

# When The Stars Don't Shine

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*When Sasuke finally defeats his brother, he comes back to Konoha. But what will Sakura do? Will she choose the path of GOOD.....or EVIL? Read to find out!*

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# 1 - Why?

This story takes place "after" Sasuke returns from finally defeating his brother. I don't own Naruto either....

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The wind picked up as Sakura shivered, holding her knees up to her chest. "Why do I even bother? Sasuke doesn't like me, he doesn't like anyone." She was practically beating herself up. Sakura had numerous flashbacks of when she was twelve, and her and the rest of squad 7. They never gave up, no matter what the circumstance. Lately, Sakura hasn't been acting herself. She never smiles or has fun with the rest of her friends. Mainly because of Sasuke's return. Sakura snapped out of it when her nose started twitching, then she sneezed loudly. She groaned, knowing that she had been sick too. She looked up and watched the cherry blossom petals float by. Suddenly, the boy she was just thinking about came walking by. Sasuke Uchiha!

Sakura wanted to say something, but her voice just shut up. Sasuke turned his eyes, but never turned his head to look at her sitting on the park bench. Sakura finally found the courage to say something. "S-Sasuke?" He stopped, and turned. "I was just wondering,....why do you hate me?"

Sasuke was shocked, he knew that Sakura knew how he felt, but never expected her to do as it. She started talking again. "Because ever since you defeated your brother and came back to us, I wanted to start a new friendship with you... but you never seemed to care even though you accomplished your goal." Sakura stepped off the seat and started walking towards him.

Sasuke didn't answer, but instead, looked up at the night sky...He sort of flinched, because there were no stars out, even though no light was on. Sakura looked at Sasuke intently and noticed that he was looking up, so she internally looked up too, and noticed the stars. "Why are there no stars out?" Sakura asked. She didn't get an answer, so she looked at Sasuke, but flinched as his eyes became red as he activated his Sharingan. "Sasuke? What's wrong?" She asked.

Sasuke clenched his fists and said the words, "They're here." Sakura's eyes widened.

"What? Who's here?" Oblivious of them being watched.

"GET DOWN!!!" Sasuke screamed and pushed Sakura to the ground, dodging a kunai.

Sasuke got up with a grunt, and got in battle stance, looking around to find the culprit. Sakura was oblivious on what was going on, so she scampered to a nearby tree, still laying on the ground.

"SASUKE!! BEHIND YOU!" Sakura yelled as a figure appeared behind him. Sasuke turned quickly to notice a puff of smoke, someone being in it.

The cloud ceased and someone appeared. A tall man, with a black coat on, and a hood covering his face. Sasuke trembled, and his legs started to shake. Sakura has never seen Sasuke so scared before. "Well Sasuke, I have finally found you. I think I shall repay my debt!" The man said. Sasuke took a step back. The man turned, and noticed Sakura huddled against a tree, shaking in fear. "Who might this be?" he said. The man pulled out a large sword and pulled it behind his head, ready to thrust it forward, at Sakura.

Sasuke tried to move, but his legs would not. Sakura could not move either, but put her hands in front of her face, afraid to know what was going to happen next.

The man thrust the sword at her, being able to hear the \*swoosh\* as it flew through the air. Sakura braced for impact, and barely got out the words, "...Sasuke..." Sakura whispered for a couple of seconds, but didn't feel anything at all. Afraid to open her eyes. But she finally did to notice that she was flying through trees. She looked up and seen none other than Sasuke. He grabbed her just before it hit her. She quietly said, "Sasuke.." and fainted. Now, with Sakura in his arms, Sasuke leaped through the trees, knowing that the man will find him soon.

Sasuke arrived at his house, setting Sakura down on his bed. He turned off all the lights and closed the curtains, hoping that the man did not see them. Sasuke sat at the window, peaking out every once in a while to make sure he did not arrive.

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Hope you like it so far. I know that its not the best, but please to not reject me.... I am starting on a second chapter soon, so you don't have to wait too long!

## 2 - ITS PARTY TIME!

Ok, this is my second chapter, so be prepared for: ACTION, COMEDY, ROMANCE... and misspelled words!! lol! Once again, I don't own Naruto.... >\_<

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Sasuke layed still, his back up against the wall next to the window. He was trembling in fear, hoping and wishing that the man did not arrive. Sakura still layed there, on Sasuke's bed, still unconscious. Sasuke waited there the whole night, but no one came. He gave a sigh of relief, and got up, with his body aching from sitting there the whole night. He walked over to Sakura, and gave her a good shake, but she didn't wake up. "Tsk!" He moaned, and walked out of the room. One minute later, he came back in with a glass of water, throwing it on Sakura. "Eeek!" She screams at how cold it is. "Whats the big idea-WAIT! What happened last night? Whats going on?" She got up, walking to Sasuke. He only turned his head and started walking towards the door. Sakura glared at him, and swiftly jumped infront of him, with her arms out wide, showing that she would not let him pass. "Ok, I'll tell you!" He groaned. Sakura put her arms down are prepared to listen. "After I defeated my brother, I left Orochimaru, but he wouldn't let me go without a fight.." "So then what happened?" Sakura asked, on the edge of her toes. ".....I killed him!" Sakura gasped. "Then, Kabuto went after me, so we fought in the middle of the forest, and then....he turned into some type of creature, even more scarier than Garra's demond form. He could have killed me if I didn't run..." Sasuke clenched his fists at his sides and grunted again. "So, who is the guy we just ran into?" She asked, somewhat afraid to know the answer. "That....That was Kabuto!" Sakura sighed and sat on the bed. "So, what do we do?" "Nothing! He only comes out at night, its daytime, so we are safe..for now!"

They both seperated, Sakura to her house, and Sasuke stayed at home.

\*back at Sakura's house\*

Sakura got out of the shower, and tightly put her towl on, and started to dry her hair. "Sakura...?" Her mom's voice was heard through the hall. "What mom?" Sakura said in annoyance. " Your going to be late for Naruto's party!" Sakura gasped. "Crap, how could I forget!!!" She cursed to herself. Everyone at there level was going, but Sakura still didn't feel like going. Naruto would have stupid games like, "Pin the tail on the donkey". Sakura giggled at that last statment. "OH." She thought, "maby we can go tee-pee someones house!" She had an outburst of laughter. doub it, Naruto isn't cool enough for something as fun as that.

\*Sasuke's house\*

Sasuke got dressed in his usual, blue shirt with the Uchiha sign on the back, and his tan pants. He threw

away that crap that Orochimaru made him wear, that make him look like a samurai. He really didn't want to go either, but felt it was the right thing to do. Just as long as he avoided the crowd, maby sit on the roof. "Why is Naruto having a party? There is no special occation?" He thought to himself. He sighed, and walked out of the house, looking at the sky, wishing that it wouldn't get dark out, but knew there was no way to stop it.

At the party, it was packed! Sakura just got in the door, and barly made it through the crowd. But accidentally bumping into someone. "Sorry." Sakura said, and looked up to notice it was Ino. "Well, if it isn't Billboard-brow!!" She said in a mean tone. Sakura frowned. "Just kidding!!" Ino smiled. "Hi Sakura!!!" A voice came from the pack of partiers. Sakura turned to see Naruto. "Hey, glad you made it!" He said, and pointed down the hall. "Refreshments are down the hall, and at exactly 7:00pm, I want you in my room. I have invited a few others to be in there, and no one else. This is just for my cirle of friends. Don't forget it!" Naruto smiled! Sakura smiled back, and sat on a nearby chair. She didn't really like to be in the same room as a bunch of people because it gave her headaches. She heard the doorbell ring, just barly because of the extreamly loud music. She knew no one else was going to answer it, so she got up, and walked over and opened the door. "Sasuke?" Sakura said happily. "I didn't think you would come!" She smiled. "Well, there was nothing else to do." He said, and walked into the crowd. Sakura tryed to follow him, but he dissapeared.

For sometime, Sakura didn't really do much, just either sat, or talked with Ino, Hinata, or Kiba, because they were the closed to her, and she didn't want to walk around. She looked at the clock, and seen it was 6:55. Sakura gasped, and ran to Naruto's room, wondering what he wanted her and the rest to do. She walked in, and seen: Ino, Hinata, Kiba, Neji, Naruto (of course) and...Sasuke! They were all either sitting of the floor, or on the bed, or anywhere really. "hello!" Sakura waved and sat on the floor. "Naruto, what are we here for. I'm missing a really good party downstairs!" Kiba growled. He didn't bring his dog, because he doesn't do good with crouds. Naruto got up and said, "Ok! We're all here..good! Now, everyone get in a circle!" Everyone sighed. "I knew this was going to be a waist of time!" Neji said, but still sat in a cirle. Naruto stood in the cirle, and had something in his pocket. "Are you ready?" He asked everyone. No one answered. He grunted and put the object in the middle of the ring. "does anyone know what we are doing NOW!?" he laughed. "Spin the bottle!" Ino yelled in excitement. She knew this could be her chance with Sasuke. Sakura and Sasuke both sighed.

Naruto sat down around the circle, and spun the green bottle around. As it was spinning, Neji yelled out, "One of us gets to pick how long you have to kiss too!" "Fine!" Naruto said. Then everyone held their breath, wishing NOT to kiss Naruto. It slowly came to a halt and landed on... Hinata! Her face got beat red, and started to say things, only she could hear. "OK! Ten seconds!" Ino yelled! Naruto laughed, and crawled on his knees next to Hinata. She stopped fighting, and took a deep breath. Naruto moved in, and they kissed. Not a big one, but a little peck. Hinata almost fell backwards, but found the streangth to say up..barly.

The next spin was Neji. He grasped the bottle, and spin it forcefully. Everyone thought that it would never stop spinning. It started to slow, and "was" slowly stopping on Kiba. "Ahhh!" He screams. Little does he know, the second he screamed, it was so forceful, it gave the bottle en extra boost, stopping on

Ino. "Phew!" Kiba let out in a sigh of relief. Ino was a little dissapointed that she didn't get to kiss Sasuke, but she had another chance, and as long as she didn't have to kiss Naruto, she was fine. "I say they kiss for twenty seconds!" Kiba laughed! Neji and Ino were already sitting next to eachother, they leaned in, and kissed. They didn't make it a passionate kiss, but they had to run the time out, so Ino just put her hands on his head, stroking his long, jet black hair. They broke the kiss and stepped back. Neji enjoyed it, everyone could tell.

Next was Kiba, he spun it lightly, hoping it would land on Ino or Sakura, just because Hinata was a little shy at times and gave him the creeps. It came to a stop...."AHHHH!!!" Kiba yelled! It had stoped on.....Naruto! "Thats just nasty!" Naruto screams. "Haha! You have to do it!" Ino screams. "How about I kiss his feet, I bet they smell better than his mut face!" Naruto grumbled. "Well, I guess, but only because two guys kissing is not right!" Ino said while at the same time laughing. Kiba laughed and took off his shoe and sock. Everyone in the room gasped and held their nose at the stench of the smell. Naruto almost fainted, but leaned in, and puckered his lips. Everyone held their breath, waiting until he kissed it, to laugh. Naruto was inches from Kiba's foot, then all of a sudden, Kiba shoved his foot, right in Naruto's face, you could say that it sort of looked like Naruto was making out with Kiba's foot....haha! "Kiba you piece of Sh-" "NARUTO!" Sakura yelled, stopping him from cursing. He sat back down, and crossed his arms in annoyance.

Then it came to Sasuke's turn. "Humph!" He said, knowing it was a waist of time. But he amazingly spun it. Ino held her breath, and the guys in the room were all hoping for it to NOT land on them (NASTY IF YOU GET WHAT IM SAYING). It started to slow down, and finnaly came to a stop....."Sakura?" Ino yelled! Sasuke squinted his eyes, and Sakura was speechless. "Haha!! I say they kiss for at least a minute!" Kiba yelled in amusment. "NO WAY!" Sasuke screeched! "What? Are you ...CHICKEN!?!?" Kiba laughed and started making cluking sounds. Sasuke was getting annoyed. Finnaly, he slammed his hand on the ground, ceasing their laughter. He got halfway up, and lunged at Sakura. They both fell back, Sakura on the floor, and Sasuke ontop of her. Sakura leaned in, and Sasuke filled the gap between them. So pashionatly, they kissed, Sasuke was...enjoying it! He had never kissed a girl before on the lips. It was so exciting for him. So he deepened the kiss, his tounge wanting to gain entrance, which Sakura granted. A little kiss ended up as a make-out, both of them rolling from side to side. Sakura's arms around his neck, and Sasuke's hands on her hips.

"Eh-Hem!" Naruto laughed. "EH-HEM!!!" He said louder, snapping the two out of their trance. All the guys are laughing and Ino left, she couldn't bare to watch this. "HAHA! I said ONE minute, not FIVE!" Naruto was rolling on the ground laughing! Sasuke and Sakura both looked at eachother and blushed. "Huh? Where are you guys going?" Naruto asked as he watched Sakura grab Sasuke by the wrist and run out of the room.

"This means nothing!" Sasuke said as the stand alone in the hall. "I know! Its just that.." Sakura said with a worried look on her face. "What? What is it?" He said. ".....Its nighttime..." Sakura said, and Sasuke gasped. "We have to get out of here before he comes!" Sakura said. "What do you mean WE" Sasuke snapped. "I can't leave you alone to fight him. I know i'm not that strong, but I can still heal you!" She said, determinly. "\*\*Sigh\* fine..Come on!" He yelled, and dragged Sakura out of the house. Thank goodness that Sasuke's house was right next to Naruto's.

They both went in the house, and proceeded to turn off the lights and close the curtains. Sasuke sat near the window, hiding from being able to be seen, while Sakura sat on the other side of it. It was quite, not a peep. As much as this was very dangerous, Sasuke couldn't get his mind off of the kiss? Why was he thinking of such things. He never felt any connections with Sakura before, why now, especially now! "S-Sakura?" He whispered. She turned her head and said, "Yes?" "When...When we kissed,....I ... I felt...OH NEVER MIND!" And he turned his head the other way. Then, he felt a warm hand touch his face, and gently forced him to face her. "Sasuke, I don't know if you feel the same, but that kiss made me realize..I really DO love you!" She said, blushing. Sasuke Opened his mouth to say something, when he seen .... blood! Sakura...was hit! Sasuke jumped up, and looked at Sakura's body, he took her pause quickly, she was still alive, but not by much. Sasuke's blood-red sharingan burst from his tearing eyes, and turned just to gasp in horror!

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Uh oh! A cliffie! What will my readers do? WAIT! \*te he\* I'm so mean. But don't worry, it won't be long before I start another chappie! Ta ta for now!

### 3 - Escape!

I finally got another chappie done! ^\_^ \*SQUEE\* I'll say it again, I don't own Naruto.

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flashback

Sasuke opened his mouth to say something, but seen ... blood! Sakura.. was hit!  
Sasuke turned with his blood-red sharingan and gasped in horror.

Sasuke gasped, and almost fell backwards. "S-Sakura?" Was that really her? Who is the one on the ground. "Sasuke! I finally found you. Come on, we have to go." Sakura from the doorway yelled. Sasuke looked back and forth, from the Sakura on the ground, to the one by the door. "WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!?" Sakura screamed.

"D-don't.. listen.. to..h-her" Coughed Sakura on the ground. The Sakura on the ground wobbled back on her feet, and leaned on the wall. "WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? I'm the real Sakura!" Screamed the one by the door. Sasuke had never been so confused in his life. "Sasuke...\*cough cough\* If she IS..the real Sakura,...w-why is she being...so mean..?" The injured Sakura barely got out. Right then, Sasuke realized which one what which. He powered up his chidori, and thrust it at the Sakura at the doorway.

You could see pieces of fake skin, and everything fly off. Sasuke covered his face at the blinding light from it. Standing there was Kabuto, Sasuke made the right choice. "How did you know." Kabuto said in a cool, non-caring way. "Because, Sakura would never yell at me like that, no matter how mad she was at me!" Sasuke laughed, only to be more scared than he was happy, seeing that Kabuto didn't have a scratch. Suddenly, Kabuto burst with energy...he was turning into his demon form again. Sasuke backed up next to Sakura, both her shielding their faces. Kabuto was now this creature that was pitch black, and had blood-shot eyes that would scare the toughest men. His body was ten times as strong, and ten times as large.

He held out his hand and made a fist at Sasuke, then a large spike came out of his hand like a sword. Kabuto lifted his other hand and pointed it again at Sasuke, making him turn a faint purple, causing Sasuke to not be able to move. "Sasuke!" Sakura screamed, unable to move at the pain. Kabuto thrust the sword at Sasuke, then....time stopped.

Sasuke's heart beating, Sakura's tears streaming, Kabuto's smile widening. The world was spinning, revolving around the three people. Time started up again... "SASUKE!!" Sakura screams.....jumping in the way of the blade. Sasuke gasped in horror. The blade went straight through Sakura's mid-section.



She let out a grunt as she spit up blood. Kabuto grunted in annoyance. "..Sakura?" Sasuke whispered. Sakura slowly turned her head to Sasuke and let out the words, "Don't forget me..." and fell to the ground. Kabuto pulled out the sword, causing Sakura to once again, yelp out a cough of blood.

Sasuke told himself he would never let another one of his comrades die in front of him again. *Why? Whats going on? This can't be happening. WHATS GOING ON, THIS WASN'T SUPPOSE TO HAPPEN!* Sasuke screamed in his head, as tears rolled down his face. "...not again" He whispered. "What was that?" Kabuto laughed. " .... NOT AGAIN!!" Sasuke screamed with new tears running down his face. Sasuke got ready to lunge at Kabuto whether he could defeat him or not, when he heard a faint voice cry out, "...don't..do it....Sasuke" Sakura barely got out. Sasuke looked at her in worry, then he quickly picked her up bridal-style, and jumped through the glass, and out the window.

Where was he to go? Kabuto would surely find him and hurt anyone in his path. With those words fluttering in his head, he looked down to Sakura. Her Stomach had a perfect hole in it. He needed to bandage it up quick or else.....No, don't think of the negatives, only the positives. Sasuke brought Sakura to the outskirts of town near the woods. He pulled out a large string of bandages, and wrapped it around Sakura, blushing at the same time. *Please be ok!* He thought to himself.

As Sasuke lay there against a tree with Sakura laying by his side, he watched as the sun began to come up. He turned his head and watched Sakura sleep. "Why did I drag you into this?" He whispered. Then he noticed that her breathing pattern changed. He grinned weakly. He picked up a small leaf and fluttered it up against her nose. She giggled faintly. He smiled knowing that she was ok, for the moment. His eyes widened as her body began to glow a faint green.... *She's healing herself!* He thought. Her body began to levitate off the ground an inch and he was amazed. Could that really be Sakura?

He remembered when Sakura and Ino would always fight over him, and how Sakura would always be calling his name, but no return answer from him. How she would always be the one needed saved by someone... but now.... She was the one saving HIM! Only, she got hurt in the process. "I should have never brought you along with me..." He faintly said, then remembering when he kissed her for the first time. He smiled and turned to look at her lips, to think that his and her lips touch. And not just that, **EVEN MORE!**

He frowned again. Where was he to go? He can't leave Sakura to go get help, and he can't take her anywhere with her injuries. He sighed, knowing that he will have to take care of her. *I wonder how long it's going to take for her to heal herself?* He thought, seeing her still glowing. He noticed that her eyes were wincing, as if she was in pain. Sasuke leaned over, and felt her forehead. It was burning hot! He immediately pulled away, and walked to a nearby stream, soaking a cloth in it.

He walked back over, and set it on her forehead, hoping it will cool her down. He repeated this for the whole day, making sure she was at a cool temperature. "Oh no!!" He yelled and jerked his head up to look at the sky....it was dark again. The scary part is that they are in the forest at night (that's just creepy). Then, he noticed something...The stars! They are shining tonight. He gave a sigh of relief and closed his eyes, leaning up against a tree.

*Sasuke doesn't dream alot, but this time, he did.*

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Sasuke woke up with sweat dripping down his face. "Never thought I would dream about that." He said so quietly, that only he could hear. He turned his head only to gasp. Sakura was gone, nowhere to be seen. Sasuke shot straight up, and looked around. He ran through the trees, swaying past them easily. He dodged bushes and stopped suddenly. There she was! He looked upon her sitting at the stream, her feet dangling off into the water. She had a small smile on her face. Sasuke walked out of the trees, and up to her.

"Goodmorning, Sasuke." She said, not looking at him. He was in shock still. "How..what?..Are you...feeling ok?" He questioned. She got up out of the water, and smiled at him. "I am now, thanks to you." She said and leped up to hug him. "Woah woah! I told you that kiss ment noting!" She backed away. Sakura frowned a little bit, but not much. "I know, but I can't thank you by giving you a hug?" She clamped her two hands together behind her back. "How did you heal so quickly?" Sasuke asked, demanding an answer. "I did some of the healing, but you did the rest, if you hadn't put that cool rag on me, my healing jutsu would not have worked because I had a huge fevor." Said Sakura.

"What..what about your stomach? Is that healed too?" Sasuke once again asked. "Well, no. That is going to take some time, and I will still feel pain for a long while.." She frowned and looked at the flowing river. "Sasuke, I'm sorry." She said, as her eyes began to get teary. "I should have never came along, I just mess up everything!" She yelled, clenching her fists to her sides. She started to walk away, Sasuke noticed that she was limping, probably still in pain. He wanted to say something so badly, but nothing came out. He watched as her figure dissapeared into the forest and all he did was watch!

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Ok! Thats it for now. Sorry it took a lil-bit, but I was sick and had homework and crud. You have to be in a certain mood to write a GOOD story or else it will come out bad...I learned that out the hard way. HOPE YOU LIKE IT! The next chapter should be out soon. Ta ta for now! ^\_^

## 4 - Can't Go Right...Can't Go Left

Ok, i'm just gonna say right now, ...sorry for the misspellings...again...happens alot! lolz . Me no own Naruto either...

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2 days after the "accident" with Sasuke & Sakura, the nights were lit up with stars, showing that Kabuto would not strike on the same night.

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With the mid-afternoon heat pounding down on the Uchiha home, Sasuke sweats as he picks up the mess in his room caused by Kabuto. He picks up the pieces of broken lamp, and casually walks to the garbage can. He took a few steps, and stopped. Could he have heard something? He quietly followed the sound he heard.

*Am I just hearing things?* He thought to himself. The talking got louder, it IS someone talking. He stopped at the front door, and heard the conversations of two ninja talking. Sasuke gently put his ear on the door, and eadropped on their conversation.

"So you have absolutly no clue where she is?" One of the people asked. Sasuke automatically recalled that as Naruto's voice. "She was no where to be found." Another voice slowly said. *Was that Shino?* Sasuke thought. *I think it is!*

There was a loud knock at the door, causing Sasuke to gerk out of his thoughts. He took a deep breath and opened it in a cool, not-caring manner. Mostly trying to avoid telling them that he was eadropping.

"There you are, Sasuke!" Naruto said. "I haven't seen you ever since you left my party, whats going on?" Sasuke gave him the usualy glare and told himself not to tell Naruto about Kabuto. Better that he didn't know, or else he would just make a big commotion. "I had things to do." He simply said.

It was Shino's turn to talk. "Sasuke, have you noticed anyone missing lately?" Sasuke tilted his head like a kitten that has just seen a butterfly for the first time. He thought long, but came up with noting, so he shrugged and shook his head. "Well, you must not be the smart Uchiha after-all!" Naruto Glared. Sasuke returned the glare, only ten times as hard. "It's Sakura...She's gone!" Shino butted in.

Sasuke flinched. *Where could she be, I was just with her two days ago. She just got hurt too. All that happened was she said sorry and started..walking.....off!* Sasuke's eyes widened, why didn't he see this before, Sakura was not to return after she had left her. He stood there for a while, lost it his own thoughts.

"SASUKE! Are you going to help or not!" Naruto Snapped his fingers infront of the onyx-eyed boy. "Hn!"

He coughed out, and slammed the door on the two. "...What got into him?" Naruto asked, as Shino slapped his own forehead in annoyance.

*Deep in the darkest part of the forest*

Sakura stands there, changing from her usual fashion wear, to something new. A Tiny belly shirt that make a V at the neck, and a skirt that was skin-tight much to her liking. Everything was black, which wasn't her favorite color. She gently intied her forehead protector and held it in her hands, thinking of what just happened...

*flashback*

*She was wondering throught the dark, midnight forest like a puppy that lost it's way home, only Sakura didn't want to go home. "What are you doing out here, little-lady?" A haunting voice echoed all around her. She stopped limping, and looked around. "Don't tell me that Sasuke left you?" The voice came again, this time, someone appearing infront of her in a cloud of smoke.*

*Sakura coughed as it entered her lungs, thus making her stomach feel like ripping in half. She fell to the ground, cluching her stomach. She slowly looked up to see what she was afraid of...."K-Kabuto." She coughed out, a trickle of blood falling from her lip.*

*"You knew that you were not going to live didn't you?" Kabuto said, putting his hand under her chin, making her face upward. ".....I..don't know what your're talking about." Sakura moaned out, as her vision began to get blurry. "Don't lie. You KNEW that you were going to die the second my sword wen't through your body...YOU just didn't want Sasuke to think that you were 'weak' so you told him that you were ok....Am I right?" He smirked. Sakura flinched in pain, knowing that he was right, but how?*

*"I can help you, girl. Help you live to see the next day." Sakura's eyes widened. "How...can you h-help me?" She studded. Kabuto helped the dying Cherry Blossom up and said, "I have plenty of medicine that will surely close up that gash you have there...but there is a price!" At those words, Sakura emediatly backed away, thus falling on her back. "I won't do anything for you!" She shouted. ".....Fine, I guess I will just have to kill Sasuke then.." He smirked.*

*Sakura's eyes widened. "Y-you wouldn't!" She shouted back. "Oh, but I would." Kabuto pulles out a knife and uses it as a reflection at the moonlight. Sakura squints her eyes as he shines it on her. "What..do you want from me?" She painfully said. "If you join me...Sasuke will be safe...but if you choose not to...HE'S AS GOOD AS DEAD!" Kabuto evily laughed. Sakura's mind was spinning, her hair was fluttering in her face. Her eyes shown no emotion when she said, ".....Ok..."*

*end flashback*

Sakura sat against a nearby tree, rubbing her "now-showing" stomach, it was completly healed. Kabuto really does a good job. She heard someone coming, so she quickly got up, now not worrying about her

injury. "Are you already to go?" Kabuto smiled an evil smile. Sakura bowed her head, symbolizing that she was ready. "Oh, one more thing!" Kabuto said, and walked over to her. He grabbed her wrist, and slapped on a large metal bracelet. "Whats this for?" She asked, as he put a key in it, and twisted.

"This? It's just in case you wanna change your mind. With the press of this button I currently have in my possession, this bracelet will self-destruct, and ..well...bye bye Sakura!" He smiled. "And don't worry, there is no way of taking it off, so don't bother." Sakura watched it, and examined it. Although it was a deadly time-bomb, it was quite beautiful. It was plain silver, with Emerald green gems on it.

The two made their way through the trees and around waterfalls, and up mountains until they came to a familiar place...Konaha. "You ready?" Kabuto asked as he smiled viciously. Sakura slowly nodded, and whispered only to herself. "*Sasuke....help me*"

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Sorry its so short, I don't know why I didn't combine it with the previous chapter? >\_

## 5 - The Blossom Returns

I am soooooo sorry about the wait! I had a mental breakdown and I was freak'in out! I would tell you the whole story, but I know that you don't want to hear me nagging, so I'll start the story already! Please enjoy! I said It once, I'll say it again, I do not own Naruto....but I wish I owned Sasuke... \*looks left, then right\* MINE!!!

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During the past few days, the Konoha ninja of the village were in panic-mode. As they gathered at Sakura's apartment, they were searching for any type of clue to Sakura's wearabouts. It was dark out, symbolizing that it was close to midnight, but no one would take a break knowing their pink-headed friend was missing.

Naruto was flipping through Sakura's dresser, seeing that it was packed. He knew that she wasn't going to bring anything wherever she was now.

Kiba and Shino were searching for any signs of struggle in the living room. Hoping to find a strand of hair, a piece of dirt, anything that Akamaru could sniff out.

Hinata, Ino, and Tenten were having a nervous-breakdown, because their best friend was gone, nowhere to be found.

Neji, Lee, and Choji were searching the front lawn for anything that's suspicious, but were unsuccessful.

Sasuke on the other hand, did not join them, and was nowhere to be seen.

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Sakura cautiously walked down the streets, heading for her home. Thank goodness that she chose the right time to move out and be on her own from her parents. She was still in her all black outfit, causing her to shiver. She was going over again, what her plan was with Kabuto, hoping she wouldn't mess up and anger him.

*Flashback*

*"Sakura," Kabuto said, "Your mission here is to lure the Uchiha out of Konoha at any means necessary. Got it?" Sakura's emotionless face nodded, meaning an unfortunate yes.*

*"Take as long as you want, I will be monitoring everything from out here. If I get near the town, Orochimaru's powers he gave me will cause the stars to fade, and give away my presence. I bet you have already noticed that, haven't you?" Kabuto asked, raising an eyebrow.*

*Sakura nodded, and then turned to face him. "Kabuto?"*

*"Yes?" He answered.*

*"What exactly will you do with Sasuke? What are your plans?" Sakura demanded an answer. She would not continue until she knew what was at stake.*

*"Dear girl, you think I would go back on my word even after I told you the Uchiha would be safe?" Kabuto said as he got up onto his feet and stared down at the cherry blossom.*

*"Well, I-" She could feel the honesty from the white haired man. "As long as he doesn't get hurt. Understand me?" Sakura got up also, and glared at Kabuto.*

*"You have my word." He smirked.*

*End Flashback*

Sakura gritted her teeth, wishing she could believe him easily, but couldn't. Finally, she arrived at her house, and noticed three figures outside of the building. *"What are they doing here?"* Sakura thought, referring to Neji, Lee, and Choji.

Not wanting to be discovered, she quietly put on a genjutsu, covering her bodyhead, and sent. Not even the byakugan from Neji or Hinata could find her. She crept behind nearby tree, and picked up a rock. She threw it without making a sound. And a loud 'thump' somewhere else.

"What was that?" Lee said, turning his head in the direction the sound was coming from.

"Let's go find out." Neji said as he ran out of view, quickly following behind, was Lee and Choji.

Sakura sighed in relief, and opened her front door. She almost jumped when she found people inside her house.

"What the heck are you guys doing in my house!?" Sakura yelled. Almost automatically, everyone jerked their heads up like daisy's.

"Sakura!?" Naruto yelled from the top of the steps. All the ninja's stopped what they were doing and gathered around the frightened pink haired kunoichi.

"Where have you been?"

"Are you ok?"

"Why did you leave?"

"Did you bring me a Souvenir?"

All heads turned to Naruto, and glared. "What? I was just asking!"

"Sakura, why did you run away?" Shino said, in a low tone.

Sakura could tell he demanded an answer. What was she to tell them? She couldn't just say, "*Oh I was with Kabuto, he threatened me that he would kill Sasuke, so I joined him. don't worry about me!?*" Sakura's innerself was mocking.

"Why do you guys care? I was only gone for three days." Sakura mumbled, obviously annoyed. Everyone gasped, they had never seen her so angry before, even if she had grown older and more independent.

"Sakura, we're your friends. We were worried about you." Ino said, coming out of the crowd of ninja, and facing Sakura.

"I don't need you guys to worry about me! I'm not some child that needs taken care of. I can fend for myself!" Sakura finally snapped.

Neji and the other two walked in and noticed the mob. He curiously walked up, knowing that Sakura had slipped past his guard.

"Sakura, Tsunade sent us to find you. If you hadn't returned, she would have sent the ANBU on you." Kiba said, with poor Akamaru shaking inside of Kiba's coat.

"I don't care, now GET OUT!" Sakura yelled. At first, no one would move, but another one of her glares would do the trick, and it did. Everyone started slowly walking out of the Haruno's household, heads low, some mad, some sad.

Naruto slowly walked up to the steaming Sakura, and said, "We have training tomorrow at 5:00 am. Meet at the bridge." Naruto didn't want to anger Sakura anymore than she was, so he walked out with the others, leaving Sakura alone.

"*Why am I acting like this? Why am I so angry all of a sudden?*" Sakura looked down at her shaking hands. She hadn't eaten anything in a while, but was too tired of the trip back to Konoha to eat. She slowly but surly walked up the steps in her lonely house, just to barely make it onto her bed. Lazily, she set her clock to 4:00 and fell into a deep sleep.

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***\*beep beep beep\****

With little sleep, Sakura moaned and stretched while still laying down, thus falling onto her hard floor. Thank goodness her bed wasn't high or else that would have really hurt. She dragged herself to the bathroom and got into the shower.



After that, she dried her hair and went to her closet. "Ug, right! Kabuto said that I *always* have to wear that stupid black crap!" She sighed and put on the outfit, which was a hassle because it was so tiny to get on. Just for safety, she put shorts under her skirt. You never know what might happen. (lolz)

She made her way to the old red bridge where they always met up. Sakura was reading about medical jutsus, with her book covering her face, pretty much pulling a Kakashi. She peeked up from her book to see she was coming up the bridge and noticed Sasuke sitting down, leaning up against the rail. She stopped and remembered what Kabuto told her.

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Sakura thought about it for a moment. When she was twelve, Sasuke hated her for acknowledging him. If she used reverse Psychology and ignored him, like he does to her. She may have a chance, but it's risky.

She sighed and sat at the exact opposite side of the Uchiha. He glanced over and noticed her, but just shrugged and dazed off, just relaxing. Sakura put her head back into the book and chilled also.

Without a second thought, Naruto came running to the two, with a cup of Ramen in his hand while he slurped, disturbing the two other ninja's peace and quiet.

"Sorry! I slept in and didn't get enough time to eat so I-" Naruto trailed off when he seen *two* deathly glares. One from the usual Sasuke, but another from the Cherry Blossom of the group. He would have said something by now, but remembered what happened last night, and kept quiet.

About three hours of waiting, Kakashi finally decided to pop up out of nowhere.

"Haha, sorry I'm late I just got lost on the road of life and -"

"LIRE!" Naruto shouted, alone. He turned to Sakura who was still transfixed on the book. Kakashi noticed this too, and also how she was mimicking him and his reading habits with Icha Icha Paradise.

"Sakura? You feeling ok?" Kakashi asked, for once worried about his female student. She looked up from her book and raised an eyebrow.

"Sure Kakashi Sensei, why wouldn't I be?" She asked and she got up and put her book away in her weapon bag.

Sasuke glances at her odd behaviour, but shrugged it off. *"At least I know she's ok."* Sasuke thought as if the burden has been lifted off his shoulders.

"What are we going to do Kakashi Sensei!?" Naruto blabbed. "Huh? Secret Mission, rescue a princess, penetrate evil forces, buy another issue of Icha Icha Paradise?"

Kakashi smacked his forehead with his hand on the last question. Sakura and Sasuke sweat dropped.

Naruto still yammered on, "What about escorting a very important person or-"

"We will just be sparring." Kakashi cut him off.

"Aww! But I wanted to get an issue of Icha Icha." Naruto groaned.

"What a looser" Sasuke murmured to himself. Sakura sighed and walked closer to the three nagging boys.

"I wanna fight Sasuke!" Naruto's hand shot up like a bullet.

"Fine..." Kakashi stammered.

Naruto shouted, "Sweeeeet-"

"Sasuke will fight Sakura." Kakashi added.

"What!?"

What!!!"

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"No buts, now go! Naruto, you with me." Kakashi said and started walking to an open field, with Naruto trailing behind. That just leaved Sasuke and Sakura then.

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Finally, I finished another chapter. Again, I AM SOOOO SORRY ABOUT THE LONG WAIT! Since Spring Break is right around the corner, I can get chapter done sooner. So you don't have to worry about waiting. Thanx for reading, I'm hoping to get another chapter done MABY by the 10th or 11th. BIEEEZ!

## 6 - The Sakura Flower Blooms

Ok, chapter 6 is finally here, sorry about the wait... again! Gosh, I feel like Kakashi, always late! lolz. Ok, on with the story...

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Sasuke and Sakura starred at Kakashi dragging Naruto out of sight. They sighed and looked back at eachother.

"Well, lets get started then." Sasuke said, walking to a nearby field.

"Sure." Sakura said timidly. *"Remember, show Sasuke your not a little kid anymore!"* Inner Sakura yelled, with fists punching at nothing.

The two ninja stopped and took their positions. Sasuke put his hands near eachother, ready for a quick hand sigh, while Sakura had her hand near her weapon bag, ready to pull out a kunai.

"GO!" They both yelled.

With that, Sasuke activated his sharingan did I quick hand sign. "Fire style: Fireball Jutsu!"

Sakura gasped at the massave ball of fire coming at her. She quickly dodged the attack by jumping in the air. Before she could even take a breath, Sasuke appeared behind her. He went to kick, and Sakura could only watch his foot smash into her side. She gasped, but reluctantly grabbed his leg. She used the

operatuntily while they were still in mid air, to push off of his foot, being able to reach the ground before him.

Landing on her feet, she quickly did a hand sign, and five clones appeared around her.

"You know that won't work." Sasuke said as he landed on his feet. Using his Sharingan, he pinpointed where the real Sakura was standing. He threw a kunai, and she just barly dodged it.

While that happened, the other clones burst into action, throwing wild punches at Sasuke, which it seemed he was dodging them without a sweat. Sakura used that time to throw a chalkra filled punch at him. Sasuke gerked to the right, just barly getting out of the way.

Sakura almost fell forward, but ragained balance. She turned, but found no Sasuke in sight. "Up? Left? Right? ... Down!" Sakura said to herself. She forced chalkra to her foot as she stomped the hard ground, causing a fairly large earthquake, and the ground shatters like glass.

Sakura caught a glimps of Sasuke running from the scene. She quickly followed him.

"Sasuke! I'm ganna catch you!" She screams as she rounded another large chunk of dirt that was brought up by her attack. Suddenly, Sasuke dissapeared in a clump of smoke. "A clone!" Sakura gasped, but before noticed it, Sasuke appeared behind her and had a kunai up to her neck.

"Give up, Sakura." he said calmy.

*"No, this can't be it. No way I'm going to loose like this!"* Sakura's inner self was yelled like a maniac. *"I think its time to pull one of Ino's one hit knock out attacks.!"* Her iner secreams again. She nodded in agreement and prepared herself.

Sakura quickly pivited her foot, and turned quickly, just barly missing the knife, and faced Sasuke. She lunged at him and softly locked lips with the Uchiha boy.

He dropped the kunai and stumbled backwards as the pink haired girl still had her lips on his. Sasuke fell backwards, as Sakura fell ontop of him. With that, she put a kunai up to *his* neck.

"Give up, Sasuke!" She smiled at the stunned boy.

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"Kakashi, where the heck are you!?" Naruto screams with a kunai in his hand, spinning wildly around in circles.

Before he knew it, Kakashi punched him in the gut. Naruto layed on the ground, way too weak to get up.

"I think thats enough sparring for today." Kakashi said as he helped the fox boy up.

They turned only to meet the faces of Sakura and Sasuke in the distance, walking twards them.

"Hey! You guys aren't dead! Who won?" Naruto yelled.

Sasuke was squinted his left eye in annoyance. Before he could say anything about losing to a girl, Sakura spoke up.

"Sasuke beat me, badly." Sakura lied and pretended to hold her shoulder like she was injured. Sasuke just stared in shock at her. Completely stunned as to why she didn't say that she won.

"Sasuke, how could you. Beating up a poor girl like that!" Kakashi joked as he rubbed the back of his head. Sasuke just gave him the famous glare, and leaned against a fence.

"Ok, that's enough for today. You all are dismissed." Kakashi said as he disappeared in a blast of smoke.

"Hey Sakura, wanna go get some ramen with me?" Naruto asked innocently.

At the thought of food, Sakura's mind began to get fuzzy. She hadn't eaten in three days straight. She began to wobble back and forth, her stomach growling loudly.

"Woah, Sakura are you ok?" Naruto asked bluntly, obviously she wasn't.

She tipped backwards, and then forwards. Then collapsing all together straight onto the hard grass.

"S-sorry you guys, I just haven't eaten in a while. I'm just a little weak, that's all." Sakura moaned, rubbing her throbbing head. Before she knew it, Sasuke had helped her up, earning her a few blushing in the process. "Thank you." She said, totally dazed at the moment, hungry and her crush just helped her up.

They made their way to the Ramen shop, where they took their seats and ordered.

When the ramen came, Sakura gulped it down even faster than Naruto did, which left the two boys stunned.

"Holy cow Sakura, slow down there." Naruto laughed as she ordered another bowl.

Sasuke just calmly took a bite, one chop-stick full, then another.

"Man, I'm stuffed. Thank you for taking me Naruto. You too Sasuke!" Sakura said cheerfully as she got up out of her seat and paid. Turning around, she started heading home.

"Bie Sakura!" Naruto yelled, obviously not caring about the people around him.

Sakura made her way around a building and into a dark alley. She glanced to make sure no one was coming, and she fell to the ground, leaning on the side of the wall panting. Showing that she was very tired indeed.

"Might I ask what you're doing?" Came a dark voice, coming closer to her.

She panicked and grabbed a kunai out of her hollister.

"Relax, its just me, Sakura." The voice came agan, and a figure came out of the darkness.

"Sasuke? W-what are you doing here?" Sakura said as he quickly got to her feet and put her weapon away.

"I could ask you the same thing." He said, walking closer to her, which caused her to blush.

"I-I... I just turned the wrong way. No big deal." Sakura said sheepishly.

Sasuke raised a brow, but shrugged it off. He turned to walk off, only to be stopped by Sakura.

"Wait! I have to tell you something." Sakura grabbed his arm loosly. He turned to face her green eyes with his dark, emotionless eyes.

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"N-never mind." Sakura said as she ran off to her lonely apartment, leaving Sasuke to stumble in his own thoughts.

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Sakura lunged onto her soft, light pink bed head first. She took the pillow and pressed it to her face and screamed as loud as she could. She placed the pillow back onto her bed and was lost in all thoughts.

"How am I going to do this? Why am I even doing this! How can I trust Kabuto, if I don't listen to him, Sasuke's dead. But if I do, I don't know what he may try to pull. Ohhh! This is hopeless!"

Then suddenly, an idea struck her mind. "No, I couldn't do that... Could I? Would it work?" She said to her inner self.

"Heck yeah it will!" Her inner yelled with two thumbs up.

Sakura gnawed on her thumb nail for a minute or two.

"Ok, i'll do it!" She said in excitement.

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Ok, thats it for now! I'm hoping you like it so far, and sorry its sort of sort of short. And also, sorry for the long wait. Been real buisy! Ug! I'll do better next time. Thanx for reading!^^

## 7 - Your Joking, Right?

So so so so so sorry!! Please forgive me.. again! I was super busy and never had a chance to sit myself down and think! Grrr! Makes me mad sometimes! OK, well here we go!

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"Sasuke? Sasuke, where are you?" A pink haired girl yelled, swaying left and right throughout the cold, dark woods.

"You betrayed me." An eery voice called out, echoing in every direction of the damp forest. "I trusted you, and you **betrayed** me!" It said again, with more anger and force this time.

"Wha- who are you. Show yourself!" Sakura cried out, a kunai firmly into her hand.

Just as she asked, a faint shadow of a figure came out of the darkness. Identity was still unknown to her.

"Who are you?" She yelled, but more scared than anything.

"Why? Why couldn't you have been strong enough? Why are you so weak to defend even yourself?" As those words were said, a tear made its way down the crushed blossoms face.

"... S-Sasuke?" She painfully said, wishing and hoping it wasn't true, even though it was most indeed true.

"Your not strong enough."

"Yes I am!"

"Your weak."

"No i'm not!"

"Your useless."

"Stop it!" Sakura covered her ears and fell to the hard ground. Tears were streaming down her rosy cheeks.

Sasuke walked over to the pathetic little blossom and lifted her chin up, so she would be facing him. "And do you know why your weak?"

That sentence caught Sakura's attention quite quickly.

"it's because-

"AHHHH!" Sakura quickly leaped out her bed to the stinging pain of her wrist. She held it tightly as it started to stop. "The bracelet Kabuto gave me? The one that's suppose to hurt me when I do something wrong?" Sakura was pacing back and fourth, waiting for the pain to go away.

"It shocked me? But why? I didn't do anything wrong." She slowly let go of her pulsing hand. "*Kabuto probably wants you.*" Her inner was saying, moaning at the same time.

Sakura got out of bed, and changed into her usual attire. "Kabuto wouldn't mind if I wore this for one day." Sakura thought, and proceeded to the rest of her morning things to do.

As she washed her face, a faint memory of that dream set into her mind again. *What was that all about anyways? Was it some sort of sign or something?*

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Sakura made her way to the outskirts of town, where that cold-hearted man, Kabuto, left her to pretty much dig Sasuke's grave whether she wanted to or not. Oh how she hated being his maid for him. Doing his dirty work and making her pay the price.

Why was she doing this anyway? Couldn't she just warn Sasuke, and they could fight together? No. She seen the look on Sasuke's face. He was able to kill both Orochimaru and Itachi, but the look in his eyes when he first laid eyes on Kabuto was frightening for anyone.

Her dream was right, she was weak. Why couldn't she have at least tried to put up a fight, that way, Sasuke wouldn't have anything to do with it anymore. How she wished she could be like Sasuke so much. He was skilled, smart, perfect in every way.

Why couldn't she be like that? Why couldn't she have strength like him. Sure, she had more strength chakra wish. But his will power was the key.

She finally got to the front doors of Konoha, and there, standing in the deep shadows was Kabuto.

"What do you want? Why did you shock me?" Sakura questioned, but trying to keep her temper, most defiantly did she not want to fight. At least not right now.

"There has been a change of plans. I need Sasuke by **tonight.**"

Those words rang in Sakura's head so many times again, and again. Her eyes became enraged with anger and hurt. "You said I could take as long as I want! You promised!"

"Don't you dare yell at me again. Do you hear me?" Kabuto said with frustration, obviously annoyed at the young 16 year old.

"I can yell if I want to!" Sakura screamed again, not even that Kabuto's patience was at its minimum.



“Don’t say I didn’t warn you.” And with that, Kabuto reached into his pocket and pulled out a small object with a button on it. He pressed it with a smirk on his face.

With that, Sakura screamed to high-heaven as the pain she had this morning came back, but with much more force. She dropped to the ground immediately, and threw her wrist into her chest.

“STOP IT!” She screamed, trying not to pass out because of the electrocution rushing through her entire body.

“Now will you shut up and listen to me?” He kept his cool, not caring one bit about the dying girl at his feet.

“... Y-yes.. Just stop!” She barely got out in-between sobs.

It powered down, and Sakura let out a sigh of relief.

“I don’t need to repeat myself. Just bring him here tonight. Or else!” He said those last few words, and disappeared in a mist of smoke and leaves.

Sakura sat there. Taking in each and every word she had heard in only a few minutes.

*I need Sasuke by tonight*

Was he serious? There’s no way that she is able to lure him out of the village by tonight.

“What am I to do?”

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Another tree fell, or to be prosiest, blown into pieces by the almighty Uchiha’s chidori. He stumbled backwards, taking in deep breaths at the loss of chalkra. *One more, I can do it!* Sasuke’s mind was saying non-stop.

With another deep breath, he gathered chalkra into his palm, and took in the sound of piercing electrical screeches it made. He charged at the nearest tree that was still standing and leaped into the air. He pushed the energy he was storing in his hand towards the tree, awaiting for a big crack, or burst of wood and debree.

What he didn’t know, was a young girl walking in front of his target, oblivious to his falling in mid-air.

“Sakura!” Sasuke screamed as he tried to pull back his chidori.

“Sasuke?” Sakura snapped into reality as she realized that she was walking straight through the training field, or more, straight into the midst of the Uchicha’s attack.

*“Move.. Move... why won’t you move!”* Sasuke was starting to panic when she didn’t budge from her

position.

Unknowing to him, Sakura was saying the same thing to herself.

Sasuke cursed under his breath, he used his legs to helicopter a rotation, and have his back face her. That way, his chidori would merely miss both of them.

He crashed into the cherry blossom, and all he heard was a crackle from his attack, and a scream from underneath him.

His vision came in a couple of minutes later. He moaned from the pain that was growing in every part of his body. What the heck happened? He was practicing, charged his chidori, jumped.. And then nothing... Wait!

“Sakura?” Sasuke idly said as he tried to pry himself off of the poor girl. To him, she looked like a princess that has been attacked by rabid dogs. “Sakura, you ok?” He questioned, but not getting an answer.

Her mouth was a bit opened, as she laid on her back. Her clothes were ripped up and her hair was full of grass, twigs, and mud combined.

Her eyes began to flutter open, and immediately noticed a boy around her age starring back at her. She tried to prop herself up on her elbows, but faintly fell back to her first position.

“I wouldn’t try that if I were you.” Sasuke said, almost jokingly. Sakura halfway smirked, but it left almost as soon as it came. “What were you doing here?” Sasuke asked as he got back on his own two feet.

“*Oh my gosh, what do I say?*” “Um, n-nothing! Nothing at all! Eh, hehe!” Sakura smiled sheepishly, which caused Sasuke to raise an eyebrow.

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CLIFFIE! YAY... I MEAN... BOO! hehe, ok. Yeah, this chapter is a little shorter than the others, I know. I just had to stop it there for a good cliff hanger.^ I'm so evil. Once again, sorry for taking so long \*hits head on wall\*.

Ok, I have to say this, it may take me some time for the next chappie because first of all, the achievement tests in school are starting this week. (did I spell "achievement" right? XD), and after that, is out school trip to Washington DC, and its a three day trip... Don't worry, I'll be jotting some ideas down while i'm there! ^\_~ Thats all for today! THANK FOR READING! R&R would be nice!^^

## 8 - Traitor

... \*gulp\* Um... I've said this once... and I guess I have to say it again... \*takes deep breath\* ... SO SORRY! I actually have no excuse this time except I had a brain-fart and writers-block... or is that the same thing? I dunno. \*sweatdrops\* Prepare for some fluff, and some heart-breaks... Ok, here ya go! ^\_~

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*"I-I don't know what your talking about, Sasuke?"* *'Oh no, I stuttered!'*

*"You stuttered."* Sasuke smirked triumphantly. Defiantly enjoying the moment he felt like he knew everything.

*"No I didn't!"* Sakura defended defiantly getting angrier. Judging by the look on Sasuke's face, you could tell he was getting mad as well. *'What is wrong with me?'*

*"Don't lie to me, Sakura."* Sasuke took a step forward as she took a step back. This went on until she backed up into a tree and he was merely inches away from her.

*"I'm not!"* Sakura screamed, her face red with annoyance. Without warning, she felt a stabbing pain in her wrist. *'Damn Kabuto!'* She gripped it with her other hand and whimpered in pain. The shocks that the bracelet inflicted on her grew ten-fold.

Sasuke raised an eyebrow and grabbed her injured arm as gentle as possible as if she would shatter like glass. *"What is this? Where did you get it?"* Sasuke asked, pointing to that dreaded emerald jeweled bracelet.

*"Nothing!"* She retreated her hand, earning her a few jolts of pain. A small tear made its way down her rosy-red cheek as she slid to the ground. *'I can't do this anymore. It's just too hard to handle. The lying, the pain, the betrayal. I can't do this to Sasuke. Not after what he did for me.'*

With that final idea in her head, she reached into her weapon pouch and pulled out a kunai. With one

last chakra filled thrust, she stabbed the razor-sharp weapon into her chest. She didn't dare scream, she didn't dare whimper. *'It's for the best'*

Sasuke's eyes widened in shock at the sight of the teenage girl's blood. "STOP!" He shouted and ripped the weapon out her shaking hands, and threw it a distance. He grabbed her fragile figure by the shoulders and shouted in her face, "What is going on!? Why are you acting like life doesn't matter anymore!?"

Sakura avoided his glare as she faced the ground, as if it were more interesting than him.

"What the hell, why aren't you healing yourself!?"

Sakura returned his question by squeezing her eyes shut, letting more tears escape and fall onto her lap. Sasuke's face however, remained its cold, hard glare. But it suddenly softened, and his face turned less red from yelling. "What's going on, Sakura?" He reached over and put his index finger under her chin and pushed it up to face him.

"Sasuke... I'm sorry." Sakura whispered, just barely able to be heard. She fainted into Sasuke's caring arms. But not before thinking, 'I failed... Sasuke, please watch out.'

Sasuke stood there, watching the pink-haired girl's chest rise and fall very, very slowly. So many questions were running through his head. But first things first. Sasuke gently put Sakura down on the grass and he ripped a large piece of his shirt sleeve off. He took a deep breath and took off her shirt as well, leaving her in her lacy pink bra that matched her hair. Trying not to blush, he rapped the blue cloth around the sleeping girl's chest, having to flip her over now and again. (A/N: Try not to make this sound perverted -\_- ' Don't lie, I know what you guys were thinking as he took off her shirt! \*wink wink\*)

Unknowing to him, a figure was hiding in the trees, a distance away. "So I guess I will have to go to plan B, eh?"

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Sakura awoke to a loud crash and incoming swearing. "What the?" Sakura whispered, trying to sit up, but forgetting about her injuries, thus causing her to screech in pain. 'Hm? Sounds like Sasuke's voice?'

She took in her surroundings and realized that she was once again in the younger Uchiha's home. By now, Sakura would have known without even having to open her eyes, thanks to Sasuke's unique smell. What she didn't realize until now is that she is wearing Sasuke's clothes. A blue, baggy top with the Uchiha fan on the back, while wearing long, big shorts. *'Holy S\*\*\*. Sasuke dressed me!? Oh my god! This is so embarrassing!'*

She cat-stretched, making sure not to hurt her wounds. Then glanced over at the clock on his dresser that read 8:42 pm. 'Wait! PM? So it's night right now.'

She quietly made her way into the Uchiha kitchen to find a frustrated Sasuke, flipping pancakes with a mess of ingredients surrounding him.

“You do know that it’s way past Breakfast, right?” Sakura said quietly, giving Sasuke a little jump, startling him a little.

He turned to face her, and then rolled his eyes and went back to what he was previously doing. “Thought I should make breakfast for dinner.”

They sat down quietly and Sasuke immediately started scoffing down his food. Sakura on the other hand, stared at her own food, she has apparently lost her appetite. Sasuke noticed and raised an eyebrow. He was about to speak, but Sakura apparently beat him to it.

“You shouldn’t have brought me here...” She said with emotionless eyes.

Sasuke wasn’t expecting this. He thought she would start screaming, ‘I’m sorry’ or ‘thank you’ but, no. He put down his fork and swallowed, waiting for her to continue.

“I have to tell you the truth. The whole truth.” Sasuke inched closer, as he heard Sakura’s voice begin to crack.

“I... I... The reason I’m acting this way is because... is because... Kabu-”

“Now Sakura, you weren’t actually going to rat me out were you?”

Sakura and Sasuke’s heads snapped to the owner of the voice.

Sasuke let out a tiny growl, “Kabuto...”

“I guess I put too much faith in our little Cherry Blossom.” The gray haired man said, pushing his glasses back up in place.

Sasuke immediately shot his glare to Sakura. “What is he talking about?!” He took a step closer to the girl.

She froze in place. She was stuck in his eyes. They were a trap and she fell right into it., unable to escape. “I-I meant to tell you. It’s just-”

“Sakura has been lying to you this whole time.” Kabuto stepped into the two’s little chat. “She was working for me this whole time.” He chuckled.

Sasuke’s eyes pierced through Sakura’s, if looks could kill, Sakura would be on the floor dead. “Why?” Sasuke said. It was not a question, but a demand.

She was silent. Why wouldn’t her voice work? It just won’t come out. Her mouth opened and closed like a fish. His face was mere inches away from hers.

“Sasuke Uchiha.” Kabuto said in a low toned voice. Sasuke turned to said person.

“What!?” He snapped, his eyes converted from Sakura to Kabuto.

"I just wanted to say... goodnight."

"Wha-" Sasuke didn't even finish before he felt a sharp pain in his back. Someone hit his weak point, but who? *'Who else? It's the traitor.'* While Sasuke started to fall, his eyes landed on a girl, she seemed on the brink of tears. *'Sakura...'* The blackness engulfed his vision.

Thud

Sakura looked away right before he fell. She couldn't look at him. How ashamed he was of her. She bit her bottom lip and picked the top half of Sasuke's body up and leaned him against the wall.

"Good girl, Sakura." Kabuto praised her for her work. "You're just lucky I don't kill you for letting out our little secret."

She had a look of shame in her face. She watched as Kabuto put the knocked out Sasuke on his back and he headed for the door. She followed obediently, not taking her eyes off her own feet.

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Sasuke's eyes fluttered open hazily to observe a brick wall, his head throbbing, and him hanging from the ceiling from his tied hands. He was swaying back and forth and struggled to break free.

He observed his surroundings to be of a cell, almost of an old dungeon. Freezing cold, with a non-peaceful atmosphere. There was much room, but nothing in it besides him. Hard wall, hard looking floor, him in a very uncomfortable position, he wasn't too far from the ground, but he still would rather be on his own feet.

Then the memories came flooding back in. He growled to himself, "Sakura, that traitor!"

There was a sudden creak, sounding like a door. He looked down to find a cotton-haired girl staring back at him, eyes full of regret. She had a small plate of rice balls in her hand.

Sasuke scoffed and jerked his head the other way.

"You must eat." Said the 'traitor' as she walked over and held a rice ball up.

"GO TO HELL!" Sasuke shouted, and kicked the plate straight out of her hands, sending it crashing into the brick wall. He was very satisfied with himself. He was so mad he could strangle an innocent girl. His friend, no, his best friend was a back-stabber. He put all his trust into her and she turns on him. Has the world gone mad!?

Sasuke was focusing on his own thoughts when he heard a whimper. He slowly looked down to see Sakura on the floor crying. *'Ha! Serves her right... But... I thought this would feel like a victory, why does it feel like defeat?'*

The girl sniffed and whipped her tears as she cleaned up the mess of food and glass. Then she backed

up against the wall and slid down in. As she lay against the wall, her eyes become heavy and she starts to drift asleep, no bothering to look at those scolding black eyes.

*'Why does everything have to come crashing down on me? First I find out that my friend is lying to me. She joins forces with the enemy, and knocks me out. Then tries to feed me and now she is taking a nap right in front of me while I hang from my wrists!? Thank goodness whoever tied me put rags around my wrist so the rope wouldn't hurt. Darnit! Kabuto must have taken all my chakra away, I don't sense any of it at all.'*

While deep in his thoughts, he noticed Sakura grunting and getting back up from her slumber. She walked over to a lever and pressed down on it.

Before Sasuke knew what was going on, he fell to the ground, but the rope was still holding his hands behind his back.

He got up and seen Sakura go back to where she was before and closed her eyes once more.

*'What the heck do I do now?'* Sasuke walked towards the exit, but seen it was locked about twenty times, all up the door. He turned to the sleeping girl and kicked her gently.

"Wha-"

"Give me the keys!" Sasuke demanded, he didn't want to fight, but knew that if he must, he will. Sakura was a traitor after all.

"I'm sorry, but I cannot do that." She said, not even caring, no emotion what-so-ever.

"If you don't give them to me, I will force you to!" Sasuke yelled.

"I do not have the keys. Kabuto locked me in here too." She confessed and her eyes became glassy. "He said he has no more use for me, so he gave me some food and threw me in here." Sasuke's eyes softened just a tad as he sat down next to her.

Sakura brought her gaze to Sasuke, though not quite looking in his eyes. She reached back and untied Sasuke's wrists without even looking at his face. "If you want, I'll tell you the story now."

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Well, I'm sad to say that this story is coming to an end soon. There are not very many chapters left. \*sniff sniff\* I'm hoping you enjoyed the chappie and sorry for any mistakes or if you are lost at what's going on. If so, please tell me and I will make things clear. R&R would be greatly appreciated! Thanx ^\_~

## 9 - Can We Be Together?

Well, \*sniff sniff\* this is it! The last chapter! I'm sad, I don't want this to end.... WAAA! I wanted to go out with a BANG so I made this extra long for ya'll! Ok, well, thats enough talking! Here ya go people! THE LAST CHAPTER to When The Stars Don't Shine!

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For about fifteen minutes, Sasuke listened to Sakura's dreadful story, taking in every detail. They sat, leaning against the cold, hard wall. Sasuke clenched his fists and grinded his teeth together.

Sakura's eyes were glassy once more, once she was done with her story, she didn't take her eyes off of the floor. She was immediately snapped out of her thoughts as Sasuke got up from his position. She looked up at him in question, her brows furrowed with worry and sadness.

"So, he used you.... to get to me. Is that correct?"

Sakura wasn't sure if it was a question, or a demand. He sounded concerned, but at the same time, fuming with anger. She nodded hazily and he continued.

"And you got hurt in the process." Sasuke didn't take his eyes off of Sakura. His onyx eyes starring down on her emerald ones, as if he could find information just by looking at them. Once again, she nodded slowly, and getting up from her position.

She could tell he was about to murder Kabuto for what he has done to his friend, and what he put her through, that she could see in his eyes. Just by the way he glared at the wall, anyone could tell, even Naruto.

"Don't worry Sasuke." She finally had the courage to talk to him again. He turned to face her, and he softened just the tiniest bit. Sakura knew though, that it was a lie. She was still under Kabuto's control by that gosh darn bracelet. As she thought about it, her gaze settled on that same object. She starred at it, occasionally turning it over to look at the other side. But her actions didn't go unnoticed.



Sasuke reached over, and grabbed her wrist and examined it himself, which caused Sakura to blush just the smallest bit.

“How do you suppose we get this off of you?” Sasuke asked, not taking his eyes off the emerald gemmed bracelet.

Their conversation was cut short as they heard the door open. Automatically, Sasuke jumped in front of Sakura protectively. She already had enough lately, he wouldn't have her go through anymore.

He narrowed his eyes as that bastard, Kabuto, walked up to the two, which were in the corner of the small room.

“Seems you let the Uchiha down from his ropes I see.” Kabuto starred at Sakura, who was peeking around Sasuke, just to get a glimpse of him. She swallowed, and nodded. Sasuke still didn't budge from his spot in front of the small girl.

“What happened to the food I sent you?” Kabuto looked around the room to see the shards of broken glass in a small pile on the opposite side of the room.

Sakura bit her lip nervously.

*“GO TO HELL!” Sasuke shouted, and kicked the plate straight out of her hands, sending it crashing into the brick wall.*

Sasuke could feel Sakura shaking from behind him, probably frightened of that freak, Kabuto.

It's almost like Kabuto could read their minds, as he knew what must have happened. “I'll let it slide this time.” He smirked. “I'll bring some more food later.” With that, he left the two, making sure to lock each and every lock that was on the door.

Sakura sighed in relief and fell to the ground in exhaustion. Sasuke released some of his tension and sat back down. He wanted to kill Kabuto on the spot, but knew he would have no chance without any chakra.

For the next ten whole, long hours, they exchanged conversations, and had taken a small rest in-between. Now, they weren't talking, just taking in the silent moment and relax.

Sakura almost yelped when she heard her own stomach growl. This didn't go unnoticed.

“When was the last time you ate?” Sasuke turned to face his teammate.

Sakura bit her bottom lip again, and looked away and mumbled something.

“What was that?”

“I said... three days.” She trailed off and looked up at the Uchiha, looking for the expression on his face.

"Are you crazy!?" Sasuke finally snapped.

"Well, I was just under so much stress, I just couldn't eat! I did drink water though, if that counts." She started twiddling her fingers like Hinata.

Sasuke sighed. "We need to get you some food. Where the hell is Kabuto. He said he would have food."

Sakura didn't say anything. She hated to be the burden of the group. That's what she always thought of herself, the one who is always in the way. When she was little, maybe twelve, she was always the one being saved by one of her teammates. She was so scared, she could never stand up for herself. But now, she even surpassed the Hokage. The **Hokage!** The funny thing is that she had a better chance of becoming hokage than Naruto does. But now, right now, she felt as useless as she did when she was twelve.

Sasuke noticed the mood change, judging by the expression on her face. He wanted to comfort her so badly, show her that he wasn't a heartless bastard, but he wasn't the one to show emotions. Not even to his closest friends. But what he did, even shocked himself.

He slowly reached his hand over to her hand, and gently gripped it, using his thumb to stroke it gingerly.

Sakura was shocked, but felt much more relaxed now. Who knew the almighty Uchiha could care so much. She smiled in thanks and her eyes became heavy. Yawning, she started to fall asleep against the wall. She didn't care that it was uncomfortable, she was so tired she could sleep on a rock, which was almost exactly what she was sleeping on.

Sasuke watched the girl fall deeply asleep right next to him, letting out a quiet snore here or there. His eyes widened when he seen her falling to one side. He was about to catch her, but she caught herself and positioned herself against the wall, sitting straight again.

What he wasn't prepared for, was her to fall the opposite way this time, and leaned her head on his shoulder. Sasuke didn't seem to mind it though, it gave him some comfort. He soon found himself falling into a peaceful sleep as well.

"Sasuke? Sasuke, where are you?" A pink haired girl yelled, swaying left and right throughout the cold, dark woods.

"You betrayed me." An eery voice called out, echoing in every direction of the damp forest. "I trusted you, and you betrayed me!" It said again, with more anger and force this time.

"Wha- who are you. Show yourself!" Sakura cried out, a kunai firmly into her hand.

Just as she asked, a faint shadow of a figure came out of the darkness. Identity was still unknown to her.

"Who are you?" She yelled, but more scared than anything.

"Why? Why couldn't you have been strong enough? Why are you so weak to defend even yourself?" As those words were said, a tear made its way down the crushed blossoms face.

"... S-Sasuke?" She painfully said, wishing and hoping it wasn't true, even though it was most indeed true.

"Your not strong enough."

"Yes I am!"

"Your weak."

"No I'm not!"

"Your useless."

"Stop it!" Sakura covered her ears and fell to the hard ground. Tears were streaming down her rosy cheeks.

Sasuke walked over to the pathetic little blossom and lifted her chin up, so she would be facing him. "And do you know why your weak?"

That sentence caught Sakura's attention quite quickly.

"it's because you love me."

Sakura's eyes widened immediately, as he continued.

"You hold back your true strength when I'm around. You were perfectly fine while I was with Orochimaru, but the second I returned, you fell apart again."

Those words burned. REALLY burned. Like spears going through her heart, or at least what was left of her heart.

"S-so your saying... Give up on you?" She wasn't sure weather to say anything or not, but it just happened to spill out.

Sasuke's form was hazy, as if a glitch in a video game. He took a deep breath and said, "...Yes."

"Sakura"

She was speechless. Why wouldn't her voice work.

"Sakura."

It's like someone took her voice away, It's like she couldn't even breath.

“Sakura!”

Sasuke shook the sleeping girl as she stirred in her sleep. Obviously she was having a nightmare... a bad one.

“Wake up! Sakura!”

Sakura’s eyes snapped open, tears in the corner of both of them. Was that a dream? What was it trying to say to her?

“Are you ok?” Sasuke surprised himself for all of his concern for her.

She didn’t say anything, those words were racing through her head, giving her a massive headache.

“S-so your saying.. Give up on you?”

“... Yes.”

She shook her head quickly, shaking those thoughts out of her mind for the moment and whipped the tears away.

“I’m alright.” She muttered and again, her stomach growled, but a lot louder this time.

Sasuke looked around the room, hoping there would magically be food somewhere and anywhere. He didn’t find any food, but heard a faint clicking noise, and automatically knew what that was.

Kabuto walked in, his glasses hiding his eyes and a smirk on his face.

Sasuke glared at him, not because he was a bastard, but because there was no food with him at all.

“You said you would bring food. Where is it?!” Sasuke snapped, taking a glance at Sakura, who had her knees pulled up to her chest, and her arms hugging them tightly against her.

“Yeah, there’s a funny story about that. I don’t need her anymore. So she can just die for all I care.” He pushed up his falling glasses. Two gasps were heard and he automatically knew he was satisfied.

“Oh, no you won’t!” Sasuke hissed, punching Kabuto in the side of his cheek.

“What the...” Kabuto fell to the ground and held his cheek in pain. ‘Where did this boy get that much chakra, didn’t I take all of it?’ Kabuto’s gaze came upon a fragile girl, sitting in the corner of the room. *‘Of course, I didn’t take all of that girl’s chakra for obvious reasons. She must have given the Uchiha the last of her chakra.’*

“You know Sasuke, I was going to take over your body, but first I will get rid of your little friend first!” Kabuto reaches in his pocket and pulls out a small control-like thing. He grins evilly and turns the knob on full blast.

“AHHH!” Sakura screams as the electricity jolts up her arm like daggers. She slams her arm against the hard wall, hoping for it to shatter, but to no avail. She falls to the ground, tears falling down her smooth cheeks, occasionally letting out a scream or shriek now and again. *‘Why won’t it stop! It hurts...’*

“Sakura!” Sasuke yells, but didn’t go after her, knowing he must get the source of the attack. He plows into Kabuto, trying to reach for the device, but he kept getting pushed away.

“Now Sasuke. You should know that for me to take over your body, I mustn’t hurt it.” He shakes his index finger like you would do to a little kid that has done something wrong.

Sasuke didn’t seem to hear what he said, and leaps into the air. Reaching into his weapon pouch, he grunts. Kabuto must have confiscated all of his weapons. Sasuke thinks fast and goes to kick him in the chin, but Kabuto dodged it just as it was about to hit him.

Sasuke cursed under his breath. He didn’t have enough chakra to perform jutsu’s, the only thing he can do right now is taijutsu and dojustu.

Kabuto reared back his fist and sent it flying towards Sasuke’s face. He immediately ducked and kicked his foot out, trying to trip Kabuto. Unfortunately, he jumped and backed out of the way.

Sasuke could see in the corner of his eye that Sakura was still on the ground. He would hear a whimper from the poor girl. He had to act quickly, Sakura was just barley hanging onto life.

He wasn’t even paying attention when Kabuto punched him hard across the face, sending him flying backwards into the wall.

The Uchiha struggled to get up, his muscles tensed, he used up all the chakra Sakura had given him.

Using all his remaining strength, he got on his two feet, and limped over to the chuckling Kabuto. Sasuke was about to attack again, but seen a faint shadow behind him. *‘Sakura... how is she standing in that condition?’* He thought, but she put her index finger up to her mouth, signaling him to be quiet, which he did.

Sakura slowly crept up on Kabuto, who was too focused on pitying the attempts of Sasuke to even notice her, wincing at every step she took, the pain was about to take it’s run its coarse on her. She used the last of her strength to kick the control right out of Kabuto’s hands, sending it flying to the floor.

Kabuto seen in the corner of his eye that it was that pink-haired nuisance, but he lunged at the control that was still sliding on the floor.

But it was stopped, not by Kabuto, but by Sasuke’s foot. With a smirk on his face, Sasuke slams his foot down on the control, crushing it into tiny pieces.

The bracelet on Sakura’s wrist started to malfunction, sparks started to fly out of it. Then it finally exploded.

Sakura signed in relief, the pain, its finally gone. Giving Sasuke a weak smile, she leans on the wall and

slides down it, knowing she has absolutely no energy left whatsoever. Sasuke's heart settled, knowing Sakura is out a danger.

Kabuto let out a growl of some sort, which caused both ninja's attention fairly quickly. His body began to mutate into his demand form again.

Sakura let out a gasp, seeing those piercing red eyes of his. She watched as his form became much bigger and a lot more muscle.

It's voice was just as deep and terrifying. "I was going to take over your body Sasuke, but now I just want you dead!" Kabuto raps both his hands around Sasuke's neck and holds him up against the wall. Sasuke let out a gasp and his feet were flailing frantically.

He grabbed Kabuto's hands and tried to pry them off him, but he was way too strong for Sasuke.

Sakura watched in horror and she heard bones crush from the Uchiha boy she cared so much about. "Stop... stop... STOP!" Sakura screams with new tears forming around her eyes as she sat up, now standing.

Kabuto turns to face her, amused at how much courage she has to tell him that. *'This could be fun.'* He let go of Sasuke, which he slid to the ground with a thump, and started sauntering over to the cowering girl.

Her legs started to shake and she was about to collapse from underneath her. She bit her lip and tried to put on the meanest face as possible.

*"You hold back your true strength when I'm around"*

Her eyes began to water.

*"You were perfectly fine while I was with Orochimaru,"*

Her gaze settled on the ground.

*"But the second I returned, you fell apart again."*

*'No... no... NO, NO, NO!'* Sakura's once terrified eyes were replaced with rage and her hand started to glow a light green.

*'She can't possibly still have chakra left, does she?'* Kabuto thought as he stopped walking, merely feet away from her.

She grunted loudly and trusted her hand at the ground, causing it to shatter like glass.

Kabuto struggled to keep his balance, not focusing on what's going on around him. Sasuke watched in amazement. *'She really did surpass the Hokage.'*

*'I still have one weapon left.'* Sakura thought. She jumps in the air with a kunai firmly in hand. She trusted both of her knees into Kabuto's face, shattering his glasses in the process. Then jamming her feet into his stomach. Last, she jabs the kunai into the most sensitive part on Kabuto's back.

Both keel over and collapse on the ground.

"Sakura!" Sasuke yells, running to her aid. He sets her upright in his arms so she can breath easily. She opens one eye to a smiling Sasuke... wait! Smiling. Is that possible? Sakura smiled weakly in return.

"Where did you get that extra chalkra?" Sasuke seemed amazed.

"I honestly... don't know." Sakura's voice was very exhausted

What happens next startles both of them. They lean in, and kiss. Not a dramatic, demanding one like at the party. But a gentle, caring, compassionate kiss. Sakura snaked her arms around his neck while he held her hips as gently as possible.

But their kiss was cut short when what they both feared came back to haunt them. Kabuto gets up on his own two feet, now back to his human form, and has a dagger in one of his hands.

"Your both DEAD!" He starts running towards the couple. They didn't have enough chalkra to even move, let alone dodge an attack.

Sakura let out a shriek and Sasuke held her protectively as they both closed their eyes, awaiting the eternal darkness to come. But it didn't.

They both opened one eye to see Kabuto drop the dagger and fell forward inbetween the two. Surprisingly, he had a Dai Shuriken jabbed in his back.

Sasuke and Sakura looked up and smirked. There, standing where Kabuto was standing, was Naruto. With that stupid grin on his stupid face, at the stupidest time.

"So, did I miss anything?" Naruto sarcastically said, rubbing the back of his head. Hinata comes in behind him and kneels down next to the injured couple.

"Are you two alright?" Hinata checked over all the injuries they had.

"Just perfect." Sakura smiled sweetly at Sasuke, and he returned it with another one of his kisses.

"Woah!" Naruto gawked.

After Hinata cleans them up, just enough to make it back to the village, she and Naruto left them alone once again.

"Sasuke?" Sakura asked with her hands behind he back.

"Hn?" He turned to face her.

"I love you." She hugged the Uchiha so tightly.

"...I love you too." That surprised him. But what wasn't surprising, is that they shared another kiss together, as an official couple.

You know, a lot has happened within the past month. People wish upon shooting stars that their one true love will find them. But dreams do come true in the oddest times. And love blooms, even when the stars don't shine.

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WAAAAAAAAA!!! It's finally over!! \*sniff sniff\* reviews and thanks are the next chapter. R&R PLEASE!!!!  
\*sniff sniff, goes and crys on my bed\*



## 10 - Review And Thanks!

### Reviews and Thanks

Thank you guys so much for sticking with me! I know I still need A LOT of work on my stories and they can get confusing at times, but you guys don't know how much it really means to me! Gosh, I'm going to start crying again! If I failed to put your name on here, please tell me! I can get a little brain-dead at times and I tend to forget! Well, here is everyone!

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To be honest, I wasn't expecting this many people! And for that, I thank all of you, whether you reviewed or not, thank you for taking the time to read!^^

I LOVE YOU GUYS!!

~Celine