we're just taking things slow on the emotional side of things to not botch everything up. But he's making progress, we're supposed to go on a date next Friday."

"There is more to it, isn't it?"

"Yes."

“Well, there are no customers so we have the time.”

While Ino spoke to her mother about her relationship with Riku, he and Hinata had shushed towards the Easter Gate. As usual, when he was leaving on a mission with his team. He found a secluded place to unseal his Botib and enter it. They were joined ten minutes later by Yugao and Sakura who began asking questions about how such a thing like the Botib existed and five minutes after that Kakashi and Naruto arrived too.

“Wow, it’s bigger on the inside! That’s so cool!” the orange clad blond commented.

“Thank you.” Riku replied.

“You made this?” asked Sakura in shock.

“I did.” he replied and signaled Kakashi to lock the door while he activated the time Dilation seal on the table. “Okay, let’s start with this: this closet and everything that you will see or hear inside is an S-rank secret. You spill the beans about it? At best it is jail for life, at worst death penalty but I’m sure you were aware of that.”

Both Naruto and Sakura nodded at that.

“Second, do you know why you’re here?”

“Yes, to be part of the rescue mission for Gaara!” Naruto said loudly but with seriousness in his voice.

“Yes. He was taken away three days ago and thanks to this little baby here...” he pointed at the time seal. “We’re on a full chase 24/7.”

“Why?”

“What does that seal do?”

“That, Naruto, Sakura, is a time seal. It allows me to control the passing of time inside this closet. To accelerate it or slow it.”

“What for?” inquired Naruto.

“At the current setting, one second **outside** the closet is one hour in **here**.” Riku explained.

“Oh! That means we can get 8 hours of sleep here but outside only eight seconds would have passed. In other words, Naruto, for the outside world it will look like we will never rest. The 6 to 8 hours of sleep we would usually need can be used to search for Gaara.” Sakura explained further.

“Ah! That’s awesome! We will have the advantage since the guys that took him need to rest at some point.”

“Exactly. Since we have the time, pun intended, let me show you around. This closet will be our base of operation for this mission and it’s better if you’re familiar with it.”

From there on, he showed them the rooms one by one. He particularly expressed to Naruto that the training room was **not** for ninjutsu but for practicing taijutsu and bujutsu to keep their skills sharp. He particularly expressed that should the walls break, anyone in the room would be stuck in another dimension without any means to get back to their own. The warning made Naruto’s face pale like a ghost and Riku knew that his point had been made. Finally, he presented them with shurifuns, explaining what each did, and a few more tags. Kakashi noticed new additions.

“What’s that tag? ESM? I don’t recognize it.” he said in curiosity after pulling a tag from its open box.

“Elemental Shrapnel Mine.”

“If it does what the name implies... Nasty.” he said and put a few tags inside his backpouch.

“What do you mean, Kakashi-sensei?” a curious Naruto asked.

“It’s an explosive tag which uses the force of the explosion to throw a hundred Senbon in all directions. If you activate it by channeling wind chakra, the senbon would be imbued with wind chakra or fire if you use fire etc...” the silver haired jonin explained to his student.

“Wow.”

“It’s a double edge kunai, though. All directions also means the one’s who threw it, so better take cover in the case you use one. I’m still working on the one direction version to hit only the enemy but I don’t have the time.”

Once everyone was geared up, Riku returned the time to normal and everyone exited the closet. Now ready, they went through the gate, registered their departure and began tree hopping west Towards the Land of Rivers. Hinata took point, thanks to her Byakugan followed by Yugao and Riku side by side. Behind them Naruto, then Sakura and then Kakashi who closed the formation. The Time Dilation effect of the Botib had been a godsend.

As they reached the Land of Wind’s border with the Land of Rivers, Hinata stopped in her tracks, prompting everyone to do the same.

“There is... something weird, 1.9km in the South, South-West direction.”

“What do you see?” Riku inquired.

“Nothing, and that’s the problem.” she replied with a frown.

“Why?” asked a confused Naruto.

“Something is obstructing my Byakugan and that shouldn't be possible unless someone puts special seals.”

“I doubt whoever put those seals did it to hide from the byakugan, especially when it would be seen as big as the nose on a face by it.” commented Yugao.

“... We’re checking this out. But first, let’s put in place the Botib. Kakashi, put a genjutsu on it to hide it please.”

“On it.”

Their escape route secured, they changed their destination and the teams made their way towards the anomaly. Hinata revealed that two people in black robes with red clouds were coming their way to intercept them. Their description allowed Kakashi to know who they were. Hoshigaki Kisame, former member of the seven swordsmen of Kiri and Konoha’s very own Uchiha Itachi.

“Hinata, fall back.” Riku ordered and took the lead. He made nine clones and dispelled eight right after their creation. When he saw the enemies approaching and stopped to prepare for battle, Riku and his clone didn’t stop, they charged faster. Right onto them. With his sudden burst of speed, he surprised them enough to take them off guard and hit them with his explosive strength. Kisame’s head was completely disintegrated while Itachi’s torso suffered the same fate. Their features started to change and reveal two Suna shinobi dead bodies. Waiting for the rest of his team, he examined the corpses.

“Not only are we on the right track but whatever is going on with Gaara needs them to be focused and undisturbed.” he said as soon as everyone got there.

“The real ones must not be far, we should hurry even more.” Kakashi added.

“Agreed.”

Five kilometers away. Itachi and Kisame opened their eyes from their meditative stance.

“That kid got us good. Know anything about him, Itachi?”

“No but from his appearance he may be the one who killed Sasori.”

"Itachi, Kisame, intercept them for good this time. We need one more hour to completely extract the ichibi. Without the two of you, one hour more."

"Yes, Leader-sama."

The mental connection broker and both nuke-nin got up.

"Dibs on the kid." said Kisame with his literal Shark smile.

The group arrived in some kind of lake where a huge boulder with a tag on it blocked the entrance to a huge cavern.

"It's a four point barrier." Riku said to himself aloud, looking at the tag.

"So?"

"We can't break it without removing all of the four other tags maintaining the barrier, Naruto." explained Sakura.

"If you're not a seal master, yes. That's the way to go."

"Thankfully, you're one." noted Kakashi.

"Not in barriers but that's alright I know an alternative."

He pulled out his brush and ink from his book of seals and began drawing a new one around the tag. "Kakashi, Naruto, you're taking Deidara on. Hinata, Sakura, secure Gaara and get him outside. Provide any medical assistance he needs. If the worst happens, the both of you will reverse summon to the Botib with him. Yugao and I we'll be taking care of Raiga."

Everyone indicated verbally that they understood their orders and Riku finished his seal.

"Alright. Be ready. Naruto?"

"Yeah?"

"Pump chakra into the seal I drew until the tag burst in flame."

"Got it!"

Moving in front, the orange knucklehead did as instructed. Ten seconds in and the barrier dissolved.

“Idiots. Always forgetting to put measures against an opposite number seal.”

“The four seals went up in flames too.” reported Hinata thanks to her Byakugan.

“Perfect. Good job Naruto, now get back all of you.”

Riku took a deep breath and punched the giant boulder, shattering it to smithereens.

‘Holy crap!’ he heard Naruto shout but paid it no mind, he got inside on the spot and like previously made 9 clones and dispelled 8. The clone went for Gaara who was on some kind of altar with his chakra being sucked out of him. Riku used the **Great Breakthrough** to push against the end wall of the cavern the Akatsuki members. Raiga was affected but Deidara made some kind of bird made of clay and dodged by taking to the sky. Yugao started her assault against Raiga and Riku joined her meanwhile Kakashi and Naruto followed their target that had fled outside. Sakura and Hinata were already on their way out with the clone carrying Gaara.

Riku stood in retreat letting Yugao deal with their opponent. He wasn’t a swordsman by any means but he was able to tell that she was more skilled with a blade than Raiga was. The only reason he was holding his own was because he had more strength and because of the lightning effect of both of his blades. Riku tried to use wind shurifui to minimize the lightning attacks of the Kiri nuke-nin but it was difficult with both fighting ninja never staying in their position more than long enough. The stalemate seemed to have annoyed the man who channeled a huge powerful lightning Justu to take Yugao out. Without thinking twice, Riku acted. He found himself in front of his friend and pumped a lot of his chakra into another **Great Breakthrough**. Air being a very poor electricity conductor, the wind of his jutsu served as a tool which dispersed the lightning bolts. They all passed around them. At this point it was a fight of stamina. Whoever ran out of steam would lose. Having faith in him, Yugao prepared herself to neutralize their opponent at a moment's notice. It came ten seconds later when Raiga, despite the help of his swords, couldn’t maintain the chakra flow anymore. In an instant Yugao was on him, severing his arms at the wrists, Riku being not far behind and putting a chakra sealing tag on the man’s forehead. Defeated and captured, the man ended up in a crate in Yugao’s own book of seals.

“So?” Riku asked, catching his breath.

“So, what?”

“How does it feel to have beaten in pure skill one of the seven swordsmen of the mist?” he grinned at her.

“...Good. I suppose.” she humbly replied but the excitement in her eyes was obvious.

“You’re going to use them?” he pointed at Raiga’s swords.

“The Kibas? I don’t know. Maybe? Or Maybe I’ll just hang them on my wall.”

“They would look nice above your TV or your couch facing the TV.”

Exiting the cave, they saw Hinata and Kakashi guarding an unconscious Gaara while Sakura pulled out a dozen of Senbon from Naruto’s back.

“He got caught in the blast?” Riku asked Kakashi.

“He got caught in the blast.” confirmed the jonin and Naruto ‘heyed’ in protest and pain as Sakura pulled out a senbon. “To be fair we wouldn’t have made it without his idea.”

“Oh?” exclaimed Yugao calmly.

“That maniac had the idea to put an ESM charged with lightning, attached to a Kunai. Deidara dodged the Kunai easily but the tag caught his presence and exploded. It destroyed the whole bird, nearly killed Deidara and well... Despite an earth wall, the senbons went through. I backed away just in case but Naruto didn’t.”

“Good job. Is Deidara secure?”

“Yes, but he will need heavy medical attention on the spot once unsealed. What about you?”

Yugao proudly showed him the Kiba blades and Kakashi whistle, clearly impressed.

“She’s even better than me at ‘disarming’ people.” he said with a chuckle.

“I only took his hands, not the whole arm.”

“Who did you disarm?” Hinata asked to get closer to Riku.

“The Sandaime.”

“That was you?!” Naruto exclaimed in outrage.

“To my defense it was poisoned and removing the arm saved his life. Besides, I helped in healing and reattaching it. If you ask him, you’ll find out he remembers that event with amusement.”

“Only you, Ri-kun. Only... Someone is approaching!” Hinata suddenly said, breaking down the good mood. “It’s... Itachi and Kisame.”

“Alright. Naruto, can you make some clones and henge them into us? Gaara included?”

“Sure.” the blonde ninja said and made seven clones who took the appearance of everyone present.

“Stall them as long as you can by talking. If a fight breaks out, have them stall even more. As for us, let's bail out back to the Botib.”

The whole group reverse summoned and found themselves in their mobile base. Riku activated the Time seal immediately while Kakashi picked up Gaara to bring him to the infirmary, following Sakura and Naruto.

“What do we do now?” Yugao asked.

“Suna may be closer and while the desert would prove advantageous against Kisame, the terrain is unfamiliar and in the open. Returning to Konoha is the better and safer option. Besides, I heard of Gaara's seal being unstable. Maybe Karin could do something about it?”

Both ladies in the room with him nodded. Yugao went to take a shower and Hinata was dragged inside the training room by Riku for some lovey-dovey time.

Chapter 38: A step forward

The return to Konoha had been a simple affair. Gaara had recovered before then and they had to stop using the Time Dilation seal. Suna may have been allies with the village and Gaara, Naruto's friend but that wasn't enough to reveal such an important S-rank secret. Of course the Kazekage would wonder how they could have acted so fast but he wouldn't have any proper answer. Who would think that someone could manipulate time with a seal after all?

He had been thankful for his rescue and a bit less to know that they were not on the way to his village but theirs instead. The knowledge that someone in Konoha could strengthen his seal was barely enough to put him in a better mindset. Tsunade, revealing who the Akatsuki were and what their goal was as far as she knew, had started talks about a Kage summit.

It was after this meeting that Tsunade finally revealed to Riku that the organization was hunting down the jinchuriki. She didn't have to explain what they were, he had read that term many times while studying Uzumaki Mito's scrolls. He was however surprised to learn that Naruto was the one of the Kyubi which finally explains why his chakra reserves were off the charts.

After sending an express message to Suna to warn them that their Kage was safe and sound in Konoha and explaining how that came to be, Riku was free of any assistance

duty to his sensei by his sensei. Yugao and Kakashi went to the hospital to release their respective prisoners and let the doctors try to save their lives. Raiga wasn't as much in critical condition as Deidara. Riku let them do their thing while he dragged Hinata away inside his Botib to spend a few hours intimately. No penetration was involved but Riku did spend most of the time between his moon princess' legs to her greatest pleasure and torture. When they separated, the sun was setting and he went to Ino's place of work. Friday had been the previous day and he had missed their date. He was sure Ino would be upset but not at him, at life in general. After all it wasn't his fault he had to be away on mission at the time and he was almost certain she knew that and won't blame him. Especially since he intended to take her out tonight instead.

He looked through the shop's window to see if she was working today and yes she was. What he didn't expect was for a shinobi he didn't know, trying to chat her up and Ino being somehow flirty back. His first reflex, his first thought was that thinking he was away she could drop the act she put on with him. He discarded it however, trying to not let his memories influence him. What he did instead of barreling inside, murdering the guy and pointing fingers in accusation, was to take a deep breath, then another and another. Feeling ready to tackle the situation, he entered the shop. The two people were so engrossed in talking that they didn't notice him, which was perfect for spying in his opinion. Getting an idea he looked around and noticed Magenta Lilacs. Not hesitating a second he took half a dozen of them and made a small bouquet.

"... free tonight?" the guy asked.

"I am but I have a boyfriend, sorry."

"He must not be a good one if you're all alone on a Saturday night."

"He's on a mission actually."

"Well, even more reasons to go on a date since he's absent. He'll never know."

"Are you sure about that?"

Riku had had enough and had heard everything he needed. Ino wasn't playing him and the guy's face was about to be intimately introduced to his own asshole.

Hearing his voice, Ino looked around the customer and beamed when she saw him. Said customer however, frowned and turned around, clearly not happy for being interrupted.

"Who are you?"

"The boyfriend. Now, I believe you should go before you humiliate yourself further."

“Humiliate myself further? Do you know who I am? I could arrest you and put you in jail for-”

The self importance of the guy made Riku snap. His hand was as fast as lightning and gripped the young man by the throat and squeezed.

“I’m Warudo Riku, the Godaime Hokage, Senju Tsunade’s apprentice. One of the only two seal masters in the village and beloved by the whole Anbu. Whoever you are? Doesn’t matter to me one bit because I’m more important to Konoha than you are and ever will be. So here is what is going to happen. I’m going to punch your mouth for running it then drag you to the precinct where you will confess to your abuse of authority. M’kay?”

Without giving the possible member of the MP the opportunity to respond, Riku knocked him out with one punch and let him fall to the ground. He barely had the time to look from the guy to Ino that she jumped over the counter and then on him with so much strength that he fell backward to the ground. Her lips were on his before he could understand what was happening. Ino gave everything she had into that kiss. When she pulled back he could see the absolute lust in her eyes. He didn’t try to formulate a sentence, instead he presented his bouquet, which surprised her. A flower mistress like Ino knew what the Magenta Lilacs meant and love joined the lust in her beautiful light-blue orbs.

“Hinata is safe and sound. And I’m sorry for standing you up yesterday.” he said as he put a hand on her hips and another against her cheek. His thumb passed over her lips and Ino immediately took it in her mouth and sucked it with everything she was worth.

‘Yeah, she’s pent up alright.’ “I was thinking of taking you out on our date tonight but clearly-”

“You, me, closet. **NOW!**” she said as she stood up and went to the back room in a hurry.

Riku created a kage bunshin which took the down guy away to the MP central and waited for Ino. She was a blur when she came back, moving fast, pushing him outside the shop and closing it. Once done she gave him a look and took her in a princess carry before shushining away to a secluded place in the forest. He made a clone to guard the Botib he had unsealed and both he and his sun princess went inside. Jumping out of his arms, she made a beeline for the bedroom area.

“We’re having that date once we’re done!” she shouted and Riku activated the Time seal, shaking his head in amusement.

Immediately after, he went through the bedroom’s door and the sight made him hard on the spot. Ino was facing him on the bed, kneeling with her legs spread. Her only articles of clothing were a dark purple fishnet thigh high stocking and a dark purple garter. She

had one breast in her hand, lifting it up and playing with her nipple while her other hand was caressing a very dripping wet pussy. The small puddle already started to form right below it and her honey pot glistened under the light, including her neat and trimmed patch of blonde hair right above it.

“Hurry!” she said in desperation and need but Riku took his time.

“You look like you’re going to self combust.”

“I will if you don’t take care of me! I’ve been horny since yesterday in anticipation for our date! You taking that guy out like a possessive macho man made it ten times worse! Please baby! I need you! I need your cock!” she begged and pleaded.

“More like you need cocks.”

“Yeah! But you only have one! At least you have the stamina! Now stop talking an-”

She shut up on the spot, and stop did her finger going in and out of her pussy, when he created two shadow clones. After recovering from her small shock understanding the new possibilities and what was going to happen, her mind was completely gone.

“BRING THEM HERE, NOW!”

Riku didn’t need to be ordered twice and spent the next six hours fucking Ino in any way she wanted until she was completely out like a light because of exhaustion. They slept a good ten hours afterwards to recuperate from the ordeal. There was no morning blowjob awaiting him when Riku woke up but they did share a shower for the first time and he loved the experience. The intimacy between them and how caring Ino was in washing his body. Her love was truly genuine, he realized once again and he couldn’t help but feel the same way.

Once out of the shower and properly clothed They left the Botib hand in hand and Riku brought her to one of the few restaurants that he knew could welcome him even if they would overcharge him. After years of apprenticeship under Tsunade, there were still people too stupid to realize their mistakes. When they entered the establishment he chose, two people were getting out.

“Yuuna? Gou?”

“Riku!” his former temporary teammate exclaimed seeing him. “It’s been years! How are you doing?”

“Well, you can see for yourself.” he replied waving up and down his hand at Ino by his side in a *‘Look at that, isn’t she great?’* motion and Yuuna good heartedly whistle in a joking manner.

"Guess you won the jackpot, eh? I just have this one!" she pointed with her thumb at Gou, right behind her who rolled his eyes.

"At least he has excellent stamina." he replied, making her snort. "Ino, this is Tanaka Yuuna and behind her is Akiyama Gou. Guys this is Yamanaka Ino." he introduced everyone then turned to Ino. "They were my teammates during the chunin exam."

"Oh, I remember now! You two fought in the first round of the finals! Wow, that was one hell of a match! The only one interesting actually, except your other one with Lee."

"I may have lost this one, but I sure as hell got my revenge in bed one day." said Gou with a chuckle and got an elbow from Yuuna.

"I'm glad you found someone, Riku. I always feared you'd never move on from me." joked Yunna and Riku looked at Ino then back at Yuuna. "Who are you again?"

"You ass!" she replied with no heat in her words. "And you were so cute back then."

"Girly boy." both Gou and Riku reminded her.

"I should probably take her away, cause you're way more manly looking now. Who knows what stupid ideas she'll get in her mind." Gou said.

He took Yuuna by the hand and they left the restaurant promising to 'see you around'. Ino and Riku took a private room with a window and quickly made their order.

"They seemed nice." Ino commented.

"They are. Gou doesn't talk that much but he's a really good companion. Yuuna is... A very very watered down version of you? Not quite nearly as beautiful either." he ended with a compliment for her and earned a peck on the lips for that.

The food was good and Riku wanted a dessert but Ino's barefoot foot sensually going up his leg to rest on his groin which she began to massage, was a clear indication of what she wanted for her dessert. As a result he quickly paid their bill (which as expected was grossly inflated) and left. They walked hand in hand, their fingers intertwined back to the Senju manor. Or at least it was his first idea before he changed his mind and changed direction. Ino didn't understand where he was leading her until she recognized the way to the Hokage monument. They went beyond the rail, stopping people from falling down the cliff and landed on Tsunade's head. He took her in his embrace from behind and Ino melted against his chest. They don't know how long they stayed like that, looking at the lights of the village or the light of the moon and the stars but they didn't care.

"I... have a confession to make." he said and Ino turned her head up to look at him questingly.

"When I arrived at the flower shop and saw you flirting with that guy through the window I..."

"I wasn't." she denied.

"I know! I know! Just... Please let me talk. I thought you were and... And my brain went to a very dark place for a moment. I thought... that I was seeing you without the usual mask you wear around me, that it was your true colors. It was a fleeting thought. One that I didn't like and refused to acknowledge. It was still there though so I... made a choice that I shouldn't even have had to make in the first place. I... I trusted you but needed to verify that my trust was not misplaced. So I got inside and since you were busy talking with him, I just listened with one ear while I made your bouquet. What I heard... From his mouth, I mean... It made my blood boil. I wanted to punch him into a bloody mist on the spot. Because you are mine and nobody takes what's mine. The answers you gave him made me feel better. I... what I'm trying to say Ino is that... I want more than just wanting a serious relationship with you. This date tonight? I want more. A lot more and I think that while I'm not yet quite there... that I chose to trust you, despite my traitorous thoughts, is a big step towards it. So... Ino, would you like to be my girlf-"

She kissed him before he could fully ask her the question. She had tears of joy in her eyes and a bright smile from ear to ear.

"Yes, you stud. I'll be your girlfriend." she replied with her face an inch from his own and her arms around his neck.

"Stud? Not baby?"

"After what you did to me for six hours, you've been upgraded to stud."

"I liked, baby."

"Then I'll keep using it. Now If you excuse me, I remember I didn't have a dessert." she said and got on her knees with her hands reaching for his belt.

He didn't know why but that was the best blowjob she ever gave him so far because he never came that fast. When he saw her painted white face, and her expression of bliss he got hard again on the spot. He didn't give her the time to clean herself and picked her up. Five minutes later they were inside his bedroom in the Senju manor, making a good impressive showing of who loved the other more.

When morning came and once Ino had her special breakfast, she moved up from between his legs and straddled him.

"How are things going with Hinata?" she asked, looking down at him and putting her hands on his own as he began playing with her voluminous chest.

"Once the debrief with sensei was done, I brought her inside the Botib. We didn't have sex but she sure as hell was naked and with her legs spread. I spent hours with my head between them. She was a quivering mess when I was done.

"She told me about your little break during her training the other day. I'm surprised you didn't take her virginity here and there."

"I nearly did but I thought that it was too fast too soon. She was in a trance, she didn't even notice she had two of fingers inside of her. I didn't want her to regret doing it because she was horny. When she'll do it, it will be because she's emotionally ready for it."

"You have way more self control than I do. I can't help myself when I see her naked when we're at the Hot Springs. I even have wet dreams about her, you know? Sometimes the Hokage is there too. Big boobs pressed against big boobs."

"I wonder when you went from you liking emo boys to loving women too."

"Anko's training. That was when. She may be insane but fuck does she have one hell of a body. I couldn't tear my eyes off of it."

His alarm clock rang and both sighed. Their time together in bed was over. Riku needed to get up and make breakfast for everyone. He got out of bed with Ino still on him and let her down gently on the bed. He put a boxer and a shirt on and went to the kitchen. A minute later Ino did the same but sat at the kitchen counter, watching him work in silence.

Both Shizune and Tsunade were surprised to see her present. Usually Ino would sneak out but not this time apparently.

"My baby and I are official now." the young blond said to the older women and was congratulated for it.

As Riku put down her plate in front of Tsunade, he kissed her on the cheek. "Don't worry, sensei. You're still my number one blonde, you're just sharing the spot now."

"Just so you know, you can still keep playing with him as long as you remember he's mine first."

"W-Wha-" Shizune stuttered while Tsunade stopped mid bite.

“Shizune-san, your room smelled like post Riku exhaustion one time when I went to see him and your door was opened. Tsunade-sama, you forgot to put a soundproof seal once when the two of you were alone and when I was visiting clandestinely.”

Both Tsunade and Shizune were red as hell at being caught red-handed.

“Ino-”

“I know, Tsunade-sama. It would be a disaster if that knowledge spreaded but I wanted to level the field between us. To be on the same page. As I said, I don’t mind what you’re doing but he’s mine.”

“I feel like an object being passed around.” Riku said, taking a seat next to his girlfriend. She put her free hand in the crook of his leg and caressed it slowly but naturally.

“Are you really complaining?”

“Nope. I’m not that mad.”

Ino smirked and breakfast went on. She couldn’t wait to tell her mother, Hinata and Karin the news.

Chapter 39: Red Hot

Riku looked down at the huge trail of ink which completely ruined the seal he was working on. Never has he messed up a seal like that. Ever. There was a reason why the seal was completely messed up and that reason was none other than one Uzumaki Karin. To be more exact, her request.

“I’m sorry, what? Can you repeat that for me, please?” he said looking at the redhead.

“I said ‘I want you to use your **Boob Expansion Jutsu** on me’.”

“...So I heard that right. Why?”

“I don’t know, why would I want you to use a jutsu that makes breasts bigger on my own breasts?” was the answer dripping with sarcasm the dirty blonde got.

“Karin...” he began putting his brush down and turning to the side to face her. “You don’t need that Jutsu, your chest is-”

“SMALL! Between Ino and Hinata, I feel dwarfed!”

“Great, Karin. Your chest is great.”

“Does it matter? I want them bigger, so please make them bigger.”

“... Fine, I'll do it but I swear if this is for some guy...”

“It's not! I just... I want to feel part of the group you know? Tsunade, Hinata, Ino, even sensei has relatively big boobs.”

Riku sighed and passed his hand over his face. He stood up from his seat and invited her to follow him in his bedroom.

“Alright, first thing first? You'll need to have your girls right in the open. No bra or anything restricting them.” he began and went to his closet to pull out one of his two large hoodies and gave it to her. “Second: It will take time. My control of the Iryoken is not perfect but I'm more than good enough at it so the cellular division will be faster but considering the growth you had... multiple use may be necessary or I would have to have my hands on you at all times to speed up the process a bit. I'm talking about hours, Karin. Are you sure-”

“It's fine. It's not like it's anyone else doing it. It's you.”

“If you say so. Third, you're going to be tired and hungry for a while.”

“And?”

“And what?”

“Anything else?”

“No, that's it.”

“Then get to it!”

He moved to the big mirror that Ino just ‘needed’ to have in his room for when she visited, picked it up and put it in front of the bed. He sat on it in a lotus position and Karin, understanding what she needed to do, sat in his lap facing the mirror and showing him her back. She removed her shirt then her bra and stayed like this. The many bite marks on her body were barely visible anymore.

“You're not going to put the hoodie on?”

“How am I going to see exactly if the size feels right if I'm wearing it?”

“Right.”

She took his hands from behind her and put them on her modest B-cup. Riku noticed they were Side Set ones. Since she was clearly ready he began to use his Iryoken on her. It was a tedious task done in silence. He had to monitor the cells constantly to make sure that nothing would go wrong and Karin had to watch herself in the mirror constantly to be ready to tell him to stop.

After three hours, things became awkward. Riku could feel the change in size and weight with his bare hands. Karin's boobs were now nearly as big as Ino and thinking of his girlfriend or with Karin, naked and with the same breasts made him react down there. Badly. There was no way his patient wasn't aware of him having an erection since she was sitting on it. Neither of them said anything however.

One hour more and Karin asked him to stop which he did and he removed his hands.

"They look... perfect." the redhead said, carrying her tits in the palm of her hands.
"Look."

She turned around without shame for Riku to witness their new size. He had to admit, they really looked good. Her nipples were thicker than long and her areolas were really small.

"They're inverted, you know."

"Hm?" was his intelligent reply as he raised his head to look her in the eye.

"My nipples. They're the inverted type. They're out now because your fucking log got me all hot!" she said with a bit of heat in her voice which confused Riku a bit.

"I'm so-..."

He was so confused that he didn't react in time when Karin used her chains to tie him up, suppressing his chakra at the same time. In truth, he didn't even notice because Karin had kissed him at the same time. Riku tried to pull back but the redhead pushed forward, not letting him go.

"Karin! What the hell?!" he shouted when she broke the kiss.

"I WAS SCARED!" she yelled.

"So you kissed me?!"

"What?! No! I kissed you because I love you, stupid! I was scared to lose you if we broke up! That's why!... That's why I turned you down, despite wanting to say yes. You were my best friend, the only one who truly accepted me fully in the village. Sure Ino was a great friend and Hinata and I, we were getting to know each other a lot better but

Ino was friends with Sakura and they were closer and Hinata I got to know her through you and Ino. I only had you to really relate. I couldn't lose that." she confessed.

"..." He didn't quite know what to say. He had been madly in love with her and in a way he still did love her. Now, hearing that things could have been different... "I'm not mad at your rejection. What I am mad about is that less than a week after it, you were already with some guy after telling me you didn't have time for a relationship."

"He meant nothing! He just... asked me out and I... changed my mind but only because I knew it wouldn't last more than a few weeks. He was safe, I wouldn't have cared if we separated and I didn't when we did.."

"That's the most ridiculous thinking I've ever heard, Karin."

"Yeah?!" she exclaimed unhappily and pushed him down on his back against the mattress. "Guess what? I don't care! Because it doesn't matter!" she straddled him and lowered herself down for another kiss.

"Wait! What about Ino?"

That made the redhead stop. What she was doing was forcing herself on her friend's boyfriend. A friend she respected, trusted and loved and that she didn't want to betray. At the same time to say she loved Riku very very much was an understatement. It has been love at first sight for her.

"Are you really the type of person who betrays their closest friends for their own gain?"

"... No. But it's you... I... can't not have you. Not be with you. I can't do it anymore. It kills me to see you with her when I'm on the sideline."

"You made it that way, Karin."

"I KNOW!" she shouted and began to cry. "I know! B-but... What am I supposed to do?"

"A talk with Ino would be a good start. Releasing me would be another."

She looked at him through her eyeglasses and tried to discern any ulterior motive. Not seeing any she removed her chains and let him free. He used his renewed freedom to embrace her and pull her down against his chest to give her some comfort.

"It's going to be fine. I promise." he said, letting his finger go through her red mane.

"I-If you lie, I'll..."

“Do nothing, because I’m not lying. Now come on. No matter how much I love seeing you topless, new boobs or not, you can’t go out in public like this, so put something on and we’ll meet with Ino for that talk.”

Karin nodded weakly. She got off of him and simply put his hoodie on. Not like she had any other choice. Her own top was now too small and so was her bra. Riku’s shirts were all a thigh fit for him and with her new situation may look ridiculous on her. The hoodie was the best option and even then she had some difficulty closing the zipper.

“I’m ready.” was all she said and took Riku’s hand in hers as if she would get lost without him and his support.

They exited the manor and shushined through the village to reach the Yamanaka flower shop. Ino was there but so was her mother. Just when he was about to enter the shop a mission bird landed on his shoulder. Taking a deep breath, he pushed the shop’s door open and dragged Karin in.

“Hello~” he greeted and the two ladies in the shop turned towards him.

“Welcome!” Ino’s mom said with a knowing smile while her daughter put down the flower she had in hands and went to kiss her boyfriend. The kiss was just a peck however and she frowned at that.

“Sorry, but I just received a summon. Any more and I won’t be able to answer it.” he replied apologetically. “Karin and you need to have a talk. Having Hinata present should be better.”

Ino looked behind Riku to see her redhead friend with her boyfriend hoodie. The huge bulge in the chest area nearly made her eyes pop out of their orbits.

“I don’t get why but I may have an idea. Stay safe, okay?” She added the last part looking from Karin to him.

“I will.”

He waved goodbye to the total milf that was Yamanaka Noriko and left the shop in a hurry but not before giving a confident smile to Karin.

Making his way with haste to the Hokage Tower, he was for once not the first to arrive in front of his sensei. Yugao was already present.

“You called, sensei?”

“I did. I need Team Yukari to go to the Land of Iron. The kazekage is insisting on a Kage summit and while I do agree, I don’t hold any hope of the other villages responding. Even if they do, I don’t believe we would come to an understanding regarding Akatsuki.

Not even a simple sharing of information. Now, why I sent you there is to meet the leader of the Lands of the Samurai: Mifune. To warn him of a potential attack from Akatsuki at the summit.”

“Why would they? Apart from sowing chaos among the villages by killing the kage and making it easier for them to capture the jinchuriki, I don’t see any advantage in attacking during the summit.” asked Riku.

“It’s just in case. I doubt they will but they lost three of their members thanks to Team Yukari and it’s not easy to find and then recruit S-rank nuke-nin. That, and their relative anonymity would disappear with the summit. Regardless, Team Yukari is going.” Tsunade said with finality and tossed him a scroll. “Everything about Akatsuki that we know about is in there. It’s for Mifune.”

Riku knew he was dismissed and left with Yugao.

“Any idea where he is?”

“There was a sale for the new Icha Icha today.” the purple haired kunoichi replied as if she was talking about the weather. That threw Riku out of a loop.

“And how do you know that, Yugao-chan? Would you happen to be a fan?”

“Not particularly, no. I did buy a few out of curiosity but I don’t really see the appeal, the writing is not that great in my opinion.” she answered with a shrug of her shoulders.

“You know... I made a vibrating toy for Shizune-senpai, if you need-”

“No, thank you.”

With such a curt reply, Riku didn’t insist further on talking about this particular topic. Instead he switched to the samurais. As a swordswoman herself, he was curious to hear her opinion about them and her expectations for when they were in the Land of Iron. Any answer would have to wait for a later time because Kakashi shushined in right in front of them.

“Yo!” He greeted with a two finger salute and an eye smile.

“You’re late taicho, so you don’t get to lead.”

“Mah~ That’s fine.” he answered, pulling out the new version of Icha Icha from his back pouch. “What’s the mission?”

“We’re going to the Land of Iron to meet their boss and deliver a scroll on Akatsuki. Preemptive measure against them in case of a kage summit.”

The silver haired jonin nodded and began to walk alongside his teammates.

“So? Any new seals since our last mission?” the man asked, reading his book.

Riku raised an eyebrow at Kakashi's sudden interest in his creation. Even Yugao was disturbed by this unusual behavior and looked at the pervert from the corner of her eyes.

“Nope. I'm too busy finishing my version of the Hiraishin.”

That not only caught Kakashi's attention, that made him lower his book.

“You're working on the Hiraishin?”

“Yes. Sensei gave me her uncle's and the Yondaime's notes for it three months back.”

“And did you say ‘finishing’? As in, you're almost done with it?”

“Yeah. It wasn't that difficult in truth. The hardest part was to stop myself bashing my head against a wall once I understood the theory behind their way of making it work and their means to do so.”

“Why?” Yugao inquired.

“Because they're retards, that's why. Those idiots... They got half the space-time theory wrong and used moronics ways to make it work. Somehow everything got balanced weirdly and worked but in such an inefficient way that it's not even funny. Now I can give a small pass to the Nidaime, after all he started from scratch, but the Yondaime? He piled his own mistakes on the Nidaime's mistakes and for such bad returns.”

Kakashi wanted to say something to defend his sensei's name on principle. Unfortunately he was pants at seals and Riku could manipulate Time, so whatever he said would be meaningless. It blew his mind that both men, considered to be complete prodigies, were seen as idiots by someone not even twenty years old.

‘Sensei had to study the Nidaime's notes for years before he succeeded in creating his own version of the Hiraishin and he had Kushina and Uzumaki fuinjutsu scrolls to help.’

As usual they entered the Botib before leaving to gear up for the mission they left through the North gate. They took their time to travel, roughly a week of trees hoping to reach the border with the Land of Iron and one week more to reach the capital of the country. Since samurais didn't like ninjas much, they travelled on the road at normal speed. After multiple checks of them and of their diplomatic documents they finally were able to Mifune. In Riku's opinion, the man was what a samurai should be, the embodiment of discipline. Despite his strict politeness the man gave them a warm

greeting or so Riku thought. After giving him Tsunade's scroll, they waited for him to read every single document contained inside.

"Hm...I'm not sure I like the idea of my country being used as bait to set a trap."

"It's more of a precaution than anything. The land of Iron has always been neutral and its neutrality is the perfect place for a summit, unfortunately it also offers the perfect opportunity for an organization hostile to everyone gathered to strike." said Kakashi.

"It's not even sure the other villages would respond to the invitation to such a summit. As my teammate said, it's more of a precaution than anything. It would be discourteous to not warn you of the possibility of the danger involved should you host the summit. Just because the relationship between our nations is neutral doesn't mean it can't be polite, cordial and honest." Riku added.

"That was well spoken and true." the samurai replied then after a moment of deep reflection, gave Team Yukari an answer. "I will consent to host a Kage summit should one happen and the security will be tightened for the occasion. As for this... Akatsuki... I'm afraid I can't really help you with them regarding information. My country is rather isolationist and we don't use mercenaries. We will be keeping our ears opened however. Many samurai travel the world to train and often hear things here and there."

The team thanked the country leader for his understanding and cooperation then took their leave but not before Yugao could request a spar. Internally, Riku knew it would end that way.

Chapter 40: So, this happened

Hiruzen felt a bit nostalgic of the scene before him.

Pipe in mouth, smoking it? Check. In the Hokage office? Check. Two teammates *'done with Riku's shit'* ? Check. A simple messaging B-rank mission turned into A-rank or dare he say, S-rank Mission? Check. Finally, Riku with his now familiar smile that said *'I did it again and I'm not even sorry one bit'* ? Check.

The only thing that did **not** check was that he wasn't the one sitting behind the desk and wearing the hat. And he was very very glad for that.

Tsunade looked at Team Yukari with an unreadable expression for a moment. She then opened the right drawer of her desk, pulled out a half full bottle of sake and checked the content with a diagnostic jutsu. It apparently yielded no results when she opened it and served herself a drink and one for her sensei who gladly took it.

"You killed Orochimaru." she stated.

"Yes, Hokage-sama." answered Kakashi.

"On a simple diplomatic mission to the Land of Iron."

"Yes, sensei."

"And also killed Yakushi Kabuto and brought back an alive Uchiha Sasuke."

"We did, Hokage-sama. He's sealed inside Taicho's BoS." This time it was Yuugo's turn to answer.

Tsuande gulped down the drink she poured to herself, then let out a long sigh.

"Alright. How?"

Team Yukari members looked at each other and had a silent conversation. Whatever it was, Riku seemed to have been chosen to report in detail the happenings of their mission. He signed to Tsunade to put the office in lock-down and she immediately did so. Clearly, with Orochimaru involved there were bound to be some nasty secrets that shouldn't be heard by anyone. She was glad Karin had upped the seals because they were not as good as both she and Hiruzen thought they were.

"Well... On our way back to the village, we decided to cut straight through the Land of Sound instead of making a bit of a detour to avoid it. We used the Botib to take some rest. Kakashi had put a genjutsu on it to hide it. Anyway, just as he was exiting it, he noticed a team of Oto-nin hurrying, going somewhere. Thinking that we may have perhaps a lucky lead in finding Otogakure or at the very least an underground complex that the interrogation of the two Oto-nins we captured during the failed Sasuke's retrieval mission didn't reveal, we stealthily went into pursuit. It proved fruitful when we arrived at a hidden entrance right under the roots of a giant tree. Right there we decided to infiltrate it not wanting to perhaps miss a great opportunity to find some information about Orochimaru. It hasn't been easy but we successfully did, eliminating along the way and discreetly any Oto shinobis by using multiple Katusyu-chan to spy and give us an advantage. She found out that Orochimaru, Kabuto and Sasuke were there. The first two were in Orochimaru's private quarters. From what we gathered it was nearly time for him to switch bodies and was quite in a weakened state thus requiring Kabuto's constant help and monitoring.

I put a barrier around the room, locked and secured the door then finally I added a Time seal to it. I accelerated the time inside greatly. One second outside was a week inside and we waited thirty seconds. When we got in, both were dead. Just to be sure we separated their heads from their shoulders. After a quick examination I determined that Orochimaru took possession of Kabuto's healthier body and fed on his former one to survive and find a way out. I sealed them in my BoS and we went to look for Sasuke.

With Katsuyu-chan it didn't take long. This time I put a vacuum seal on the barrier surrounding his room to make him lose consciousness by asphyxia. It worked and Kakashi sealed his former student inside his own BoS.

Afterwards, we abandoned the furtive approach a bit and eliminated every Oto-nin and Orochimaru's horrendous experiments leaving no survivor. With the base cleaned up we took our time to look for all the information we could find and sensei... we found a damn lot."

Riku put out his BoS, and flipped the pages until he found the one he was looking for. He unsealed what was in the storage and two files came out of it. Tsunade, with Hiruzen having a look above her shoulder, released a lot of killing intent when they saw the content of those files.

"You should have killed him decades ago, sensei." the blonde woman said, gritting her teeth in anger. "Once again your sentimentality..."

"If I may, sensei. The reason Konoha-nins work in a team is precisely for this kind of situation. Nobody is perfect and that's why we have teammates to do what we can't, just like we can do what they can't. If anything, it's elder Mitokado and Utatane's fault, most of all, to not have dealt with the man when Sandaime's sama couldn't. It's also his sentimentality that allowed you to not be declared a missing-nin when you were away from the village."

That cut short Tsunade's rant. Hiruzen was grateful for the intervention and began to think about when did his teammates begin to fail him? As years went on, they less and less supported him in his decisions and put the blame on his head when he failed. Most notably dealing with Orochimaru all those years ago.

"... How are we approaching this? Multiple counts of high treason, bloodline theft and who knows how many more crimes..." the Hokage wondered aloud more to herself than anything but was open to ideas.

"My take on it is, you summoned the elders for an urgent meeting and have him killed on the spot."

"I like this idea." Kakashi voiced his opinion.

"Not like I don't agree but he's an elder of the village, I can't..."

"Genin or Hokage. It doesn't matter, Tsunade. We're all Shinobi of the leaf and we're all equals under our laws. Had it been a genin, he would have been executed on the spot." Hiruzen commented. "If you give him time for a trial he **will** get away one way or another."

"It will also remind Sandaime-sama's teammates that they can be replaced at any time. They still have their jobs because you never bothered to choose someone else, Hokage-sama." Yugao gave her two ryo.

After thinking about it for a bit, Tsunade agreed with the plan.

"Alright but I want him restrained first for a Yamanaka to mind dive and get everything they can out of him."

"I can put chakra restrictive seals under his seat. He won't be able to move or mold chakra."

"Alright. Yugao, go find me Inoichi and tell him to drop anything he's doing. I want him to be ready."

"That left root to deal with."

"Kakashi, you're in charge of that. I want Team Yukari leading the assault. You're free to recruit any shinobi you know you can trust to capture or wipe out any root Anbu."

"Root?" Inquired Riku from the side.

"It's a separate black ops operation who obey only him." Hiruzen forwarded. "I ordered him to disband it years ago but he did not."

"And you didn't... nevermind." the dirty blonde dismissed quickly, knowing the answer to his question already.

"Alright. We're doing this two days from now. I want Root to be rooted out during Danzo's interrogation. That way, they won't see it coming. The news that Orochimaru is dead will be contained until then. So is the knowledge of Uchiha Sasuke being retrieved."

With her final words on the situation, Tsunade deactivated the lock down seals and Team Yukari separated. Riku stayed behind a bit to talk with her.

"Just out of curiosity... What's going to happen to him?"

"Sasuke, you mean?" She asked more to verify it was the person Riku was talking about.

"Yes."

"A meeting with Ibiki then one with Inoichi then execution."

"No sperm sample? No sharingan removal?"

"We may remove his sharingan and give it to someone else. However it's a bit tricky because of the laws pertaining to the clans and I don't think it will pass because it would create a precedent. The Hyuga sure won't agree to it. As for the sperm sample... Do we want the Uchiha back?"

"More sharingan users is always a plus, except most of them are instinctively... Well born with a stick up the ass. The problem is the weight their name carries and the privilege they have. Better take all the fortune and knowledge of the clan before they make a comeback. And the children should be raised into a proper environment, the mothers carefully selected..." Hiruzen commented.

"Hmm...It's a lot to think about."

"Your uncle would have let them rot."

"Of course he would have, he hated them."

"He did not, actually. He was wary of them, yes but he didn't hate them."

"Really?" Tsunade asked for confirmation in surprise.

"Yes. They were power hungry and entitled, that's why he gave them the responsibility of the Military Police. To placate them and make sure they couldn't have a member of their clan as Hokage. No one would have accepted an Uchiha at the head of the village while the clan was leading the MP. Too much power for one clan. The other clans would have opposed it."

While he found this history lesson fascinating, Riku wanted to go. So he bid them goodbye and left. He visited the Yamanaka flower shop where Ino worked but it was closed. That surprised him a bit and left him with only one more place to check to possibly find out where his girlfriend was. Shushining away, he arrived at Hinata's and his secret training spot and was happy to find his moon princess there. She wasn't training but simply enjoying nature, with her bare feet inside the river's cool water.

"Enjoying the calm and quiet?" he asked as he came behind her slowly.

"Yes. A rare occasion with Ino and Krain." she japed as she turned her head around to look at him.

He approached her and gave her a kiss. Positioning himself behind he put his arms around her lower abdomen.

"How is it going? Took over your clan in the month I was gone?" he asked, making her huffed in amusement.

"I wish but no. That will take a few more years. I wish for Hanabi to be seen as an adult when that happens so that the elders would face a united front without them using her as an excuse for being a child."

"Conveniently forgetting she's been a full fledged kunoichi for the past two, almost three years. From what I heard, she's kicking the Sandaime's grandson's ass pretty regularly."

"She does." Hinata confirmed with a giggle, finding the relationship between her little sister and Konohamaru amusing. It was a routine at this point. The young man pissed Hanabi off and she hit him in return. On and on. It was obvious to everyone around them that they liked each other but were either too dense or too proud to admit it. Her father openly frowned at that, his daughter was *'too young to frolic with boys'* and that she should *'stay away from them like her older sister'*. Hinata nearly broke out laughing when she heard that. If her father only knew what she got on with Riku, he'd be frothing at the mouth at the very least. Thinking about her private activities with the man she loved led her mind to think about the changes in their relationship, Most notably regarding Karin.

"We talked, you know. The girls and I." was how she breached the topic trying to hide her nervousness.

"Girls? So Ino went to you to play mediator, like I suggested?"

"She did and I did. I... love Karin. As much as I love Ino but... Where does it end, Riku? How many more women will I have to share you with?"

That Riku accepted her feelings had made her happy, despite the situation at the time. Ino had staked claim on him years ago and she had been nice enough to include her into the relationship because their friendship meant a lot. Hinata had been happy at that development, not completely of course because she would have to share him but it was with Ino and somehow it was fine. It became more and more fine as Ino did wonderful things to her and her body when Riku was not in the village or too busy. The addition of Karin to the mix had complicated things. With Ino she only had to 'compete' with her. Ino was a daring extravert and she was a soothing introvert. The problem at hand was that Karin was as extraverted than Ino and as demanding. Hinata, while accepting of her, was worried she'd be left out and more importantly, was worried that more girls would put their claws in Riku, making him even more distant and leaving her even more behind.

"None. I can count on one hand the women I have strong feelings for. There is of course you, then Ino, Karin, Yugao and sensei. Yugao is off limits and sensei is sensei. There is no one else and there will be no one else. No matter what anyone says. I already feel blessed for being with one of you and would have been fine with that. **You** and Ino decided to share and apparently Karin too and I will do my very best to keep deserving your interest and love. That means, I will treat all three of you with equity. If you're

worried that you will be left behind, then be reassured that it will not happen. One reason among other is because I don't think I will be able to keep my mind intact with the onslaught of Ino **and** Karin. Not without you by my side to do it. Another reason is..." he began to say then leaned against her ear to whisper "You taste the best."

Hinata rolled her eyes but she blushed at the inappropriate compliment. She didn't protest when his hands found themselves under her jacket and shirt to rest just below her navel.

"There is no one else, Hinata. Can you even name a girl or a woman I'm close to like I'm close to you or our friends?"

She took a moment to think about it and only found Shizune. The woman was more of a big sister to Riku though from what Ino said, they had some sexy time after each night shift. They weren't dating, they weren't spending time together romantically so it was... She was accepting of it. For now. Otherwise there was really no other woman in his life but the ones he named.

"The only female that would count would be our daughter if we have one."

"You're really serious about children?" she asked, turning her head to look at him for confirmation.

"I am. I really want a family. For you to be one day our children's mom." he replied, burying his head in the crook of her neck.

"... Then... I suppose we'll need to practice a lot if we ever want those children." he suggested, grabbing the back of his head with her hand. Understanding what she meant, Riku pulled back his head to look at her.

"Hinata, are you..."

"Yes. I'm ready." The smile she gave him could have lit the whole Senju manor for a year.

"I hope you're not saying this because of Karin."

"I... am not. Though, I would be very upset if she gets to have you before me."

"Then prepare yourself, my moon princess, because I'm taking you on a date that you-."

"Right now." she cut in.

"... Right now?" he asked, blinking in confusion.

“Right. Now.” she insisted. “So you better bring me back to your room before I change-
...”

Riku picked her up in his arms and shushined away. There was no way he would miss the opportunity to bed the bluenette. Not on his life.