

# Catch Me as I fall

By FrostToguro

Submitted: November 14, 2004

Updated: May 1, 2005

*Everyone has a dark side, what if your older brother did, what if it began to leak out? What would you do?*

*Yaoi Toguro Otouto X Toguro Ani (It doesn't show in the first few chapters)*

Provided by Fanart Central.

<http://www.fanart-central.net/stories/user/FrostToguro/8773/Catch-Me-as-I-fall>

<b>Chapter 1 - Prolouge</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Chapter 2 - Romance and Misery</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Chapter 3 - His Beautiful Fall From Grace</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Chapter 4 - Bring Me To Life</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Chapter 5 - My Angel is Here</b>	<b>14</b>

# 1 - Prolouge

Catch me as I fall

Prolouge

"Hey, Brother?" Toguro called leaning back in his desk chair. He looked at his older brother, Ani, who was lying on his back, sprawled out on the bed, reading a Anne Rice thriller. Ani apparently didn't hear him. "Brother!" Ani looked up, startled. He set his book down and walked to Toguro. He leaned on the desk and looked at the computer screen that showed names and profiles of various demons they had captured and were now in cells, ready to be sold.

"What is it?" He asked while putting an arm on Toguro's shoulder. Toguro typed a few more words and the prices of the demons appeared. It totalled up to about \$3,000,000 altogether. Nothing seemed of the ordinary to Ani he just placed his forehead on the nape of Toguro's neck and laughed softly. "You're off your rocker, brother.....Nothing seems to be wrong. I think you need to spend a bit of time away from Sakyo and get all your marbles back. Ok? And no more Sci Fi movies, only horror." He was about to turn away but Toguro caught Ani's hand that was resting on his shoulder and pulled him back.

"This is too low, we need to get more apparition on this row, perferably fire, they're easy to capture, break, and they sell for an awesome price." Toguro explained. "Can you come with me to try to capture at least two.....tonight?" Ani grinned before nodding.

"Great....." Toguro said while closing the program, "I could really use your help....." He watched fondly as Ani turned and walked out of the room.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

The night air was crisp, clean, and clear as Ani and Toguro swiftly ran. They both held energy restrainers as they silently ran, side by side. Somewhere around their designation, Toguro heard Ani's small and quick footsteps grow faster. Toguro looked ahead of him and saw the pit that several types of demons mingled with other types and elements. He reached out and gently slapped the back of Ani's shoulder to alert him to slow down. They both slowed and eventually stopped at the edge of the pit and looked down. The pit was huge and there were c-class demons all over the place. Toguro pulled Ani away and they crouched behind a large rock. Ani stared out at the pit with Toguro's arm around his midriff.

"Are they going to come out in groups?" He asked his younger brother. Toguro nodded and thrust another restrainer into Ani's hand. They looked around to see if they were being watched by a scout or another demon hunter, their eyes momentarily met and they stared at each other before looking back into the pit. Toguro sighed and settled back against the rock with Ani at his side.

"We might have to wait, they don't leave until after midnight..... You know how they do these 'Hell on Earth' rituals and dances." Toguro whispered. No sooner that the words left his lips, he laughed as Ani curled up into a little ball with his head on Toguro's hip and fell asleep. Toguro remained awake to watch for the demons that they were out after. He stared out and winced as a stream of blood protruded from the middle of the pit. The demons must've felt carnivorous. Toguro's hand felt around Ani's hair as he heard the tortured scream of demons eating away at the flesh of one another. He sighed and leaned back onto the rock, trying not to fall asleep. He looked down and kept his fingers busy by using them to gently untangle Ani's windblown hair.

After several hours, Toguro checked his watch, it read 2:34. He noticed that demons were beginning to walk or fly away. He gently nudged Ani awake and gestured to the pit. Ani immediately sat up straight and reflexively ran his fingers through his surprisingly tangle-free hair. Toguro pushed him into a crouching position as three fire demons headed in a direction different from the other demons. Toguro was now crouched on all fours, ready to run, Ani in the same position below his chest. They were both perfectly silent as their yellow eyes trailed the demons. Toguro felt his body tighten and Ani's jerked as the apparitions took a sharp turn towards the tall grass. There were other demons walking around, but the brothers didn't care. Finally, when the fire demons entered and disappeared through the tall grass, Toguro launched off from the rock and both brothers sliced through the morning air.

While in mid step, Toguro noticed that the demons were keeping their energy down as to not set the grass ablaze. He picked up his pace for Ani had gone to his fastest sprint. Finally, they burst through the grass and continued their search. They had become divided and Toguro heard a demon shriek, notifying him that Ani had gotten one. He stopped and ran towards the direction of the scream, hoping to find both his brother and two more fire demons. He finally found them and almost ran over Ani, but Ani stepped aside him, holding the energy chain to the demon he had just captured.

"Which way did the others go?" Toguro panted while examining Ani's prey. "This one looks pretty good. Well done." He patted Ani's shoulder and took the chain. Ani nodded and pointed to a small patch of grass. Toguro nodded and Ani handed him a restrainer and started at his fastest pace towards the other demons. Toguro looked at the cowering demon and pulled out a little black case from his pocket. Inside were 5 needles and syringes filled with tranquilizer. He took one out and knelt next to the shivering apparition and injected it. The apparition fell limp to his feet and Toguro examined it more closely, only to discover the demon was a male. He slung it over his shoulder and began to walk towards the direction Ani had bolted off. He felt an energy wave and knew Ani was done being nice to the other demons. Toguro picked up his pace and entered an empty field surrounded by trees, his eyes scanned the grass line and saw Ani hovering above the demons. One was perfectly still, and Toguro knew it was dead. The other was spitting curses in Makai Tongue. He said one thing in particular and Ani flared up. His eyes were ablaze and he was surrounded by his usual black aura. Toguro stumbled back at the fury of his brother was giving off. Ani only hovered above the air and grinned dangerously. His eyes glowed red as his voice changed from his high pitched usual to a deeper masculine voice Toguro had never heard.

"Not afraid of the Underworld now are you?" Ani said in his strange voice. His hair hovered around and above his head, giving him a frightening look. "BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE I AM GOING TO SEND YOU!" He lunged at the demon for the kill, but Toguro dropped the demon he was holding and raced to Ani.

"No!" He yelled. "Don't do it! There's no need!" He grabbed Ani around the waist and held him back, but Ani kicked and squirmed. Finally, Toguro was forced to drive his fist into Ani's stomach. Ani yelped in his normal voice and his eyes returned to their yellow hue. His hair fell back into its usual position and his aura faded. Toguro was on his elbows with Ani between his arms. Ani looked up, his eyes were clouded and he held his stomach. The demon had fainted to its encounter of death. Toguro stared into Ani's eyes, expecting to see the same person who wasn't Ani a few seconds ago. Ani only sighed, struggling to catch his breath. Toguro cringed as he saw the one expression he had never seen dance across the face his brother: Fear.....

"I'm sorry..." Ani whispered. Toguro sat up as Ani squirmed out from underneath him, turned and fled, holding his stomach as he ran. Toguro watched after him, his heart thumping very hard. He stood, brushed the dirt off his thigh, and placed the restrainer on the other fainted demon and slung them both over his shoulder, he walked home very silently, passing more demons leaving the pit.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Once Toguro had arrived, he placed the demons into a cell and walked towards the large house. Once inside, he walked very slowly, he was in no hurry to reach Ani. After he climbed six flights of stairs, he walked to the doorway to Ani's room. The double doors were shut and locked, so Toguro reached up to one of the dragon statues, he shut the sliding eye lids and the mouth opened, with a bronze key inside. He took the key and stepped to the door. Before inserting the key, he put his ear to the door, to listen. The door was cold, and he heard nothing but a heavy silence.

"Hey.....Ani-san....." He said in a loud voice. There was no response, but he tried again. Not calling his brother by his usual name. "Ani! Answer me! That's a demand.....damnit!" Still no response. The door was growing colder. For no particular reason, Toguro felt a pit of dread drop into his stomach like a weight. He knew what lied beyond this door, he wasn't going to like it. It was too quiet, Ani would've responded.....Ignoring his minds silent pleas to walk away from the door, Toguro inserted the key....And he twisted until he heard a click.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Chapter 1preview: Toguro finds an odd instrument he never noticed before in his brothers room, and see's a little too far into his brothers problem.....

## 2 - Romance and Misery

### Chapter 2: Romance and Misery

"Bui, I need to speak with him....." Toguro pressed on. Bui looked around helplessly. "Bui, trust me.....I'm not going to pick a fight or anything. I am his brother, so I have every right to be with him." Bui turned his gaze back to Ani.

"Don't you dare leave me here with HIM." Ani growled. Bui only sighed and shook his head before leaving the room. Toguro watched him as he left room and then turned back to Ani.

"Uh.....Hey." He said while looking around the room. He saw the book sitting innocently on the top of a shelf next to the couch. He walked to the couch and plopped down next to Ani. "You alright? I hitchhiked hard, didn't I? Sorry." He leaned back and put an arm around Ani's shoulder and hugged him. Ani stared around the room, but quickly closed his eyes as Toguro tilted his brother's face to him and his lips sensually caressed his. Toguro's grip around him became tighter as his tongue licked at Ani's and his hand went down to his older brother's thigh. At this, Ani pulled back, looking startled, he felt a mixture of feelings, but he just completely ignored his brother's extreme affection.

"Oh, uh....." Ani began looking down at his hands, knowing he was blushing. "I-I-I'm sorry for what I said last night." He looked up at Toguro who only smiled. "There's something going on, it's hard to explain. There's a side of me that formed from an unknown something. I don't understand. I-I-I-I think I n-n-need help....." Toguro's smile turned to a slight frown as Ani spoke. "But whatever happens, you must not open that book." Toguro snapped his eyes to the book. He stood and looked at Ani.

"No...." He thoughtfully said while rubbing his chin. "You're going to open it.....I'm just going to look at it." He stared as Ani narrowed his eyes into yellow slits. "Go on, I know that book has something to do with your odd behavior. I want to get to the bottom of it for your safety, I don't want anything to happen to you." When Ani didn't budge, Toguro made a move to pick the book up himself. But Ani had edged his way between Toguro and the shelf.

"If you want it that badly so be it....." He coldly said. He picked up the book, and only then, did Toguro realize the silver lining on the pages was a silver cover that locked the book together. Ani sat down and Toguro sat next to him with an arm on his shoulder. Ani used his nail to slice a small wound on his forearm and let the blood run into a small oval engraved in the black leather. The book seemed to absorb the blood and the silver "lock" opened. Ani firmly grasped the back and front cover of the book and drew a ragged breath. Toguro could've sworn he saw tears of regret in his brother's eyes before he spoke, but he was never sure. In the same cold, heartless voice Ani first spoke in, he spoke again. "I hope it's everything you want....."

He threw the book open and immediately, a blue cloaked figure emerged, Ani gasped and quickly shut it as there was red lightning following the figure that was now standing with its back turned towards Toguro and Ani. The room suddenly felt cold and Toguro for some reason, felt naked, part of him felt exposed like there was a being entering part of his mind, leaving him insecure. When Ani had forced the book shut, he looked up and sighed again. The figure turned around. Toguro felt his breath catch in his throat when he saw the face. It was Ani. It LOOKED like Ani..... He wore a pair of blue slacks that fit almost like tights and gold-colored boots. His top was dark blue and had two rows of gold buttons going down the middle. His gold shoulder pads that were halfway visible from under the cloak were

shiny and pointed into the opposite direction. Gold armlets and gauntlets gleamed on his arm, but the thing that caught Toguro's attention most was the gold tiara that came down into a point down between the eyebrows. What Ani noticed was the blush across the individual's nose and cheek. His eyes sparkled and he seemed to glow. Ani cocked his head to the side and looked the person up and down. "Who are YOU?" HE rudely asked. "You don't look like the Hellion, that's who usually comes." The figure smiled and pulled his gold hemmed hood down, revealing hair EXACTLY like Ani's except for two gold streaks that ran through the hair spilling over his slender shoulder.

"I am Romance....." He dreamily sighed. "I am not Hellion, but your Romance. Without me.....you can't love.....I AM your love....." It took ANi a moment to realize he had come face to face with one of his personalities. The man called Romance, twirled about to face Toguro.

"Ah, my brother....." He lightly said. His face glowed and his apparently natural blush deepened. "I disapprove of your discovering the book, but you insisted....." His voice sounded disapproving, but he smiled sweetly in a handsome way. Toguro shifted uncomfortably at the gaze he was getting from this odd figure.

"Wait....." Ani said. "What about Hellion? What happened to him? He normally comes whenever and he's a son of a bean dip mother frito to stuff back into that damnable book, FYI...." Romance turned his cool gaze to him as he gracefully turned on his heel.

"The Hellion is indisposed. I'm afraid the thing that lurks within has taken him.....But he put up an extremely good fight, that's why you had a serious mood swing that night with the demons. But what lies beneath in these very pages of this book are not a crystal stair." He made an elegant gesture to the book. "The horror exists in there, we are fighting it, it's far too overwhelming.....We need help.....But no matter.....I must return. My dearest Ani, if you will open the book, I will return quickly enough so others do not emerge. My time grows short as it is, and as it will be.....forever.....Now my Ani, open the book. And farewell to the two of you, sweet companions....." He bowed as Ani opened the book and he vanished into a whisp of blue smoke that seemed to absorb into the open book. Ani shut it with a snap. His eyes turned to look at Toguro but neither brothers did anything. They stared at each other for a long time until Toguro sighed.

"I don't know what in the blue f\*\*\* I just saw.....But it doesn't really matter." HE said softly but firmly.

"Now is the time.....Give me the book.....PLEASE don't make me take it forcibly. I would really hate to have to use force....So hand it over....please." He wasn't suprised that ANi showed no signs of shock. But Ani stood and held the book to his chest.

"No." He said. "You don't understand! I'm not keeping it from for no reason, I-" He was cut off as Toguro grasped one of his wrists and pulled it firmly so that ANi loosened his grip on the book and Toguro firmly yanked it away. But ANi held on so Toguro used his aura to throw Ani back. Horrified at his brother's actions, ANi turned and fled the room, no doubt searching for Bui.

"Hey, Don't go!" Toguro called, but ANi had not heard him. Toguro sighed while looking at the book. "Ah, well.....I guess it won't hurt to have a little peek without him here.....Damn.....it's cold....." He fingered the edges and ran his fingers over the smooth black cover. "So this is supposed to hold the 'thing that lurks within', eh? No matter. This is what I wanted to see, I have it, and now, I'm gonna check it out....."

He took a deep breath and waited a few second before letting it out. The lock was still open, so he needn't worry about that. Then he cautiously opened it. AT first, he opened to the inside of the cover. He saw a silver symbol that looked like a sun, star, moon, and a tortured face all together. There was what appeared to be a small little blue gem. It was oddly shiny and Toguro found himself staring at it. He kept staring at it, and staring, and staring, and staring. He suddenly felt cold all over, but he paid no mind and continued to gaze intently at the stone. He was so intrigued with it's beauty, he was oblivious to what was going on around him. For all he knew, Bui could be beating him with his axe and Toguro would

only gaze at the stone. When Toguro cleared his throat, but quickly looked up because of the loud echoing of it. He was somewhere, but he wasn't in Ani's room. He appeared to be in a large empty space of nothing. There was a red, misty haze hovering above the ground, he could only see above it and saw jagged rocks and twisted leafless trees protruding from the mists. There was a floating isle far up in the sky, and there were canyon-like cliffs sticking up from the mists. He stared around, it was dead quiet. "Hello?" He called. His voice echoed back, ello, ello, ello, ello, ellooooo. HE stared around. There was absolutely nothing. The red seemed to shift with his every movement. "A-A-Ani.....?" He called out. Still, the haunting, teasing echo sounded so Toguro heard his own call for his brother travel back to him. He stared at the sky which was blood red. He saw what looked like dragons fly thousands of dragons slying across what appeared to be a red, meteor (like the thing from FF7), planet. Toguro guessed it was the sun of this world he stumbled upon. He tucked the book under his arm and started to walk, which he found extremely difficult for the mist concealed many spots of uneven ground. Toguro found himself stumbling over small rocks and craters.

"I have no idea where the hell I am...." He muttered to himself under his breath. "I want out. I can't be afraid. I don't understand. Where Am I!? I wish ANi was here.....Even if it was just a part of him.....I wish he was here....." Toguro allowed his voice to trail off as he trudged through the red mists, dodging rocks and craters. He hoped to find a way out, but it seemed entirely like a miniature hell without thousands of demons swarming around. He walked and walked until he got angry and turned to look at the dragons in the sky. "I WANT OUT GODDAMNIT!!!!!!!!!" His yells had no effect on the large animals and they continued to fly, making no noise. "WHY THE HELL DO I GOTTA BE ALONE IN THIS GODFORSAKEN HELL-HOLE????????????!!!!!!!!!!!!!" He was about to scream some more until he heard a noise.....a unfamiliar, while at the same time.....familiar noise. He turned towards the direction and felt his way toward it. There was a big twisted tree in his path, so he just climbed over it rather go around. What he saw were rocks, and a glimmering lake of water. The water probably would've looked normal, had it not been reflecting the deep red of its surroundings. At the water's edge was- "Ani!" Toguro cried while rushing to him. HE ignored the fact that Ani was on his knees, crouched over and weeping. But he rushed to him anyways. Just as he reached him, he stopped, he noticed this Ani looked like Romance, only where there was gold on Romance, there was silver on this being. His face was not blushed, but tear stained. Toguro knelt next to him. "Brother...." HE breathed. "How do we get out of here, we have to go.....NOW! Let's....." His voice trailed off as he realized that this was not Ani, but a personality.

"I am Misery." The being sobbed. "I am the one who makes your brother emotionally hurt. Forgive me....."

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Ani walked back into his room, unable to find Bui. But when he saw the book lying on the couch and Toguro gone. He stepped forward. He gasped and touched the book. It was now warm instead of cold. "No....." He whispered. "Please.....No...Not him.....Anybody but him....."

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Chapter 3 review: Tougro is lost within a place similar to hell, a place created by Ani, only Ani can save him now.

### 3 - His Beautiful Fall From Grace

#### Chaoter 3: His Beautiful Fall From Grace

"Wh-who are you?" Toguro disbelievingly asked. The being sniffed and looked away. Toguro grasped Misery's chin and lifted his face to look at him. They locked eyes for a while, gazing.

"I told you....." Misery said, holding onto Toguro's wrist. "I am Misery. I'm like Romance, but I reflect all your brothers sadness and hurt him. I must admit, out off all his sadness, you are the main cause of it throughout all of these years." Misery sniffed and gently pulled out of Toguro's grasp. Toguro sighed and sat on the rock beside the waters edge.

"Alright....alright.." He said. "I getcha. Can you help me out of this place?" Misery sadly shook his head. Toguro was pissed off by this time he narrowed his eyes and stared irritadeldly at Misery. "Look." He said. "I HAVE TO GET BACK HOME NOW! MY BROTHER NEEDS ME!" Misery yelped and backed away quickly. He began to wring his hand and his eyes started to water with tears. Silently cursing himself, Toguro sighed.

"Sorry." He said. "Look, I'm just worried. I have no idea on how I got here, or where I am. I just want to go home." Misery sniffed and blinked back his tears as he sat next to Toguro. Toguro glanced down at him out the corner of his eye. Since he was here, he might as well learn someting.

"So, uh...When you said I was the main cause of Ani's sadness....Could you elaborate?" Toguro inquired. Misery pulled a knee up to his chest and through for a moment before answeing.

"He truly beleived you never really cared." Misery sadly said. "He was fine before this Genkai lady from what I heard from the others, but then things went all worng and he saw you were just too involved with Genkai to even notice him as much. I was created. I was created through all of his sadness, sorrow, MY brother, Betrayal, is another one that was created through your brothers emotion."

"Another what?" Toguro asked. Misery ignored his interuption and continued.

"Betrayal helped alot, he consumed the fustration and the deeper emotions of rejection. But as your relationship with Genkai grew deeper, so did Ani's unhappiness. He just wanted to retire from life altogether. But his love for you held him back, and kept him there. By the time your love for Genkai was at its climax, Ani was doubtful about his devotion to you. But after the tournament when Genkai became lost to you.....Ani was actually happy you were done with her. He was so understanding and forgiving. He loved you unconditionally. He still does. But now, The one we do not speak of is erasing his love for you out of him. You're losing him. And you're losing him fast." He sniffed and took Toguro's hands. Toguro was lost, consuming all of Misery's words and finally realizing how much he had hurt Ani, he broke down in tears. Misery looked at him with a startled expression.



"It's a-all my fault!" Toguro despairingly said. He turned away from Misery and gently cried. Misery placed his hand on Toguro's shoulder.

"You just didn't know." He gently told him. He leaned on Toguro's back until his cheek rested on the back of Toguro's neck. Toguro turned around and embraced Misery and they tightly held each other.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

"Ani? What is it?" Bui asked. His freind had thrown himself on his bed and burt into tears. "Are you alright?" He asked. Ani just wailed louder. Bui sat down next to him and stroked his hair. "Ani..." Bui whispered. He gathered Ani into his arms and rocked him back and forth. After a while, ANi was quieted down and was perfectly still and silent for several minutes. He stood, wiped his tears away and stared at Bui like nothing had ever happened.

"What?" He asked Bui. Bui shook his head, his jaw hanging open. Ani shrugged. "I thought you said something." He promptly said while walking to the window. Bui stodd and took a few steps towards him.

"Do you know what just happened?" Bui asked. Ani glanced at him curiously, an eyebrow raised.

"No." He skptically answered. Bui sighed.

"I'll be back..." He said. Ani turned to look at him as he left.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Toguro stood and brushed his clothes off.He looked up at the creatures still flying around, his wet face turned towards the sky. Misery stood next to him, holding his hand and leaned against him.

"Brother.... Remember his beautiful fall from grace." Misery softly said. Toguro glanced down at Misery, but Misery was gone. Toguro frantically turned about, trying to locate him. Nothing.

"Misery!" Toguro called. No answer. Just a distinctive sobbing that echoed all around him. Toguro grumbled and walked a ways more. He saw a small paved path that weaved around the strangeland. He sighed and began walking along, hoping Misery would appear and help him. Walking farth and farther, he found himself under a huge black twisted tree.

"Daaaaaaaaaammnnnn..." Toguro whispered whiled looking up at the gnarled branches. He stepped under it and looked to the top. He saw a shadow leap from the branches onto a lower branch. Toguro lwapt back and prepared to attack.

"Who's there?" He yelled. Another Ani look alike leapt to the ground and stood. He turned and faced Toguro with a cheery smile on his face. HE looked like a ghost. Toguro could literally see right through him. He was transparent. But he brightly grinned nonetheless. "Who the hell-?"

"Hey!" The Ani-look-alike brightly said. "What's up! My names Joy.....And it's NOT a girls name!" HE smiled and pranced all around a dumbfounded Toguro. Toguro watched him and removed his sunglasses. He just stared and stared as Joy danced around him.

"Toguro, you're not in Kansas anymore." He mumbled. Joy stopped. He flipped his hair back and smiled even wider. He wore the stangest assortment of clothing Toguro had ever seen, at least the color of it. It was Ani's same tenchcoat, but it was YELLOW instead of blue.

"I reflect your brothers happiness and bring him joy." He said. He studied Toguro for the longest time. Another noise brought them to attention. It was ANOTHER Ani look-alike, but this one wore a white robe with a golden belt around it. Joy smiled and giggle with glee and ran to embrace this new figure. Toguro groaned as Joy came over with the new being.

"Brother!" He happily beamed. "I'd like you to meet Hope!" Toguro forced a smile and nodded in greeting. Just like Joy, this being was transparent and fading too. Toguro wondered why these beings weren't solid like the other two.

"Brother." Hope said. He reached a pale hand out to Toguro. Toguro stepped closer and took it. "I reflect the ambitions and dreams that your brother has, his hopes and anticipations that drive him and propel him throughout his life."

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Next Chapter: Toguro had no idea just how important Ani was to him. Or how much he deeply loved him- until he loses him.

## 4 - Bring Me To Life

Catch me As I Fall

Chapter 4 :Bring Me To Life

Bui was up in his own room, dialing a number on the phone. He was shaken up. Things were already in motion, and too soon for them to handle. He could hear his own heart as Sakyu picked up on the other line.

"Hello?" Sakyu answered.

"Sakyu?"

"Bui?"

"Yeah, listen..." Bui began in a hushed whisper. "It's been set into motion, the emotions are shifting with the memories and the one we do not speak of is enraged. I believe Toguro already entered, I haven't seen him since Ani left him in the room with the book alone. And Ani's getting these mood swings that he can't even remember." There was an intake of breath from Sakyu.

"Now all we can do is sit back and wait." He said. "It's all up to the brothers."

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

'I have no choice.' Ani thought, opening the book. 'I must go in and retrieve him.' He turned to the inside cover and placed his palm over the stone and closed his eyes.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Toguro released Hope's hand and leaned against the tree. His eyes skipping from Joy, to Hope, then back to Joy. The beings just gazed at him. Joy bore a happy-go-lucky expression, and Hop had a pensive look set on his face.

"What happened to you guys?" Toguro inquired. "Why are you guys fading?" The beings looked at each other, then back to Toguro.

"Ani is losing us." Hope quietly said. "We are being lost to him, he is finding less need for us." Toguro stared. "As for me," Hope continued, "I was never that important or useful to Ani."

"And me," Joy said. "You were the reason I was created." Toguro cracked his knuckles, sighed, and sat at the base of the tree.

"What's your story?" He asked, his eyes on Joy. Joy, apparently delighted that Toguro was interested danced about before settling in front of Toguro and smiled.

"Well," He began. "When he was born, his mother wasn't the most caring or loving thing in the world. IN fact, ANi hated her and she hated Ani. He was an abomination to her. SHE made his life a living hell, and he was raised in this environment. But after you were born, he was given a reason for existence. He was dedicated to you, and you brought him happiness, by the time you were full grown, he was so proud of you and your accomplishments. HE loved you, you loved him and that's what made him happy. The very sound of your voice or the call of your name could lighten his soul on even the darkest moments. My and Hope's cousin, Pride was also created from you, but he was consumed along with Patience, Betrayal, Romance, Devotion, Wisdom, Strength, Mercy, and that fool, what was his name..... Ah Joker. and many more. The-One-We-Do-Not-Speak-Of has consumed them. That is why Ani had been malfunctioning." Toguro thought about these words for a few moments before jumping up and staring disbelievingly.

"No!" He said. "The you guys ARE Ani's personalities!" HE shouted. Hope and Joy nodded. "Then I'm-"

"Inside my head." A voice said. A figure materialized out of thin air in between Hope and Joy. It was Ani. The real Ani. Hope and Joy slowly backed away from him and into the red mists out of sight.

"I want you out." Ani said. "Now! I trusted you. You intruded on my most personal thoughts. I-" He was cut off as Toguro scooped him into his strong arms and squeezed him for all he was worth.

"I had no idea." He said. Ani was limp in his arms. "This whole time, I had no idea how much I affected you. I learned so much!" He squeezed Ani tighter to him, feeling his body against him. Ani just rested there, his eyes open in disbelief, he slowly laid his head against Toguro's throat and sighed. Toguro was lost in a jumble of words. He felt tears spring to his eyes as Ani lifted his own arms around Toguro's neck.

"I should've told you." Ani whispered. He looked over the side of Toguro's arm and saw Joy, Hope, and Misery, along with a being dressed in black with a spike fools crown. Ani gave them a hard look and they withdrew deeper into the mists. Toguro released Ani, and grasping his shoulder smiled at him. Ani looked down. "I know. You talked to Misery, Hope and Joy. Didn't you?" He asked. Toguro nodded.

"They told me all that stuff." He said. He lowered his face and brushed his cheek against Ani's. Ani gripped the trenchcoat on his brother's shoulder and tightly shut his eyes. "Brother, what is it?" He asked, feeling Ani tense up.

"You have to leave....." Ani urgently whispered. He released Toguro and turned around, his eyes scanning the misty haze. Toguro grabbed Ani's arm to him as a noise was heard in the distance. The mist suddenly turned gray, then dark blue, then back to a black silver color. A dark shadow enveloped the brothers and drew in. Toguro momentarily forgot about Ani as he stared at the shadow that was growing larger and larger.

"B-brother!" Ani stuttered. Toguro felt Ani's hand grip the leg of his pants for support as he hunched over. He knelt quickly and grasped Ani by the shoulders. Ani tightly held his chest. "Help me....." He whispered. Toguro gently pulled Ani's arms away to see what was wrong. A large bloodstain was slowly spreading throughout Ani's trench coat. His eyes were wide with fear and pain. His coat now had blood dripping off of the hem. He slumped into Toguro's arms and softly moaned.

"What is it?" Toguro asked. "Brother...." He held Ani and softly touched his cheek. Ani fell limp, and his breathing came quick and heavy. He tightly squeezed Toguro's arm.

"It's...time." He whispered to Toguro. He lifted his face to Toguro, his lips, chin, and slender neck was covered in blood. "I must leave you." He closed his eyes and slowly opened him. Toguro lifted Ani closer to him. He cringed as he felt his older brother's blood soak through his coat and onto his skin. He gently held the back of Ani's head and tilted him back. Ani made a soft choking noise as more blood poured from his lips and streaked his pale skin. Toguro felt tears prick his eyes as he kissed Ani's neck and gently nuzzled his brother's cheekbone.

"I don't understand...." He whispered in Ani's ear. Ani slowly caressed the back of Toguro's neck, his hands trembling like the rest of his body. Toguro lowered his face and his lips interlocked with Ani's. He pulled back as a surge of blood gushed from Ani's lips once more.

"The one I must not speak of has won...the battle. Win the war, don't let me die here. Bring me to life." He choked. He swallowed and opened his mouth to speak, but the words were a war to fight for. "I...lo....." He pulled himself up. "I...love.....y-y-you..B-b-b-broth...er....." His body went limp. He was dead. Toguro stared disbelievingly at Ani's face. He pulled Ani's face closer to him. The shadow was now closer to him and it appeared to have glowing eyes. But he didn't care.

"I will win." He whispered against Ani's lips. Toguro knew it was his own fault his older brother was dead, if only he had listened. "I'm sorry." Toguro gently placed him down. Ani's body stared back at him with an accusing stare in his icy eyes. Toguro closed them and wiped his brother's lips free of the blood. It was over. No more Ani. He had nothing left of a brother but a corpse. Ani was gone forever. Toguro stared at the shadow, beginning to swirl around him, his eyes pooling with tears. The walls that stood between him and his emotions came tumbling down. His tears streamed down his face. It felt as if a chunk of him had been ripped away and burned. He felt empty and hollow as he stood, Ani's body at his feet. He watched the shadow slowly materialize into another Ani being, except it was clad in a black robe with the anti-cross on the front.

"Brother...." The being said. He pulled back the hood of his robe to expose eye-less sockets. Toguro leapt back as a black scorpion crawled from its eye and down its robe. "I am Fear X. I am the one they don't speak of." Toguro slowly wiped his tears and stared at the being.

"I'll kill you." He bitterly spat.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Next chapter: SHOWDOWN

## 5 - My Angel is Here

Disclaimer: I don't own YYh or the characters. And if I were making a profit off of this, I'd be poor, it ain't worth anything.....so don't sue, or's else I'd have to suck you in and show you a few personalities and beings of my own.....

Warning: You're in for a long and boring chapter. I know it's wrong, but I have NO pride in this crappy chapter, I just put it up for those who wanted updates.....Nothing would come to me...

### My Angel Is Here

"I'll kill you!" Toguro bitterly spat. Fear X threw his head back and gave a chilling laugh that echoed in the walls of Toguro's head. Toguro tightly closed his eyes and desperately shook his head as the cruel laughter rang out of him. Fear X stopped as he saw Toguro collapsed to his knees and clamped his hands over his ears, trying to shut out the sound. He slipped his hands into his black cloak and it reappeared with a dagger encrusted with jewels. Toguro opened his eyes and noticed Ani's body by his knees. He saw the blood on his brothers still body. He stood up with his head bowed and fist clenched.

"Ooooh..." Fear X mused, twirling the dagger between his slender fingers. "Is this the part where you bravely cut out my heart and crush it and avenge your dear brothers death and send me to the Underworld?" He giggled at his own joke, but quickly stopped as Toguro lifted his head, removed his sunglasses, and threw them over his shoulder, his eyes were ablaze with a fire that had never been there before. His teeth tightly grit and his whole body shaking, he stared at Fear X.

"I...I never did notice how much Ani had wanted me to be happy until now. I never understood how much I wanted HIM to be happy. But I DO understand that because of my lack of intelligence and knowledge, he's gone." Toguro quietly said. "I can't place it in words how hard this has struck me. I have realized that my whole life was built by him, he was the structure of my dreams and my life. Everything that ever meant anything to me....he was the source of it. But I never noticed. You have no idea that with just a desicion YOU made, you have not just ended his life, but MY reason for life, I will beat you, or I will die trying." Fear X grinned.

"That so touching." He mockingly said. "Youre just so choked up in you meaningless emotions that you are actually beleiving the nonsense Ani had wanted you to beleive. You are wrong about everything. You claim that your truly cared for him, but what about Misery? He told you the truth, only the truth, and nothing but the truth. He lost faith in you when you were with Genkai, He had given up on you and forced his prescence upon you. But you ARE right about one thing, you will die trying." He smirked in his satisfaction.

"I've never seen on as pathetic and clueless as you." Toguro growled. Fear X laughed.

"Well, genius, you who forgot your brother and you who forsaked him and you let him die and you who is unable to avenge him.....Tell me how clueless I am." He shifted his wieght on one leg and stared irritably at Toguro with cruel amusement playing on his lips.

"Think about it dumb-@\$\$." Toguro whispered. "If he didn't care about me or had lost his faith in me, why would he turn demon with me if he knew it meant eternity with me. We walked hand in hand through Damntations doorway, and this is what it has come to. I will not give up on him. So enough said, today, you die." With that being said he whipped his coat off. Fear X grinned and bared his perfectly shaped teeth, his monstrous fangs gleaming in the darkness.

"Our time is now." He whispered. He rose several feet into the air and lifted his hands as if summoning something. Toguro clenched his fist and prepared to power up.

"Don't bother." Fear X mused. "Ani's mind is very complex, no spirit engery is accessable. He personally saw to that himself. Is that right, my little Aniki?" Toguro jumped as a tourtured cry echoed from which every direction.

"ANI!" Toguro yelled. Fear X laughed.

"Aw, look. He's crying for you, he knows your fate.....It's the same his pathetic one." He said. Toguro's eyes narrowed and he lunged for Fear X. He shoulder tackled the being, but before ge could pin him against something, Fear X crackled evilly and vanished fro Toguro's grasp. He reappeared behind Toguro and slashed at him with the blade and caught from the back of his shoulder, to the side of his hip. Toguro's body jolted and he yanked away.

"Oh, come now....You know you can't physically beat me, I'm not able to be beaten, you have to use a different method." He taunted. Toguro was now on all fours. fighting to keep himself together, regardless of the burning in his eyes and the aching in his back from the dagger. "Anid may I mention, you'd better do it quick, this very blade in my hand is poisoned...." Toguro's eyes widened. He wanted to lay down, his body felt so heavy, it felt limp. His fingers felt like organic weights. His body slowly began to betray him and he slumed to the ground as defeat surrounded him.

"I can't win...the war." He whispered. Fear X snorted.

"You can't win anything at this rate....." He confimed to the man on the ground before him. Toguro groaned as he slowly blacked out.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

"Brother."

"Ani?"

"Yes."

"You're dead!"

"So? Listen to me, Fear X he-"

"Was created by you?"

"Yes, but that not important. He's a personality. Only another personality the same as itself can defeat him.

"I don't understand."

"Brother, only YOUR beings can defeat him." He said. Toguro shook his head.

"You have to help me."

"Yes, as long as you are in my mind, which may I say can never die, I can help you. I will open up the passage ways to make room for a being. My mind isn't powerful enough to allow more than one. So you have to choose wisely. Oh, and by the way, since I;m dead, you can;t get out of here unless you bring me back."

"Oh, gee, thanks."

"Now, get up."

"I can't."

"Do it!"

"I CAN'T!"

"NOW!"

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Toguro woke up in time to dodge a sickle being thrown at him.

"Damn it. Just attack me while I'm down why don'tcha!" Toguro growled. Fear X just nodded. "I hate you."

"Use it against me!" He mockingly laughed. Toguro gasped and suddenly what Ani said hit him. He had to select on of HIS beings to use against Fear X. It was Hate. It had to be....

"Ani." He whispered. "Help me." He rose, looking frantically around.

"Hey." A voice called from behind him he turned around a saw a reflection of himself.



"AAAAAHHHH!" Was Toguro's reply as he leapt back. It...It was HIM! He looked the same, except he wore black leather pants, a silver buckle black shirt and a black trench coat. Toguro looked the being up and down, liking how the outfit looked.

"Ahem....?" The being cleared his throat. Toguro snapped his eyes up to him.

"What?"

"You called me here, some little dude in a blue trench coat led me to this place, but his little @\$@ wouldn't come through the portal with me..."

"Portal?" Toguro asked, arching an eyebrow. The being pointed up. Toguro's eyes strayed to where he was pointing and saw a large, swirling black hole.. "Damn."

"Yes, great isn't it.... Now, shut up and hold still."

"Why? What are you going to d-" He was cut off and he momentarily forgot who he was, where he was, what he was doing, or who the president of the United States was. When he finally regained himself he stood, wobbly.

"Hey!" He yelled, unable to move his body. "Get out!!! No body drives this thing but me!" He tried to thrash and fought against himself, but couldn't.. The being had taken over. Fear X watched with a startled look on his face. The being had taken over Toguro's body.

"Oh just shut up already! You wanna help Ani right?"

"Yes."

"Then don't be retarded, don;t fight against me if you wanna get through this thing." The being snapped. Toguro obeyed and relaxed, he let the being do all the work and take control.

"Wait, before you thrash and trash this guy, what do I call you?"

"They all have a name for me, but just call me Valentine..." Valentine told him. Toguro said nothing as Valentine began towards Fear X.

"You're on crack!" Fear X said. Valentine wasted no time he promptly waled to Fear X and kicked him. Fear X was sent through the air, but caught himself and hurled the poisoned dagger at Valentine. Valentine easily caught it.

"You..." Fear X growled.

"Will kill you." Toguro finished the sentence for Valentine, who nodded. Fear X laughed and teleported to where he was standing right in front of Valentine.

"Go ahead." He said, lifting his arms back and leaning towards Valentine. "If you think you're spirit and will is enough to defeat and bury my power, try it." He closed his eyeless sockets and smiled. Valentine

frowned.

"The little dude in the blue coat told me what I had to do.....I ain't about to turn back." He lifted the blade and thrust it down, the blade slicing through the black cloak of his enemy. Fear X gasped and held the knife.

"Just DIE!" Toguro screamed. Fear X smiled and pulled the knife out. Valentine smirked.

"I knew it wasn't gonna be that easy...." He said. Fear X yanked the blade out of Valentine's hand, cutting the flesh to the bone. But he didn't show any sign of pain. Fear X grinned.

"Yes, nothing could be anymore satisfying than watching your enemies die at your hands, I wouldn't give you that pleasure." He slashed out with the dagger and caught Valentine on the cheek. ONLY then did Valentine fall to his knees.

"I'm sorry Toguro." He said. "I was not the one to beat him. Choose better next time, if there is a next time..." Toguro was about to say something when he felt feeling in his body returned. Valentine was gone..

"Kuso!" Toguro cursed. He was alone, no being, and a heavily poisoned body to boot. Oh whoopedey freacken' doodedy..... He struggled to rise, but couldn't. Fear X rose the dagger over his head.

"It's time to end your suffering and pain. I will make this quick and show you the mercy you don't deserve!" He swung the knife down. Toguro heard a loud bang and blacked out.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

"Toguro...Toguro wake up...please..." A voice called to him. He tried to move an arm, but it felt so painfully heavy. He groaned and cracked an eye open, seeing someone he would never have expected.

"Sakyo!" He yelled. Sake was crouched next to him, holding a large handgun. Behind him, on the ground a glowing glyph eerily emitted a strange symbolic light.. "What happened?" He asked. Sakyo smiled.

"He was about to stab you, I shot him and he disappeared, died, but where he was standing, that weird thing began glowing. He dropped this and it has the same symbol on ground." He held the dagger out to Toguro. Toguro took it and examined it. It had specks of his blood on it. He stared and stared until he had an idea.

"Maybe you gotta stick it into the ground. You know, where the symbol is." He said. Sakyo put an arm around him and helled him up, they walked to the glyph together and knelt over it. Toguro sighed and plunged the blade in. Immediately, a burts of colors emerged and he saw about two dozen of Ani's beings waft into the air. They all had something to say to Toguro.

"Thank you brother."

"ABOUT TIME."

"Geez, took you long enough!"

"We are gratefull...." Toguro listened to all of them, speechless as they began to merge together to for one. Toguro gasped.

"Ani!" He whispered. Sure enough, as the beings merged, they looked more and more like Ani until he stood, solid flash and blood in fron of Toguro. He opened his eyes and smiled vibrantly.

"Hello, brother.....SAKYO!" He yelled. Sakyo shrugged. "How did you get here...."

"Same as you and Toguro....the book." He said. Ani just stared. Toguro was to busy examining his brother, just gazing helplessly at him. He stared until his vision was blurred by his tears, only then did his scoop Ani into his arms and held him.

"Oh.....I'm so sorry....I never knew..." He said. Ani smiled and held him.

"It;s alright. The one we do not speak of has been defeated.....thanks...." He said. He playfully nipped at Toguro's earlobe and giggled. Toguro would've kissed him or something, but he was to busy holding him.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Next chap: Hey, the next one is gonna be the last.. Alot of questions are answered, and some of the inner demons put to rest. I'm sorry this one sucked so bad.....