

# Amber's story: Life as a Ninja

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*Miya! This a story of Amber's life. She's a ninja trying to make it in her world. She finally finds her mom and life is good! That is, until she has a run in with Orochimaru. No she has the curse mark and is trying to live with it.*

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# 1 - Genin at last!

It s the final exams!!!! Oh man, oh man, oh man, oh man!!!!!!! I soooo didn t study!!!! , I keep thinking to myself on the way to the academy.

Hey Amber!

My best friend Miharu runs up to me.

The final exams are today and I didn t study!!!! Oh man&.. I am soooooo gonna flunk!!!!!!!

Don t worry Amber! It s the same thing they did last year! Clone jutsu. You know how to do that really good!

I m still worried&. What if we re not on the same team? I mean, we re best friends! If we aren t on the same team&&& Plus we do really good combo jutsu s together.

Yeah&&& Anyway& \*Beep. Beep, beep\* Oh No!!!! If we don t hurry, we re gonna be late to class!!!!!!!

So make a run for it and make it in just as the bell rings& We snag some back seats.

Iruka sensei walks in and starts calling us in alphabetical order. I m one of the first people being named Amber&& After 3 people, Inuzuka Amber! Let s see what you can do!

Okay! Here it goes!

I did it! 8 perfect clones! They also asked me to do Ninja Art of Beast Mimicry: Man Beast Clone.

Um&&. I can t&&. You see, my puppy, Ruby, is&&. D-dead&

I get a pat on the head.

I walk out and into the classroom sporting a headband. But Miharu immediately notices something is wrong.

Hey, Amber. What s wrong?

They asked me to do Man Beast Clone.

Oooooh&.. Not the best thing in the world for you&. At least you passed!!!! Now let s see if I pass!

Ha Miharu! Let s see what you can do!

She goes in and comes out sporting a headband!!! Yay!!!

Yes!!! We re both genin!!! Now we have to wait for our teams.

Iruka finishes calling us up, walks into the room, walks out and starts calling the teams.

Team 4. Inuzuka Amber, Ha Miharu, and Hatake Mioko!

Yes!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We re together!!!! , I say.

Yeah! But who s Mioko? , she says back.

Hey. You two Amber and Miharu? , this boy says to us.

Yes, and? I say.

I m Mioko. Nice ta meetcha. , he says oh so coolly.

Okay! Now we have to wait for our sensei assignments. , Miharu says.

Which we get tomorrow. , I say.

## 2 - Team Amber/Mioko/Miharu meets Team Milli/Razor/Pheonix

Hmmm hm hm mmmmmmm! La la la!!!

Wow! You re happy today. , Miharu says.

Yup! Nothin can tear me down! I m gonna go at it 100% today! , I say.

We don t even have our sensei assignment yet. We cant do anything till we do. , Mioko states.

Well then, what are we waiting for? Let s go get our assignment!!! , I say.

We walk into the Academy, unawares as to what is going on. We walk into the room where we are supposed to get our assignments and find the LONGEST line in the world!!!!!!!

Man! This ll take forever! , someone says behind me.

I turn around. A girl and two guys are behind me and my team.

Oh! Hi! I m Amber Inuzuka!!!! , I say to the girl.

Oh! Hi! I m Milli Canial and these are my teammates Razor and Pheonix Enforcer. We came to get our sensei assignment.

We are too! Oh! And this is Miharu Ha and Mioko Hatake, My teammates.

When me and my teammates got to the table, we were astounded to find that our sensei is none other than Mioko s uncle, Kakashi!

Milli and her teammates got Kurenai Yuhi as their sensei.

Yes!!!!!!! Now can we go train guys? , I say oh so hopefully.

Yeah. , Miharu says.

Sure. , Mioko says.

Whatever. , they both say.

Cool! You guys got Kakashi! We got Kurenai! , Milli says to us.

Cool! Hey! We friends? , I ask.

Yup! Friends! See ya around!!! , she says back.

See ya!

As it turns out, Miharu made friends with Pheonix and Mioko made friends with Razor. Now we re all friends!!!!

### 3 - Another Uchiha?!?!

"Okay Kakashi! We get it!! We could get killed if we dont train!!!!" , I say.

"That's a good girl. Now, today, we're going to see who can get out of the forest fastest. There is no time limit. This is a test of your survival skills. Okay, aaaand.... GO!!!!!" , Kakashi says to us.

We run around in the enclosed forest for a few hours, trying to find a way out by any means nesecary.

Mioko is the first out. Then it's me, then Miharuru.... When we get back to Kakashi, we find him talking to a young ninja girl with short, brown hair, black eyes, and in black boots and a short red dress.

"Hey Kakashi! Who's this?" , I say, looking her over.

"Yeah, uncle. Who is it?"

"Hold up a sec alright? This is Kat. She's our newest team member! I'll let her tell you her clan. Kat, this is Amber Inuzuka, Mioko Hatake, and Miharuru Ha." , He says.

"Hi! I'm Kat Uchiha! Nice ta meetcha!" , she says ecstaticly.

"Uchiha?!?!?" all three of us say in suprise.

"Yes..... I was lucky..... I was in the forest picking mushrooms when Itachi attacked the Uchiha..... I'm not sure if anyone survived the massacre...." she says to us sadly.

We glance at each other a little sadly.

"You didnt happen to know a Sasuke Uchiha, did you?" Mioko says to her.

"Actually, I did!!!! He was my cousin..... But how do you....."

I cut her off.

"Kat. Come with me."

"Um... okay....."

I take her by the arm and lead her to Sasuke's house.

\*Knock, knock\*"Yo Sasuke! You home?" , I yell.

"Sasuke's here? How? How did he sur....."

\*open\* "What is it Amber? What do you want this ti..... \*gasp\* Kat? Is that you?"

"Sasuke? Sasuke!!!!!!!"

Kat leaps at him and hugs him. Sasuke hugs her back.

"I think I'll leave you two alone for awhile." I say.

"Well, that takes care of that!" I say!

"What did you do?" Miharuru asks.

"I took Kat to Sasuke! Now they're having a little family reunion."

"Well, maybe now Sasuke wont be as mopey when someone talks to him." Mioko says.

## 4 - Amber's mega secret is found out!

"Well, that was anticlimactic.", Milli says.

"Yeah... Lee was all 'Gaah! S-s-sorry! I didnt see you!' Then he made a run for it!", I say.

"He musta looked soooo funny!"

"He did! He ran like a.....GAAAAAAAH!!!!!"

"Amber! What's wrong? Are you okay?"

"G-get over there..... urg....now...."

"No! I wont!"

"Y-you have too..... Geh..... Augh!"

I push her hard away from me.

"Milli! What's going on?" Miharuru asks.

"It's Amber. She's going ballistic!"

"Oh no.... We have to go get help. Now!"

"Okay....."

Pain, torture, neglect. Memories of the past came flooding into my mind. The day I figured out I was a monster, making me feel even more distant from the villagers. Everyone hated me. Even my dad, who purposely went to work at the pound to be away from me. My mother, whom I never knew, left me as a baby. I had no friends. I have some now, but they dont know about..... Her. Shikoron. The demon that made my life this way.

"Eeeeaugh!!!!"

Water surrounds me. When it parts, I am transformed into a half wolf demon half human monster.

"Irukaaaa!!!! You have to help! Its Amb.... Oh my God!!!!", says Miharuru.

"Wha-what is she?" asks Milli.

"She's transformed herself into a half demon half human. The demon is Shikoron, the fork-tailed water wolf..... Poor Amber..... How are we going to calm her down?" Iruka says.

"I think I can sensei" says a voice.

They all turn around while I rawr and destroy in the background.

"Ah! Kyushai! Can you calm her down?" Iruka asks.

"I can try." he replies.

"I HATE YOU ALL!!!! MY LIFE IS MEANINGLESS!!!!!"

"Amber. Your life isnt meaningless. It's full of promise and hope."

A voice. So kind and trusting and full of love. For me. A monster. I turn around.

"Kyushai? What do you know about my life? Huh? Tell me!"

"I know the pain and loneliness you've been through. I know the suffering, the torture, the want to be loved. I've gone through that and I know how it feels. My clan was destroyed, and I'm the only one left. My family is gone. I know what you feel like."

"Have you had to suffer having a demon sealed inside of you?"

"No. But I can imagine what it feels like. Only probably more intense."

I start to calm down.

"Kyushai..... please forgive me....."

"I already have"

\*Splash\* I was back to normal. I ran up to Kyushai and hugged him.

"Thank you Kyushai. You're the best!"

He starts blushing really hard when I say this. I giggle.

"Wee, looks like she's calm now." Iruka says as he leaves.

"Oi Amber! You have a wolf demon sealed inside of you?" Milli asks me.

"Unfortunately, yes." I reply.

"Me too! Although I never really go ballistic like you do..... And dont worry. I'm here for ya! I know what it's like dealing with wolf demons, and let me tell you! It aint no picnic!"

"You got that right!"

"Helloooo!!!!!! We were on our way to get some ramen, remember? I think we should go and get it now!"

Miharu states.

"She's right. Let's go get that ramen! Oh! Kyushai! You can come too!" I say.

"Okay! It's ramen time!" he says.

## 5 - Milli tells Kat

"Oi! Kat!!!!!!!" Milli yells.

"What Milli?" Kat yells back.

"I have to tell you something!!! Come here!!!"

"Sheesh..... Fine..... What is it?" Kat says as she walks toward Milli.

"Oh, my God. You are sooo gonna freak out at this!!!!"

"What? Just tell me the what you wanted to tell me!!!"

"Okay. Amber \*deep breath\* has a demon sealed inside of her."

"\*gasp\* Really?!?!"

"Yes! She went ballistic this morning and transformed herself into this half wolf demon half human thing! Good thing I dont go ballistic like that....."

"Oh my God! Youre serious about this? Amber has a demon sealed inside of her?"

"Yes! The demon's name is Shikoron, the fork tailed demon water wolf."

"Oh my God!!!!!! Why didnt she tell us?"

"She said she didnt want us to be afraid of her because of Shikoron. I told her we wouldnt and that some of us know the loneliness she's been through."

"I know whatcha mean.... It can be very lonely not knowing whether or not any of your clan survived a massacre....."

"Yeah... Well, I just wanted to tell you what happened! See ya!"

"Hey! Why dont you come with me to go get new clothes?"

"Okay!"



## 6 - First mission, no screw ups

"Kakashi!!!!!!!!!! When are we going to do any real missions?" Kat asks.

"When I feel you are all ready. Like today." he replies.

"Yay!!!!!" all 4 of us yell.

"Settle down! Okay. The mission I am assigning you might become dangerous. There have been rumors of enemy spie lurking on the other side of the river. It's our job to check if it's true. Now, I want you all to go and pack supplies and meet me back here, got it?"

"Got it!" we all say.

I go home and pack travel food, water, weapons, a sleeping blanket/mini pillow, and my sketchbook and pencil. When I get back, I find Mioko and Kat already there and ready. Miharu comes a few minutes later.

"Are we all ready?"

"Yes!"

"Weapons?"

"Check!"

"Food and water?"

"Check, check!"

"Sleeping blankets?"

"Check!"

"Then we are ready. Come on, lets go."

We start walking towards the river. I held a kunai in my hand just in case. Kat went sharingan. Miharu took her hearing stance. Mioko just walked along like a careless dope and so did Kakashi. But we all knew that they were listening to the forest, trying to catch sounds of an ambush. We make it to the river by noon.

"Everyone, stay quiet. If we dont, you dont wanna know what might happen." Kakashi whispers.

We all nod. Kakashi beckons to us to cross the river. One by one we each cross the river to the other side. As soon as we get to the other side, we emmediatly start scouting the area for signs of a camp. Kat finds the signs of a fire, I find some dicarde travel food, Mioko finds footprints, and Miharu finds a tent rod.

"Good. They were here. Lets move down river some."

We all start scouting and moving down river. Kat finds the actual camp. She beckons for us to look.

Kakashi looks first and breathes a sigh of releif.

"It's okay guys. It's just some of the elite ninja team." Kakashi says.

We all breath a sigh of releif. It had started to get intense.

"Why are they here, Kakashi?" I ask.

"To keep watch."

"Oh."

"Let's head back. No reason to disturb them in any way." Kakashi says to us.

"Okay!" we all reply.

## 7 - The Plaza!!!!!! It's snowafied!!!

"Hey!!!! Who wants to go shopping?!?!?" I yell.

"I do!!!!!" every girl I know yells back.

We're all at the ramen bar... Heheh... Naruto's idea..... and Kat's.....

"Great... The girls are gonna drag us to go to the Plaza..... What a drag" Shikamaru says with a sigh.

"Hey! At least one of those girls isnt your sister!!!! She's going drag me everywhere!!!" Naruto complains.

"Baka, you should know that if ALL the girls wanna go shopping, they wont drag us along." Sasuke says.

"Milli's gonna do it anyway....."

"Let me spell it out for you... B-A-K-A. Baka."

"Ah shudup."

"Hey! You boys wanna come along?" Kat yells to them.

"No thanks, Kat!" Sasuke says.

"Not right now." Shikamaru mutters.

"No way!" Naruto yells.

"Okay! They dont wanna come with us."

"Ah well. Their loss. Come on! I have a craving for music" Milli says.

"Clothes!" Kat states.

"I could go for a new videogame." I say.

"I need a new sketchbook!" Miharuru says.

"I second the clothes motion!" Sakura and Ino say.

"Um..... I need a haircut...." Hinata says quietly.

"Well, The only place to go for all that stuff is the.... Plaza!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Milli yells.

"YEEEESSS!!!!!!!!!" we all yell.

Once we get there though, we find that something had happened.

"WTF? What happened to the Plaza? It's been snowafied!" Milli screeches.

"Okay. Now u just made that up, but I soooo totally agree with you!" Kat says.

"Um..... lets come back tommorow..... maybe it'll be back to normal then." Hinata said.

"I agree. We should come back tommorow." I say.

"Aaaawww....." all the other girls say dejectedly.

We go back to the ramen bar. The boys are gone, good for them.

## 8 - We meet Snow, LaKeis, and Tamasii

"I still cant beleive that the mall got snowed in!" Milli exclaims, a little exasperated.

"Yeah.... at least they got the snow cleared. Now we can go shopping!" I say loudly.

'Still want clothes!!!!!!!"

"Stiil want music!!!"

You guys are crazy! Videogames are what we should get!"

"Um.... guys..... We're here..." Hinata says.

"Okay, how about this. We each go where we wanna go, then meet in the foodcourt, got it?" I suggest.

"Got it!" they all say.

I go with Milli for music and clothes. We end up buying new training outfits for no reason. We get the latest CDs that we like (Me? I'm all country baby!!!).

Then we head to the food court.

"Hey Milli! Who are those girls? I've never seen em' before." I say with a puzzled look on my face.

"Oh! That's Snow and LaKeis! Hey guys!!!"

"Hey Milli! Long time no see huh?" LaKeis says to Milli.

"Hiya! I'm Amber!!!!!"

"Hi Amber! I'm LaKeis and this is Snow."

"Hi." Snow says unenthusasticly.

"Well that was cold." I say.

"Dont need your opinion to know that."

"Well exuse me! You lookin ta get inta a fight or somethin, Miss Sassy?" I retort.

"Oooooooh..... Milli, we need to get them apart, now."

"Nah. Watch. Amber'll come out okay with a new friend on her belt."

"If they start killing each other....."

"You bet I am." Snow says to me.

I go into my battle stance, a relaxed pose that allows me to control water with ease. All of a sudden, Snow's eyes go white and she's flinging snow at me!

"Palease! Can you do any better than that?" I say to her sarcasticly.

Snow gets this look that says shut up and fight you wuss, so, I fight. I easily redirect the path of her snowballs. Then I fling water at her to get her off guard. Then I go in and create this watersphere.

"You ready to give up? I can control water, so your petty little snowballs wont hurt me. And dont even try using icicles. Helooo? Thats water too. Go on. Try me with anything."

"Alright! I give. You win. I cant get past ur powers." she says with a smile, and a hint of sarcasm.

I release her.

"I think Amber's actually done it! She made a friend outta Snow (man that's a bad pun)!"

"See! I toold you!"

We stand and talk while we wait for the others. They get here soon enough. Hinata's last and she comes with someone else new.

"Oi, Hinata! Who's this?" Ino asks.

"This is... Tamasii Suromi. I met her at the salon."

"Hi! I'm Milli!"

"I'm Amber!"

"I'm Ino!"

"I'm Sakura!"

"I'm Miharu!"

"I'm Kat!"

"I'm LaKeis!"

"I'm Snow."

"Nice ta meetcha all! I see there was a fight. Who won?"

"Amber" everyone but me and Snow says.

"Her." Snow says with a little jealousy.

"Me" I say with little enthuziasm.

"Cool. Looks like you got beat bad Snow." Tamasii says sarcasticly.

"Um.... Tamasii. I wouldnt be sarcastic with her. That's what got me into a fight with her. And she's tough."

"Ooops! Was I sarcastic again? Heheh.... Those kind of remarks slip outta my mouth when I dont know when.. It's a habit..."

"That's okay! Snow's fine with it, riiight Snow?" LaKeis says.

"Yeah, yeah. Whatever."

## 9 - Fun then a surprise no one expected

"\*sigh\*"

"Whatcha lookin at Tataru?"

He points to Kat.

"Oh. Her. If you like her, go talk to her." Snow says.

"What?!?! No way! I couldnt do that!"

"Yes you can."

"Fine."

"Well?" says Snow.

"Well what?" Tataru replies.

"Arent you going to talk to her?"

"Nuh Uh! No way! Nothing in this world will make me... Okay!"

Tataru walks up to Kat.

"Um... H-hi Kat!"

"Oh! Hi Tataru! Whatcha need me for?"

"Um..... do you wanna.... Do you wanna go get some ramen with me sometime?"

"I'd love to! Um meet you there at 5?"

"O-okay!"

Kat walks away. Tataru sighs.

"See? That was easy wasnt it?" Snow says.

"\*grunt\* Go away."

"Fine."

Kat walks up to us and squeals.

"Wah! Why'd you do that?" I say.

"He asked me out!"

"He did?!?! We all ask.

"Yes! I'm meeting him at the ramen bar at 5 today!"

"Awsome! Now if we can get Sasuke's attention focused on Snow....." LaKeis says devilishly.

"What's that supposed to mean?" Snow asks accusingly.

"Nothing. Nothing at all." she says innocently.

"Come on guys. No fights today. We came to the park to have fun, remember?" Miharu says to them.

"\*sigh\* your right. Come on! I call the tire swing!" LaKeis says.

"Hey! No fair! I wanted that one!" Sakura yells.

"I call the other tire swing!" Ino says.

"Aw come on!" Sakura yells.

"Come on Sakura, the other swings are still available!" Hinata says.

"Yeah! Come on! Race ya!"

"Hey! No fair!"

"Wow. When I bacame a genin, I didnt think I'd have this many friends." I say to Kat.

"Neither did I. Come on! Lets grab the slide!" Kat says playfully.

"Hey! No head starts!" I yell after her.

We were having a good time till our senseis came.

"Hey! Guys! We got a new mission! Genins, chunins, and jounins are all needed!" Kakashi yelled at us.

"What's wrong?"

"It's the Sound! They're attacking again" he says.

"I thought that killing the Hokage was good enough for them."

"Apparently not Milli. Go get Razor and Pheonix." Kurenai says.

"Ok!"

"Same with all of you! Go get your other team mates and come to the Academy." Iruka orders us.

"Yes sir!" we all say.

"Wow! Another battle! This time we're in it!" Miharū exclaims while we're running to get Mioko.

"Yeah." I reply.

"MIOKO!!!!!! We're needed to beat some Sound butt!!!!!! Come on!" we yell up to his apartment.

"I'm coming!"

We get to the Academy to find every ninja in Konoha there. We went looking for the others. When we found them, they were with Iruka. We run up to them.

"Okay guys. Stick together and beat up as many Sound as possible. And dont die!" he says to us.

"Okay!" We all say.

"Now go!" he says to us.

We went.

## 10 - WTF!!!! You have gotta be kidding me!

We head out to battle!!!! As it turns out, there are Sound ninjas everywhere!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We take our kunai, shuriken, and swords and attack with all our might!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Hot, crimson blood goes everywhere. Snow and LaKeis are going back and forth healing people and attacking. Sound ninja bodies are everywhere, lying in pools of their own blood. Sweat pours down my face. I stand back to back with Miharu.

"Ready for a combo move Miharu?"

"You bet I am!"

"Then lets do it!"

"Ninja art of water mastery: Kazecin no jutsu!!!!!!!!!" we both yell making the handsigns.

Ice shards go everywhere on tailwinds. They pierce any ninja within range of us except our own. They blow right through the enemy, felling as many as 50 ninjas in one volley. Their blood goes everywhere. Ninjas fall down left and right of us. Some still stand coughing up blood as we hit them with another volley of icewind.

"That was fun!"

"Ready to go and do it again?"

"You bet!"

We go through and fell many ninjas in our path. We find Snow going ice and snow crazy on as many as 30 ninjas.

"Need any help?" I ask.

"I could use it!" she replies.

"Ninja Art of Water Mastery: Kazecin!!!!" Miharu and I yell as we do the hand signs.

Ninjas go down with spurts of crimson blood.

"Thanks!"

"Welcome! Come on! We could use some more ice for our combo move!" I yell.

"Okay!"

We go through and finally get back to the academy for a relief. We get some water and food, a little medical care and then we head back out.

It's been a few hours. We finally won. We all head back to the academy to turn in our report on our area's headcount.

"Over 500 dead Sound ninjas in the residential area, sir! No dead Konoha to our eyes sir!" we say.

"Good. Now go over there and wait for a bit."

We wait while others come in and give their reports. Finally, Gai walks in and gives us a bit of a surprise.

"Hahahahaha!!!! Good work everyone! Now here's something you didn't expect! This was a hoax!"

"\*gasp\* WHAT?!?!?!?" We all yell.

"Yup! This was to see if any of you were jounin or chunin material. No one died though. Those were very advanced substitutions. Now. Every genin, step forward." he says.

All the genin step forward. Gai comes and points to those of us who are to become chunins. Me, Miharu, Mioko, Milli, Razor, Phoenix, and Kat are some of these that he chose.

"Yes!!!!!" I say totally ecstatic.

"Now, those of you I didn't choose, you may leave. Kakashi will choose the jounins. Also, you new chunins, you may go home and rest for awhile."

"Yes!!!!!" I yell again on the way home.

"That was soooo unexpected!!! I thought it was real! That's why I gave it my all!" Milli says.

"That's why they lied to us. So we would give it our all. It was fun though and no one got killed from the reports." I said stepping over a substitution body.

"Yeah... Eeeeeew!!!! These fake things are gross. I hope they dissapear soon." Miharu says with a disgusted look on her face.

"Me too." I say.

We all part and head to our homes.

"Whew. That was tiring. \*yawn\*" I say as I fall asleep.



## 11 - What the...? Woof!

"That was weird..... Ah well....." Kat says sighing.

"Come on guys! We're chunin! We can do bigger things now and could become senseis at the academy!" I say bouncing around with energy.

"Phhhh. Like anyone cares." Tamasii says sarcastically.

"Tamasii..... you did it again." Miharuru reminds her.

"Oooops!" she says looking a little sheepish.

Well, at least we can count on actually being considered for Hokage." Milli says.

"Will this be the 4th or the 5th?" Mioko asks.

"5th. 4th died when Kyuubi was sealed into Naruto here." LaKeis says.

"Hey!!!!!! I can here you!!!!!" Naruto says loudly.

"We know, now shut up!" Tataru says.

Naruto sticks his tongue out at him.

"Oh, real mature." Milli says.

We keep walking and talking for awhile. Kat and Tataru after awhile go off on their own. We dont ponder why cause we know why. Pretty soon, only me, Kiba, Hinata, and Milli are left. All of a sudden, Akamaru starts barking at something ahead of us.

"What is Akamaru?" Kiba asks him.

"Arf! Woof! Bark, bark, bark!!!!!"

"He thinks there's something up ahead and he's asking it to come to us."

All of a sudden, this gray and white thing flies at me.

"Aaah!!!!" I yell falling on the ground.

Then I realize I'm being licked to death by a..... By a wolf cub!!!!!!

"What the..?" I say confused.

"Heheh. Looks like Amber's got herself a new puppy!" Milli teases.

"Ah shut up. I cant just take er! What if she belongs to someone." I say.

"Why dont you ask her if she has anyone, since you're Inuzuka after all." Hinata says.

I ask the little puppy if she belongs to anyone.

"Bark, Woof. Whimper..... Arf!!! Arwoo!!!!!"

"She says no.... her owner died and that something in her haed said that I was meant for her. Weird."

"That's life for ya." Kiba says.

"And now you can do mimicry!!!! I wanna see that in action!" Milli says waaaaay too loudly.

"You hang out with your brother too much Milli." I say.

"Says you." she retorts.

"Well, isnt she a cute little thing though! I wonder what her name is." Hinata says cooing over the wolf cub.

"Arf woof ar ar aaaaaarwoooooooooo!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

"She said 'My name is Sachiko!!!!!!' cool!" I say.

"Woof!\*lick\*"

"Eeeeeew! Dont do that!"

"harrmmmm....."

"Hahahah!!! That was cute, Sachiko!"

"Well, looks like you're a complete Inuzuka again. I've gotta go, see ya!" Kiba says, leaving us.

"I gotta go drag Naruto away from the ramen bar! I'll talk to ya guys later!" Milli yells.

"I gotta go to. My dad's expecting me to come home early today." Hinata says as she walks away.

"Well, today was a surprise! I didnt expect to find you and I bet you didnt either, did you?" I say to Sachiko.

"Woof!"

## 12 - Ninja Art of Beast Mimicry: Man Beast Clone

"Crap!!!! Sachiko!!!! No peeing on the floors!!!"

"\*whimper\*"

"I'm not falling for the cute face. Now out!"

I toss Sachiko outside and grab the mop to clean up the dog's piss. I finish and let Sachiko back in. She jumps on me like she was outside for a million years.

"God! You were only outside for 10 minutes!!!!!! No need to leap on me!"

No use. She starts to wash my face to death with her tongue. I push her off.

"Come on, we need to head to training before Kakashi kicks our @\$@ for being late again."

"Woof!"

We head out to training and get there JUST before Kakashi does. He goes straight into training like we were about to go on a mission. I thought-This isnt gonna be good. He's got a mission coming-

"Okay. Now, tomorrow we are to meet here again at 10. Amber, work with Sachiko on your mimicry jutsu. Get Kiba to help. Kat, work a little bit more on that neko jutsu you use a lot. Miharu, work on your kaze moves. Mioko, come with me for extra training."

I go to find Kiba and Akamaru. When I find them, Kiba's talking to Kyushai. Akamaru sprints over to play with Sachiko.

"Kiba! Kakashi said I need to work on my mimivry jutsu with Sachiko. I was wondering if you could help?"

"Sure! Kyushai, I'll talk to ya later."

"Bye."

"Come on Akamaru!"

"Woof!"

We head into the forest and stop in a clearing.

"This looks like a good place to show you."

He shows me the hand signs and tells me to try it with Sachiko.

"um.... O-okay....."

I make the hand signs.

"N-Ninja Art of Beast Mimicry: Man Beast Clone!!!!"

Poof! Perfect clones!!!!!!

"Now change back."

Poof!

"I did it! Yes!!!! We did it Sachiko!!!" I say spinning in a circle.

"Woah! Calm down! That was only your first try. You have to keep practicing to get it right."

I do it I dont know how many times and finally...

"Perfect! You got it down now."

"Thank you Kiba for teaching me!"

"Your welcome. See ya."

"See ya!"

Me and Sachiko go home cause it was like, 10 at night.

"Sachikoooo!!!! Come on! We're going to be late!!!! Get your doggy @\$@ out here!!!"

"Aaarf!!!!"

We make it on time again. Kakashi asks me to show them if I got the mimicry jutsu down. I make the

hand signs.

"Ninja Art of Beast Mimicry: Man Beast Clone!!!!"

Poof! I smile the man beast smile at them. Sachiko just sits there.

"Okay, good. Now, I want you guys to train with each other. Mioko and Kat, go over there to train. Miharu and Amber, over there."

Poof!

"Okay!" we all say.

Me and Miharu train vigerously, knowing something was about to happen.

## 13 - Kat and.....

Kunai fly at us from the trees! I create a water shield around the team. Suddenly, we're surrounded by Akatsuki!!!!!!!!!!

"What do you want Itachi?" Kat says through gritted teeth.

"I see you remember me my younger cousin."

"Of course I do you disgrace to the Uchiha."

Suddenly, Kat's eyes go red. She begins to taunt Itachi.

"Wow! You know who could beat you? My cousin and your brother, SASUKE!!!!!!!!!" She yells at the top of her lungs.

"Oh, like he's gonna come. He wouldn't dare. And I see you've inherited the Sharingan."

"Hello Itachi."

Itachi whirls around to find himself face to face with Sasuke.

"Ah. Little brother. How nice to see you."

I let Kakashi out of the shield.

"You know, you Akatsuki aren't so tough. Especially against an elite Jounin!"

"Kakashi attacks the Akatsuki. Itachi backs up from Sasuke with a cool composure.

"Until next time little brother."

Itachi and the other Akatsuki leave. I wait a bit before letting everyone out of the shield.

"Sasuke!" Kat runs up and hugs him.

"Good thing he showed up Kat. Itachi might've killed you!" I say.

"Well, at least she was behind a good shield." Mioko comments.

I blush.

"Let's get out of here before something else happens." Miharu says with worry written all over her face.

"Kat, you should stay with me just in case." Sasuke says, his voice full of concern.

"Okay."

## 14 - Woah!

"ITACHI attacked?" Milli asked looking totally exasperated.

"Yes. How many times do we have to tell you?" I say to her a little annoyed.

"Um, Milli. There's a fox behind you." Miharuru says a little timidly.

"Huh? Oh! Kitty! What are you doing here?"

"I came to see you! I get bored with staying at home" Kitty says.

"I-it talked!!!!!!!!!" we all say a little scared.

"Oh.... Yeah.... This is Kitty, my partner. And she isn't a demon! She just has a rare ability for an animal."

"Do Razor and Pheonix have pets?"

"Partners and yes. Razor has a wolf cub named Fang and Pheonix has a panther named Shadow."

"Razor has a wolf cub?" I ask starting to get hearts in my eyes.

"Yes. Now, can we change the subject?" Kitty says to us.

"Kitty! Behave!" Milli hisses.

"Fine. Hey! Where is Razor and Pheonix?" Kitty says back.

"Oh! They were here a second ago....."

Razor sneaks up behind Milli.

"Boo!"

Milli shrieks.

"Razor!!!!!! You freak!"

"Haha! I got you this time! I went to go get Fang."

"So this is Fang, huh?" I say inspecting the large wolf cub standing beside Razor.

"Yup!"

"Oi Sachiko!" I yell. Then I whistle.

"Ar ar ar arwoooooo!!!!!!!!!" Sachiko howls as she runs up.

"Sachiko, meet Fang, Fang, meet Sachiko." I say to them both.

They start sniffing each other and talking to each other in wolf talk.

"I like this girl!" Fang says.

"That was a mature thing to say Fang." Shadow says.

"Like your any better!"

"Break it up guys" Pheonix says as he pulls them away from each other.

"They can all talk?" Mioko asks.

"Yes. They can." Razor answers.

"I wish Sachiko could. I mean, so other people can understand her, not just me." I say sadly.

"Well, looks like our secret's out. Please don't tell anyone Kitty can talk. Foxes aren't on good terms here in Konoha...." Milli pleads us.

"We won't! Besides, I think she's a smart fox." Miharuru says.

"Shadow's smart too!" Pheonix states.

"Yes, Shadow and Fang are smart too." I say.

"Well I for one think you guys should train with these guys. I mean, they can fight, right?" Mioko says.

"I agree!" Miharuru and I say.

"Well then, what are we waiting for? Let's go train!" Milli yells

We all run off whooping and hollering to go train with each other.

## 15 - Heheh.... Here are the character bios finally.

Okay..... Since I didnt do this at the beginning, I'll do it now.

Here are the character Bios:

Name: Inuzuka Amber

Age: 13

Eye Color: Light blue and they turn amber (Hence her name) when she feels any extreme anything

Hair: Brown and is center of the neck in the back with shoulder length hair in front of each ear. Her bangs are swished to the right.

Star sign: Libra

Chinese sign: Cock

Teammates: Uchiha Kat, Ha Miharu, and Hatake Mioko

Village: Konoha

Clan: Inuzuka

Weapons of choice: Crossswords that she can use skillfully. Other than that, her teeth and claws.

Demon: Shikoron, the fork-tailed wolf demon of water

Background info: Amber is a crossbreed of Sand and Leaf. Her father is Inuzuka but her mother was (she's not sure whether or not her mom is still alive) Sand. When she was 1, she had Shikoron sealed into her and her childhood was full of hatred and loneliness. She became a ninja so that she could find her mom in the Sand region. She goes through episodes that cause her to morph into a half demon. She can be crazy when in battle, but normally she's cheereful and fun to be around. Her attitude can be shallow at times. Her dog, Ruby, was assassinated before Amber graduated to genin. Now she has Sachiko, a wolf cub that's been through the same things as she has.

Naruto:

Milli Canial(me)

Age:12

Star sign:Taurus

Clan:Canial

Teammates:Phoenix, Razor

Pets:Fox cub(Kitty)

Village:Volcano(get destroyed)now in leaf village

Weapons:Thunder blade(stole by using demon)

Demon:9 Tailed wolf

Other info:Milli had a very bad childhood.She was the demon of the village who was hated by everyone(like gaara and Naruto).And was the one who destroyed it.She killed everyone in her village and was a outcast.But it was her demon not her doing all this and whenever it takes over can do anything.After she destroyed her village the hokage of it sealed the demon inside her then died.After that Naruto's father found her and adopted me but then died straight after.Her clan who she killed was called

Canial and could talk, call upon and morph half and fully into cannie animals. She was able to inherit the thunder blade and its her best weapon. She adores and looks up to Gaara and Zetsu and acts as if Zetsu is her father.

Razor Enforcer

Age:12

Star sign:Gemini

Clan:Enforcer

Teammates:Phoenix,Milli

Pets:Black wolf cub(Fang)

Weapons:2 Samuri swords.

Demon:4 tailed Dragon

Village:Leaf

Other info:Razor is Phoenix's brother and his clan is the enforcer clan who have power over dragon's and phoenix's. He has power over dragons and can turn half and fully into them and summon them. His main weapons are 2 samuri swords and he never misses when he hits(like Tenten).

Phoenix Enforcer

Age:12

Star sign:Leo

Clan:Enforcer

Teammates:Razor,Milli

Pets:A panther cub(Shadow)

Weapons:Enchanted axe

Demon:4 Tailed Phoenix

Village:Leaf

Other info:Phoenix is Razor's younger brother, and his clan is the enforcer clan who have power over dragon's and phoenix's. He has power over phoenix's(hence the name) and can summon them, grow their wings and turn fully into them. His weapon is an enchanted axe and can heal people or slice them

Name: Tamasii Suromi

Age: 13

B-Day: May 6

Gender: Female

Eye Color: Sky Blue

Hair Color: Light Brown

Height: 4 ft. 2 in.

Weight: 95 lbs.

Blood Type: AB

Village: Takigakure

Clan: Suromi

Love Interest: Neji

Personality:

Tamasii is very quiet, and she always does the minimum of a job, even in fighting, she doesn't give it her all. She just does what it takes to win.



Only when she's mad or annoyed does she give it her all, and sometimes sarcastic comments slip out of her mouth. She likes hanging out with her friends, and likes to practice by herself. She loves to fight, and win. Tamasii always loves a challenge

name: Kat

Clan: uchiha

Hair: short, brown

Eyes: black, red w/ shanigan

clothes: black boots, short red dress

age: 13

personality: wild, crazy, tough, yet caring and sweet ( sometimes cough cough )

Name: Snow Atachi

Age: 14

Gender: Demon Female

Hair Color: White Bangs; rest is short & black

Village: Village Of The Mist

Family: Immediate Family; All died of sickness

Jutsu: Snow Jutsu

Team: 7

FRIENDS: Hinata & Naruto

Snow Atachi is a demon girl with a shallow attitude. Never showing any source of feeling, she is well disciplined and a real good fighter.

Name: K'ten Hyuga

Age: 13

Gender: Female

Hair Color: White; Kakashi's hair style

Village: Village of the Leaves

Family: Immediate Family; Whereabouts unknown

Jutsu: Jutsu passed down by Hyuga blood

Team: Team not listed yet

FRIENDS: LaKeis, Naruto, Sakura, Sasuke

K'ten Hyuga, a sweet quite girl from the Hyuga family. Always in for fun, even its a mission dealing with assassination and protection.

Name: LaKeis Taylor-Hyuga

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Hair Color: Black; Short

Village: Village of the Leaves

Family: Immediate Family; Father/Deceased

Mother/Whereabouts Unknown  
Half-Sister/Whereabouts Unknown  
Team: Team not listed yet  
FRIENDS: Naruto, Sakura, Sasuke, Hinata

LaKeis Hyuga is a cold but sweet-hearted girl from the Hyuga family. Ready for anything, including battles, saving friends, and finding her sister and mother. Has no emotions throughout the story.

Name: Tataru Uzimaki  
Age: 11  
Gender: Demon male  
Hair Color: Black; Short  
Village: Village of the Leaves  
Family: Father/Deceased  
Mother/Deceased  
Brother: Naruto  
Team: Team not listed yet  
FRIENDS: LaKeis, Sasuke, Sakura, Gaara, Hinata

Tataru is a demon from another village known as The Village in the Clouds. His brother Naruto is a retard to Tataru. (Sadly: LaKeis) P.S This was Tatarus comment not mine!!! He was brought to the Leaf Village as a baby.

This is an upcoming character. I'll need more info on him first though. GreenNinja didnt give me any Backround info.

Masuto Nara  
Age: 18  
Star sign: Sagitarius  
Clan: Nara (same as Shikamaru)  
Teammates: I need teammates?!?!?!!  
Pets: no pets  
Weapons: Sectioned staff and taijutsu (punches and kicks)  
Demon: Do I need a demon, too?  
Village: Leaf

Name: Nara Namida  
Age: 12 1/2  
Gender: Demon/ Human female  
Hair Color: Brown with Blond Highlights; Long, normally braided  
Eyes: Amber-Gold  
Kekkei Genkai: Water and Wind Manipulation  
Distinguishing Features: Orochimaru's Curse mark  
Demon: Artic wolf (Hokkoyoku-kami) (yay it has a name)  
Village: Village of the Snow  
Family: Father/ Murdered by Itachi  
Mother/ Murdered by Itachi  
Brother/ Murdered by Itachi

Team: Team not listed yet

FRIENDS: Amber ,Kiba (has a big crush on him)

Nara Namida is a shy young chunin from the Village of the Snow. Her past taught her to trust no one and to accept help from no one, so if anyone she doesn't know or is afraid of approaches her, or if anyone tries to help her, she will lash out on them. However, if anyone she cares for is in danger, she will risk her life to save them, even if it means letting the demon inside her take control. Her parents were murdered on July 18, the year after on the same day she recieved the cursemark...and July 19 is her birthday.

Info I'm too lazy to delete: Nara Namida: she has long brown hair, which she normally braids, wears this cool teal martial arts uniform and dark blue zori, her headband is worn under her bangs, she has orochimaru's curse mark, which is hidden in the neck of her uniform, and she has this Arctic wolf demon sealed inside of her, which make her eyes this really cool like amber-gold color. Her past was really horrible. Her parents were killed so she has been living on her own for like 6 years. She doesn't want to seem like a little kid who always needs help, so if someone tries to help her or really get close to her (not Kiba) she will just lash out on you. She is a Chunin, age 12 1/2 from the village hidden in the snow

Name: Sheyate (Lino)

Age: 17

Gender: Male

Hair: Short, black, and spiky

Eyes: Brown

Village: Mist

Family: Unknown

Team: Unknown

Distinguishing features: Yeah... he doesnt really have any

Clothes: Grey jeans, grey shirt with cow print sleeves

Other info: Sheyate was a spy for the Mist, spying on Leaf. He accidentally made friends with Amber when she was younger. He dissappeared from her life when she was 7. He has been doing missions in Sand lately and likes to freak travelers out by blocking the road and threatening them. His personality is very wierds. He can be kind and happy one moment, and then be a total emo the next. In a bad situayion, he is very serious and in battle will do anything to win.

## 16 - Talent!

"Hey Amber!"

"Huh? Oh. Hi Miharu."

"Whater you doing?"

"I'm drawing. Happy?"

"Whatcha drawing?"

"None of your business."

"Fine. Dont show me."

Miharu starts to walk away with a smirk on her face. I give.

"Fine! Here." I say as I show the drawing.

"That looks cool! Is that a guy?"

"Yes, okay? It's a country boy. I dont know why, I just like them."

"Is he wearing camo pants?"

"YES! I took some stuff from this song I like that's called 'Ladies Love Country Boys'. In my opinion, it's true."

"Well, the guy you drew IS cute."

"Can I finish my drawing now?"

"Fi-ine! Well, can I sit and watch you?"

"Sure. Just dont look over my shoulder literally. I hate that. And dont tug on the sketchbook."

"Okay! I'll sit beside you."

I finish the drawing. Miharu giggles.

"What?"

"Nothin. Why'd you pit that writing there?"

"That's a line from the song. 'You can raise em' like a lady, but it;ll still turn em on, to a pair of camoflauged britches and a southern boy drawl. Cause' ladies love country boys!' I couldnt remember any other line."

"It goes with the picture."

"Now can I be left in peace?" I say a little coldly.

"Fi-ine!!! I'm going! Yeesh, you shore did wake up on the wrong side of the bed." Miharu says as she walks away.

I sack myself in the head. I close my sketchbook and run after Miharu.

"Miharu! Miharu, I'm sorry. My dad was a little harsh this morning because he was late for work. I guess his grumpy mood rubbed off onto me. Gomen. Please forgive me?"

"Thc. Fine. I forgive you." she says with a smile that gives her away.

"You goof." I say as I fake punch her in the arm.

"Your the goof!" she says as she returns the fake punch.

"Come on! If we dont hurry, we're gonna be late!" I say as I start to run towards the Plaza.

"For what?" Miharu asks as she runs after me.

"The talent contest! Remember? I'm in it this year!"

"Oh yeah! Your big singing debue!"

"Cut that out!! You're gonna make me nervous."

We get to the Plaza on time and I head backstage to get my singing outfit on. A light blue T-shirt and a pair of sequined blue jeans along with a baseball cap.

I get my number. -5. Good. I'm not first.- I think to myself.

The first four are pretty lame. Two people decide to dance, one thought he could sing, and the last one thought she could do ballet.

"Number 5, Amber Inuzuka!"

"Hey ya'll! How ya doin?" I say to the audience.

"Good? Good! Now, the song I'm gonna sing isn't one you all are gonna expect, and have probably never heard. I'm gonna sing 'My Wish'"

"I hope the days come easy and the days pass slow and that each road leads you where you wanna go. And if you're faced with a choice and ya have to choose, I hope you choose the one that means the most to you. And if one door opens to another door closed, I hope you keep on walkin till you find the window. If it's cold outside, show the world the warmth of your smile. But more than anything, moore than anything. My wish for you, is that this life becomes all that you want to. Your dreams stay big your worries stay small and you never need to carry more than than you can hold. And while your out there gettin where your gettin to, I hope you know somebody loves. And wants the same things too, yeah this, is my wish. I hope you never look back but you never forget, all the ones that loved you in the place ya left. I hope you always forgive and you never regret and you help somebody every chance you get. Oh, you find God's grace in every mistake, and always give more than you take. But more than anything, more than anything. My wish for you is that this life becomes all that you want it to. Your dreams stay big, your worries stay small. You never need to carry more than you can hold. And while your out there gettin where your gettin to, I hope you know somebody loves you, and wants the same thing too, yeah this, is my wish."

I keep singing for a little bit longer. At the end, everyone stands up and claps. I bow and head off stage. I get congratulated and praise from a lot of the singers back there. The talent contest goes on and on. Finally, it's the last person.

## 17 - Masuto then Nara

"Number 25! Masuto Nara!"

This guy in a ponytail walks on stage.

"I'm Masuto Nara and I'm gonna dance."

He signals for music and hiphop comes on. He starts to dance. Not that choreographed crap that people always do, but pure, an the spot dancing. When he finishes, he's outta breath. The audience gives him a standing ovation just like me. The announcer doesnt even need to do anything. He calls an emmediate tie. I look out into the crowd and see all my friends. Except LaKeis. I look some more and see my dads, with the biggest smile I've ever seen on his face. I know he's proud. I show off my medal to the audience. Masuto just holds his up and walks off stage. I follow him.

"Hey!"

He turns around.

"What?"

"Nice dance moves out there. Glad I tied with you."

"Thanks. Nice voice. You should think about going pro."

I blush a light pink.

"I won guys! See!"

"Technically you were in a tie, but still, congrats!" Miharuru says.

"Hey, when I looked over the crowd, I didnt see LaKeis. Where'd she go?"

Naruto gets this look on his face that screams 'she's gone'.

"She left with her sister to go find their mom." Milli says quietly.

"Yeah. She said she was gonna come back one day to become hokage. But not if I do first!" Snow says.

"I miss her!!!" Naruto says.

"Poor Naruto. I know! Lets go get some ramen. On me!" I say hoping to cheer him up.

"Yeah!!!! Ramen!" It did.

We head over to the ramen bar. When we get there, I notice a girl with brown hair and blonde highlights sitting alone. I walk up to her.

"Hey. Are you ok....."

The girl lashes out at me with a water whip as soon as I get near her. I quickly counter with a water sheild.

"Hey! Why'd you do that?"

She looks at me with sad eyes. As soon as our eyes meet, I realize she lashed out for her own protection.

"You've been through a lot havent you?" I ask in a voice so gentle that my friends gasp.

She doesnt answer.

"You've been through pain and suffering, loneliness, and death. I know what all that's like." I say.

"Y-you do?"

"Yes..... Just ask anyone I know... They all know the story now"

"M-my name's Nara Namida. Wha-what's your's?"

"Amber Inuzuka, at your service Nara!" I say switching to my cheerful attitude.

"S-sorry I lashed out at you.... I-I do it so I wont get hurt b-by other people."

"That's okay! So are we cool?"

"C-cool!"

"Okay. Nara, this is Snow, Milli, Mioko, Miharu, Tamasii, Razor, Pheonix, Naruto, Sakura, Ino, Hinata, Sasuke, Kat, K'Ten, Tataru, Shikamaru, Kiba, Shino, Rock Lee, Tenten, Neji....."

I go on, introducing her to everyone I know cause we were all at the ramen bar. She's says hi to everyone and at Kiba she blushes as she says hi.

"Now that you've met everyone, RAMEN'S ON ME EVERYBODY!!!!!!!!!"

As I order everyone's ramen, Masuto comes up to us.

"Am I included in this ramen fest?"

"Sure Masuto!" I say.

He sits down next to Shikamaru.

"Oh! Nara, this is Masuto. Me and him tied the talent contest."

"H-hi Masuto."

"Hi Nara."

We dig into our ramen. Naruto of course wanted more.

"Naruto, two bowls only. I dont want my money drained cause of you."

"Aaaaw.... fine."

## 18 - U-um.... Why do you.....?

"So, Nara. I hear you like my cousin Kiba. Is this true?"

"Y-yes.... Why?"

"Just wondering. Do you want to ask him out?"

"Ma-maybe. I wa-want to... but I-I'm too shy to d-do it."

"Then I'll help you! Kiba loves it if you coo over Akamaru. Akamaru loves it too."

"O-okay... U-um.... Why are you wearing a g-glove all the t-time?"

"Do you really want to know why?"

"Y-yes. I do."

"Promise you wont kill me if I tell you?"

"W-why would I do that?"

"This," I say as I pull off my glove "is why."

I pull off my glove to reveal a birthmark. In the shape of the Sand symbol.

"\*gasp\* A-amber? A-are you....?"

"Yes. I'm Sand. I'm also Leaf. So is my father. My mother... was the one who was Sand."

"I-is she alive?"

"That, I do not know. She had to flee when I was a baby so I never knew her."

"P-poor you."

"Anyway! Here comes Kiba!!!! Go and talk to him!"

"U-um.. You really think I-I can do it?"

"I know you can! Here, I'll walk with you."

We walk over to Kiba.

"Hey cus!"

"Hey Amber! And who is this?"

"This is Nara Namida. She's my new friend."

I elbow Nara in the ribs.

"U-um... H-hi Kiba." she says shyly.

"And this is Akamaru!" I say, showing her Akamaru.

"Aaaaaaaw! H-he's so cute! I b-bet that throws o-off your opponents whe-when they see him. H-he must as equally ferocious."

"He is! You wanna pet him?" Kiba offers.

"O-okay." Nara says as she reaches out to pet Akamaru.

When her hand comes to rest on Akamaru's head, he sighs and closes his eyes. Nara starts to rub him behind his ears.

"Haha! He likes that! Looks like you've won over Akamaru!" Kiba says to her.

Nara blushes.

"Well, I gotta go! It was nice to meet you Nara!"

"B-bye Kiba!"

Kiba leaves us. Nara practicy faints.

"Woah! Dont go out on me Nara!"

"I-I talked to him!"

"Yes you did. And you won over Akamaru. You found his spot without trying."

"Well, m-most canines love to b-be scratched behind their e-ears. So, I w-went ahead and tried



th-there."

"Well it worked. Now that Akamaru likes you, it's a straight shot to Kiba!"

"Y-yay!"

## 19 - Okay, next lesson!

"Okay. You talked to him yesterday. Now lets see if you can talk to him and have an actual conversation without almost fainting."

"O-okay."

"Here he comes! Go" I shove Nara towrds Kiba.

"H-hi Kiba!"

"Oh! Hi Nara!"

"Um... Whe-where are you going?"

"I'm heading out to train"

I inch around so that Nara can see me.

"Wanna come?"

"Um....."

I nod my head.

"Y-yes! Yes I would!"

"Okay!" Kiba says.

A little later that day.....

"Amber!"

"What?"

"I-I was with Kiba! And we were training together, and..... and he..... HE ASKED ME OUT!!!!!"

"Really? Wow! Kiba was quick in asking!"

"H-he even said my st-stutter was cute!"

So we got into a conversation about what happened and how it happened.

"A-and he's going to p-pick me up at 8 th-this Friday!"

"Yay! Are you happy?"

"O-of course I'm h-happ....." She cut of, resting her hand on her neck.

"What's wrong? Nara! Answer me!"

"A-Amber..... L-leave. Now."

"I know what's happening! It's a demon, isnt it?"

All Nara can manage is a nod.

"What's awakening it?"

She pulls her collar down to reveal Orochimaru's curse mark.

"\*gasp\* How..... Never mind. I'm not leaving you."

"Y-you have to. G-go get Kiba. H-he might be able t-to calm down the d-demon."

"Sachiko!!!!!!!!!!!"

"Woof!"

"Go get Kiba! Now!"

Sachiko sensed the urgency in my voice and emmediatly sped off.

"Sachiko's gone to get Kiba. Lets get you somewhere safe."

I take her to a forest clearing and lay her against a tree. I watch as she transforms slowly into a hanyo.

Then into a almost full demon.

"ARF!!!"

"Sachiko! Kiba, it's Nara. She told me to send for you, she said you might be able to calm the demon, being as she cares about you, a lot."

Kiba stood there with a hard look on his face. Suddenly, Nara's eyes open and she lets out a howl.

"Ah. An arctic wolf." I say.

Kiba immediately starts to talk.

"Nara. It's me, Kiba. Please calm down"

"Arf." Akamaru says.

"Akamaru wants you to calm down too."

Nara looks at Kiba with eyes so full of sadness and pain. Kiba stands his ground.

"Kiba? W-why did you....?"

"Because you asked me to. When I asked you out, I wanted to get to know you better. I still do. Please. Listen. How did I know that you asked me to? It was in your eyes. Your eyes always said that you wanted me the most to help you."

Nara begins to calm down.(Author's note: Blegh.. It's getting mushy. I love mushy!)

"Kiba." she says with tears in her eyes.

She returns to normal and runs to Kiba. Kiba hugs her.

"K-Kiba. I'm s-sorry you had t-to see that. I d-didnt want it t-to happen."

"It's okay now. Shh now."

I leave because I know that I am not needed anymore. The next day, Nara pounces on me.

"Gah! Nara!"

"T-thank you!!!!!! I cant th=thank you enough f-for what you d-did. You didnt leave m-me at all."

"That's because I know what it's like to be taken over by a demon. I have one too. She is also a wolf."

"O-oh."

"Milli does too."

"L-let's all stick to-together so that i=if one of us starts t-to, you know, w-we can stick by each o-other."

"Deal! Now let's go tell Milli that."

"O-okay!"

AN: That got mega mushy.... Ah well. I luff mushy stuff.

## 20 - Wolfy Buddies!!!!

"Yay! Wolfy buddies!!!" Milli says waaaaay too loudly.

"Milli, dont ever say that AGAIN!" I say to her.

"I a-agree. That was really un-uncalled for."

Milli sticks her tongue out at us. Then.....

"Guys!!!! It's Sasuke! 'It's' acting up again!" Kat says to us with a worried tone.

"Come on guys." I say.

"Does Sas-Sasuke.....?"

"Yes. He has Orochimaru's curse mark too."

Kat takes us to Sasuke's house. As soon as she opens the door, Nara's hand flies to her neck.

"Does it.....?" I begin to say.

"N-no. It just tingles be-because I am a-approaching another 'marked'."

Kat takes us to Sasuke who is unconcious on his bed. I inspect the mark.

"Just as I thought. The mark's heated up and is burning like crazy. It will cool down, but dont let Sasuke out of the house till then, okay?"

"Okay."

"Nara. Let me see your mark."

Nara pulls down her collar. I study the mark. I finally put my hand on it. Nara winces.

"Yours is heated too. Not as badly though, since your pain stopped early."

"How do you know this stuff, Amber?" Milli asks with a totally confused expression on her face.

"I'm helping the medical squads figure out the curse mark. So far, we have two people in Konoha with that mark. It's my job to record what happens to these two pwole."

"I-I get it! That's w-why you knew how to c-care for me before!" Nara says.

"I cant thank you enough Amber!" Kat says to me.

"It's no problem. Come on guys, lets go before he wakes up."

We leave and head towards the park. We sit in the tire swings for awhile talking.

"I have to go home guys. I gotta make sure that Sachiko didnt get into the pantry again."

"Bye!"

"B-Bye!"

"See ya tommorow!" I say.

I head home. On the way though, I hear someone following me. I walk along. As soon as they get close, I use my special jutsu.

"\*handsigns\* Ninja Art Of Beast Mastery: Wolf Hanyo!"

I turn around to face my adversary. It turns out to be none other than Gaara-kun. I smile.

"Well, well. Sabuku no Gaara. Nice to see you again."

"I didnt come here to talk, Amber-chan."

"Well, what did you come here for?"

"I have a message for you." he says as he tosses a kunai with a note around it.

"Huh? Who's this from?"

"The Snake." is his only answer.

I look at the note.

"Hey, how did you know..."

I look up and he's gone.

"Great. Lemme take a closer look at this note."

I look at the note. This is what it says:

Dear Amber,

This message is not meant to be taken lightly. You are working with the medical sqads if I am not mistaken. I want you to know that there is no cure to the curse. You might as well give up.

The Mongoose, the Snake's minion

"Well that was weird. And I have a feeling that the jounin will want to know about this, and my suspicion on who it's from."

## 21 - We have a new assignment for you

I immediately take the note to Kakashi.

"How did you get this?" he asks.

"Gaara. I think it was an illusion jutsu though. Sabaku no Gaara would never submit to doing that."

"I see. Was it wrapped around anything?"

"This."

I pull out the kunai the note was wrapped around and gave it to Kakashi.

"Come with me."

He takes me to the council. He shows them the message that was delivered to me.

"No doubt this is from Orochimaru. But who is The Mongoose?"

I utter one name in disgust.

"Kabuto."

"Ah. The spy. So he works for Orochimaru."

Kakashi signals me to leave with him.

"Amber."

"Hmm?"

"This is serious. If Orochimaru knows how to get to you, who knows what may happen. You might eventually end up with his curse mark on your shoulder."

"But I thought his arms didn't work anymore."

"They don't. But no doubt he'll find a way. Maybe even use Kabuto to do it. Amber, go home and stay there till I send one of your closest friends to get you. Got it?"

"Got it."

I head home with a worried expression on my face.-I could get the curse mark?-I keep on thinking to myself. When I open the door to my house, Sachiko doesn't jump on me because she can sense I'm in no mood to tolerate that. I head upstairs and go to bed. The next day, I do as Kakashi told me to. Stay at home until he sends one of my closest friends to get me.

"Sachiko, I'm bored. I know that this situation is serious, but I'm as bored as heck in here. Let's go and do something."

"Arf!"

So I pull out my laptop and start to type. Just a random story. But when I finish, it turns that it echoes what I keep thinking inside my mind. I close my laptop in disgust. Then I hear a knock on the door and a "H-hello? A-Amber? Are you there?" It's Nara!

"Hi Nara! Lemme guess, Kakashi sent you here to get me."

"Y-yes! Now come on! We have to get to Ka-Kakashi! He also said to bring Sa-Sachiko."

"I'm coming! Come on Sachiko! Let's go!"

"Woof!"

So we head to where ever Kakashi is and it turns out to be the Academy.

"Amber. We have a new assignment for you. We want you to help Iruka teach the students here at the Academy."

"Wow! But, why?"

"It's the Academy, right? It has ninjas every where, and they have all agreed to protect you if anything happens."

"I get it."

"A-and the assignment st-starts tommorow."

'Okay. Do I have to go back to my house? It's boring there."

"No. You can go off with your friends. Just dont ever be by yourself. Got it?"

"Got it!"

"Woof!"

## 22 - Icecream!

"Okay Amber. Today, we're going to teach the kids transformation jutsu. Can you do that?"

"You taught to me yourself, Iruka-sensei!"

"I told you! You're a sensei too, so it's Iruka-san!"

"Okay, Iruka-sensei-san."

"You just dont get."

We begin the class.

"Everyone! This is Amber. She is now my assistant. She will help me teach you the stuff you need to know. And she's closer in age to you guys, so she knows what pressure your under in school."

"You didnt need to go there Iruka-san." I say.

"Okay! Today we're gonna learn transformation jutsu. Amber, pick a student."

"Okay..... hmm..... That one, the one with the red hair. She looks bored enough to do this."

"Nyah! No I dont!" the girl yells.

"Shimara! Calm down. It's just a jutsu." Iruka assures.

"O-oh..... sorry."

"So your name's Shimara? I'm Amber! Now, I want you to be MY assistant in the transformation jutsu.

Okay?"

"Okay!"

"Now, I'll transform into you, and you transform into me. Got it?"

"Got it!"

I show her the handsigns.

"Now. Imagine my image in your head. Got it? Good. Now do the handsigns aaaaand....."

Poof! Shimara and me transformed into the other. None of the kids could tell who was who.

"Well?"

"Who's Shimara?"

"And who's Amber?"

"Any answers?" we both say.

I can tell that Iruka knows who is who and is impressed that Shimara got it on her first try. A kid with brown hair raises his hand.

"Yes Kichiro?" Iruka says.

"The one that looks like Amber sensei is Shimara-chan and the one that looks like Shimara-chan is Amber sensei." he answers.

"Poof!"

"Good! You got it. Shimara, you did good. You may sit down now."

Shimara beams at me and goes back to her seat. Me and Iruka continue teaching until it's time for the students to go home. I stop Shimara.

"Hey Shimara. Since you did so good today, I'm gonna take to get a treat."

"Yay!"

I take Shimara to the icecream shop.

"What flavor do ya want squirt?" I ask her.

"Mint choco chip with cookie dough!"

"Hey! That's my favorite too! Two mint choco chips with cookie dough please."

"Coming up!"



We get our icecream. Shimara studies my face. I notice that she's looking at me.

"Hm?"

"Nothing. Your Inuzuka, right?"

"Yup! And proud of it! Why?"

"I was wondering where your dog was."

"Good question..... Hold on a sec."

I whistle really loudly.

"Ar ar arwoooooo!!!!!!!"

"Here she is! I say while trying to pick up the big lump I call a puppy.

"SHE'S HUGE!!!!"

"Yup! She's a wolf pup, so she's preety big. Her name's Sachiko. Wanna pet er'?"

"Um... Okay."

Shimara reaches out and pets Sachiko. Sachiko licks her hand.

"\*giggle\*"

"Heheh. We should head home before it gets dark."

"Okay! Bye!"

"Bye! See you in class tommorow."

I head home while eating my icecream. I finish it and give Sachiko the cone. I get home, head upstairs, and flop onto my bed.

"Ya know what Sachiko? I've made a decision."

"Woof?"

"I'm gonna head out tommorow to find my mom!"

## 23 - Quest! (lameoid title, I know)

"I'm sorry Iruka! I have to do this."

"Okay. Just dont get killed, alright?"

"I wont."

I head out to of the Academy, sporting my chuunin jacket, headband, and travel gaer with Sachiko at my side. I get to Mihar's house.

"MIHARU!!!!!!!! GET YOUR BUTT DOWN HERE!!!!!" I yell.

I hear her coming and step back. Morning is not a good time for her.

"Wha' ish it Amber? Cant you see I was sleeping?!?!"

"I'm goin on a quest! Wanna come?"

Her face lights up.

"Of course! Lemme get ready!"

She goes back in and comes out rarrin and ready to go. We head over to Mioko's house.

"MIOKO!!! GET YER @\$@ DOWN HERE YOU FATHEAD!!!!!" we both yell up at his window.

He sticks his head out the window with a look that could kill.

"What do you two doges want at 5:00 am? I was sleeping!!!!!"

"Amber's going on a quest and she wants us to come! So get the hell down here!!!" Mihar's yells up to him.

His face lights up too (we havent been on a mission in ever).

"Okay then! I'll be down in a damn sec!"

2 minutes later and we're walking towards the gate. 1 minute later, after we leave the village.....

"AMBER!!!!!"

I turn around.

"KAT?!?!"

"Hi!"

"Why the hell did you follow us?"

"I wanna help you with... what are you doing again?"

"Going to find my mom....."

"I wanna help!"

"Next time ask me before I leave the village."

"And next time invite your ENTIRE group of friends, will you?"

I turn around and face the gate to find Milli, Razor, Pheonix, Nara, Tamasii, and Masuto all with determined looks on their faces.

"\*sigh\* Well, then, come on! MY dad said that she would most likely be somewhere in Sand. Do you all have your papers?"

"Yes!" they all replied.

So we head off to the Hidden Sand Village. All I knew about my mom is that she is a shinobi, very beautiful, loves herbs, is a healer, and gave birth to me. All my friends are in a happy mood and I cant help but smile.

I think- This is going to be one hell of an adventure!-

## 24 - Tiger, Dog, Rat, Monkey, Tiger

"Hey guys! I made up a new jutsu. Wanna see?" I say to my friends.

"Sure!"

I make the handsigns: Tiger, Dog, Rat, Monkey, Tiger.

"Man Beast Combo!"

Poof! Me and Sachiko have combined to form a man beast.

"You look like a hanyo Amber!" Kar exclaims.

"Hey! Where'd Sachiko go?" Miharuru asks me worried.

"Heheh. I AM Sachiko. I'm also Amber. We combined our bodies together. I call it Man Beast Combo. It gives me the features and abilities of whatever animal I combine with. In this case, Sachiko, a wolf. You guys like it?"

"It looks soooo cool! Teach Me!" Milli says excitedly.

"Me too!" Pheonix yells.

"Might as well learn it too." Razor comments.

"Okay! I'll teach you guys! But then I want Milli to teach Sachiko to talk."

"I will! I was planning on doing that anyway."

"Oh! Guys, I'm sorry, but I can't teach you guys. You don't have any animals to do it with.." I say apologetically to my other friends.

My friends assure me that I don't have to teach them and that it's okay. I smile. While we walk towards Sand, I teach Milli, Razor, and Pheonix the handsigns.

"Guys! It's Tiger, Dog, Rat, Monkey, then Tiger again! Good, Razor has them down. Milli! Tiger is first and last! Pheonix, it's Dog then Rat. Okay! Good. Milli has them down. Pheonix, stop. Lemme show you.

Look: Tiger. Dog. Rat. Monkey. Tiger. Got it. Good! Now you have it! Now focus your chakra on the parts of your body that you want to transform. Now try and fuse your chakra with your animals."

Poof! Razor got it. Milli kinda got it. One of her hands was half transformed. Pheonix got it, but just barely.

"Okay, good. Now practice!"

We continue walking. I fall back from Milli, Razor, and Pheonix so that they could have some space to practice. We continue walking on and on. When outta the blue.....

"Halt!"

Up ahead was a Mist ninja blocking the road.

"Move it, buster." I say to him.

"That would be impossible for me to do my little chuunin."

I glare at him. He just laughs.

"Ah! A demon girl! In fact, many demons are amongst this crowd. Well then, I guess I should move."

"Before we go on, I want to know one thing. What's your name?" I ask.

"My name? My name is....."

## 25 - Lino?

We left our characters last on their way to Sand when a Mist guy stops em. We'll pick it up when he was about to tell them his name.

"My name? My name is.....Sheyate. Jounin Sheyate of the Mist."

"Why does that sound so familiar?" I ask myself.

"Because....." He leaps into a tree and switches out his headband for another. "I am....." He leaps back down.

I gasp.

"Lino?" I ask in total surprise.

"Yup! I'm a Mist spy. I used Lino as my alyas. I somehow got you stuck to me, so I had to deal with it."

"You left the village so suddenly..... I should have known though...."

"Yup! Now, why are you all heading towards Sand?"

"To find Amber's mom! Now move it or lose it!" Tamasii yells at him.

"Ooooooh! I wanna help you guys! Amber told me nonstop how one day she was gonna find her mom. I guess I owe it to her for the traitorism I just revealed."

"Yes you do, you bastard!" I say to him.

"A-Amber. Calm down. W-we dont want y-you to have an ep-episode, now d-do we?" Nara asks me comfortingly.

I center myself.

"Thanks Nara. I'm calm now."

Nara smiles, then she sneezes.

"S-sorry! I have a c-cold."

"It's okay!" I point to Sheyate. "Now. I will let you join the party, as long as you never reveal what our objective is and who you are. Got it?"

"I got it."

## 26 - Do you know.....

"Hey! As an initiation, you have to sing a song with me. Do you know 'The Song That Never Ends'?" Kat asks Sheyate.

"Yes! I actually do!"

I scream on the inside.

They both start singing: "THIS IS THE SONG THAT NEVER ENDS!!! IT GOES ON AND ON MY FRIENDS!!! SOME PEOPLE STARTED SINGING IT NOT KNOWING THET THIS IS THE SONG THAT NEVER ENDS!!!!"

"Make them stop.... I'm getting sick of that song..." Razor says to me.

"I cant. Once she starts it, the only way to stop her is to scream at her. And I'm not screaming at my friend." I say back to him.

"At least Sheyate sings good. He drowns her voice a bit." Masuto comments.

"MAKE HER STOP!!!" Milli and Pheonix yell together.

"I-I think y-yuo should st-stop her before our ear-eardrums pop." Nara says to me.

"Amber, she is killing us!" Tamasii complains.

"Fine! I'll make her stop."

I walk up to Kat.

"KAT! STOP SINGING! YOUR KILLING US!!!"

"Okay! All you had to do was ask me to stop."

"Aaaaaw! I was having fun!" Sheyate says.

"Are you tone deaf? She sings really badly!" We all say to him.

"I know she does, so I sang louder to drown her out."

"Baka." I say as I whap him on the head with a fan.

"Ow!"

"Moving on. How about this time we sing a song that we ALL wanna sing?" I say.

"Fine" was Kat's disgruntled reply.

"I have one! Let's sing..... 'Me and My Gang'!" Milli suggests.

"Yeah! That's a great trveling song!" I say.

We start to sing it.

"Way on down to Southern Alabama  
With the guitars jammin'  
That's where we're headed  
Straight up to Butte, Montana  
Singin' "Lord i was born a ramblin' man'  
California to Oregon,  
Even New York City  
Got one or two hillbillies  
Ready to hit the road

It's a brother and a sister  
Kind a thang'

Raise up your hands  
If you all wanna hang  
With Me and My Gang  
We live to ride, We ride to live  
Me and My Gang, Jump on that train  
Grab hold of them reigns  
We gonna rock this thang.  
Cock this thang  
Me and My Gang, Yeah-Me and My Gang

We got hippies, gypsies, freaks, and geeks  
High class women in daisy duke denim  
Bangin on gongs and singin our songs  
Dude named Elrock jammin on an iPod....."

We get cut off by a yell.

"What was that?" Pheonix asks.

"Sounded like someone yelling for us to stop.... And we were at the good part to!" Milli says.

"Lets go look. Did anyone decipher where the yell came from?" I ask.

Masuto points up towards a tree top. I leap up there and come back down with a girl. The girl glares at me as I set her down.

"Well, at least you all stopped. Thanks for getting me outta the tree, even if you were a little rough." The girl says to us.

"Why were you in that tree in the first place?" I ask her.

She points to Sheyate.

"Him. He put me there."

"Lino!" we all yell.

"What? I did it for her own safety."

"Sasys you" the girl mutters. "I'm Myako! Hyuuga Myako!"

"A Hyuuga huh? I'm Amber."

"Masuto."

"N-Nara"

"Milli!"

"Razor."

"Pheonix."

"Tamasii!"

"Miharu!"

"Mioko."

"And Lino!!!"

"Nice ta meetcha all! Mind if I travel with you? I'm heading to Sand."

"So are we! Welcome to the group! And for initiation..." Kat starts.

"NO!" We all yell. I cover her mouth.

"Dont. We are goin g to finish the song we were singing before."

We start singing where we left off and begin walking again with a new member added to our group.

## 27 - We made it!!!!

We made it! We have walked into Sand territory! Yes!

"WE MADE IT!!!!!!!" I yell at the top of my lungs.

"Not so loud Amber. If they catch Lino here...." Miharuru begins.

"Psh. As long as he wears his Leaf headband, he's fine." I retort.

We begin our search for my mom. We walk from town to town, looking for anyone like her. We have no luck. We make it to the Hidden Sand Village eventually (and after many times of Kat singing really badly).

"This is the only town we havent searched. If anyone asks us our objective, tell them you are searching for a friend. Miharuru, Mioko, Kat. Come with me. Tamasii, Nara, Masuto, and Sheyate, go search the southern part of the village. Milli, Razor, Pheonix, and Myako. Search to the north. If we dont find anything, meet in the western part of town. If you do find anything, signal us with an elemental jutsu. The signal's shape will be the leaf symbol."

We head off in our designated directions. Me, Mioko, Miharuru, and Kat begin our search of the Eastern part of town. I search and search and ask questions but get no answer. Mioko, Miharuru, and Kat didnt have any luck either. We head to the western part of town. We have the worst luck of running into Kankuro.

"Well, well. Some Leaf ninjas in the Hidden Sand. What's your business here?" he asks.

We show him our papers.

"We're looking for a friend of mine. She is a ninja, loves herbs and is a healer. Know anyone like that?" I tell him.

"Hmmm..... Not in this part of town. I think I met someone like that in the western part of the village."

We thank him and head off. When we get there, we find everyone there who got the same information: A lady lives here in the western part of the village that fits the description given. We begin searching. I break away from my group and search on my own. And guess who I had the pleasure of running into? Gaara. It was more like I bumped into him actually.

"I am soooo sorry! I wasnt looking where I was going."

He just looks at me. Our eyes lock. I see the something in his eyes that I feel nonstop. Pain, loneliness, sadness, and hatred.

"It's fine."

"U-um... I need some help. I'm looking for a friend who's here and I cant find her. Do you know anyone who is a ninja, loves herbs, and is a healer?"

He thinks for a moment.

"Yes. I do. She lives over there in a small shop on the corner."

I begin to run off. I remember to thank him and when I turn around again, he's gone. I start running again and get to the shop on the corner.

"Hello?" I say as I walk in.

I look around. I see lots of jars and plants. I dont see any people.

"Hello?" I say again.

A women walks out of the back of the shop.

"Yes?" she syas to me.

"Um..... I'm looking for a Miss Taniya. Would you be her?"

The lady gasps. She grabs my wrist and takes me into the back room.

"How do you know my real name?"

"So you are her!"

"I asked you a question. How do you know my real name?"

"Because," I pull off my glove. "I am your daughter."

The lady sees my birthmark. She gasps again and then she hugs me.

"Amber. I knew that you would eventually find me."

"Mom. Why didnt you came back?"

"Your father wouldnt have excepted me again. I wanted to go back. To see my daughter. But I couldnt."

"Why did you leave?"

"I was found out. You see. You were born before the alliance. I was found out to be Sand, so I had to flee. I couldnt take you though, being born with the Inuzuka clan marks. So I left you."

"Well, we want you to come back. Dad talks about you nonstop. He still loves you. Come on!"

I grab her wrist and pull her outside. I send up a water spout and shape it like the leaf symbol. Almost emmediatly, all my friends appear.

"Guys, I want you to meet my mom."

"Hi!" they all say to her.

My mom looks at them with a surprised look on her face.

"I didnt think you had this many friends!"

"I have more friends, they just didnt come with me to search for you. We've searched all of Sand for you. And have had several encounters and a lot of bad singing bouts along the way."

Kat looked down as I said this.

"Well. You guys look tired. Why dont you all stay here for awhile while you get rested for the journey back."

"Okay!"

That night, I sit outside on the roof, looking at the stars. I get tears in my eyes because I'm happy. I begin to sing a song that I know by heart. It's called Colors of the Wind. I sing it over and over. Then I hear someone behind me. I continue to sing, but ready for any attacker. Someone drops down in front of me.

"Ah! Gaara! U-um.... did you hear me singing?"

He nods.

"U-um..... How much of it did you hear?"

"1 full runthrough."

"Oh... the whole song..... I suck dont I?"

He shakes his head no.

"I dont?"

"I liked it." he says.

"Um... you did?"

He nods.

I blush like crazy at this.

"Keep singing" is all he says.

So I start up again while he sits down beside me to listen. I sing till dawn. At dawn he takes his leave of me. I leap off of the roof and head inside. I start to pack my things while veryone gets up. We all eat breakfast and head out. My mom sees me in the back and falls back next to me.

"What's wrong?"

"Nothing."

"Somethings wrong. I can tell."

"Fine. I was just thinking about last night."



"What happened last night?"

I tell her.

"You like him, dont you?"

"Maaaaaybeeee....."

She doesnt go into it anymore cause she can see that I dont wanna talk about it. We make our way outta the village. Kat decides that she wants to sing again. She sing the song that we all hate, "The Song That Never Ends". I let her sing it. My mom joins in after awhile. Her voice is sooo beautiful. I guess that's where I got my voice. We continue walking for a few days through Sand. Then we get to a village.

"This is where I need to be!" Myako says to us.

"What do you need to do?" Milli asks.

"I need to pick someone up."

She sees the person and runs up to him. She comes back with a young girl about 13.

[Disclaimer: I dont own Naruto, but if I did, Gaara would be a lot more social]

## 28 - The Wolf Battles The Snake

"This is a friend of mine. She doesn't want me to tell you her name, so I'll let her do it."

"Hi. I'm not going to tell you guys my name yet. You'll probably figure it out at some point." the girl tells us.

"Well... Welcome to the group!" I say to her.

"And for initiation....." Kat begins.

"NO!!!!" We all yell.

"Fine, fine. I won't sing. But she still has to."

"Tch. Fine Kat. Okay. Um.... How about..... you sing..... 'Life is a Highway' for us?"

"I don't know that one....."

"Then we'll start it for you!" Kat exclaims.

We all start singing the song and soon the girl joins in. We keep on singing it. When we stop to rest for the night, we stop the song, but then start up again in the morning. We walk into Leaf spirited and singing 'Life is a Highway'. We get to the ramen shop and finally decide to stop cause we were getting some funny looks.

"Well that was fun. An entire week of singing 'Life is a Highway'. I think we deserve some ramen!!!!" my mom says.

"YAY!!!!" we all yell.

Then we hear something short of a stampede headed our way. It turns out to be all of my other friends. Naruto, Hinata, Sakura, Sasuke, Neji, Lee, Tenten, Kiba, Shino, Ino, Chouji, Shikamaru, Iruka, Shimara, and Kichiro. I had to introduce my mom or else she would have bugged me to do it. I went through all of the introductions.

"Okay. Mom, you were going to get us all ramen?" I say.

"Yes, but Iruka had better help to pay for it! I've never had to pay for this many before."

"Okay. I'll help pay."

After the mini ramen fest, I take mom home.

"That's weird. It's 8:00 and dad's not home. Maybe he's working late tonight."

"Where does he work?"

"The pound..... Where else? He can't get enough of those dogs. He even takes Sachiko with him sometimes. Right girl?"

"Woof!"

"Where's his wolf, Kanaru?"

"Kanaru? Never heard of him."

We wait for my dad to get home. While we wait, I show mom around the house. We hear a click at the door after awhile.

"Hello? Amber, I'm home!" my dad says.

"In the kitchen dad!" I yell at him.

He walks into the kitchen and gasps.

"Taniya? Is that you?" my dad asks with a look of surprise on his face.

"Yes it is Hiramaru." my mom says.

"I'm gonna leave now." I say inching towards the stairs.

My mom starts to say something so I dash up to my room with Sachiko at my heels.

"Whew. I do not want to see them kiss. That would be weird."

"Arf!"  
I step onto my window sill and leap onto the roof.  
-Thank god it's 11:00 at night- I think to myself.  
I begin singing. It's 'I won't say I'm in Love'. I keep on singing it because I have nothing else to do. Then, like in the Sand village, I hear someone behind me. I take no heed to it. But I do pull out a kunai, just in case. I continue singing to throw the person off guard. Then, someone drops down in front of me.  
"Gah! Lee? Sheesh, don't scare a girl like that."  
"Sorry!" he says sheepishly.  
"Were you listening to me sing?"  
"Yup."  
"And you were listening for almost the entire time?"  
"Yup."  
"Why?"  
"Because I like your singing. Keep singing."  
"Okay." I sigh and begin singing again.  
Lee stays and listens. I close my eyes when I sing so I didn't see when he left. I opened my eyes again around 3:00 and he wasn't there.  
"Well, at least he's gone." I say to myself.  
I go inside to get a little sleep.  
A little later.....  
"Sweetey! Time to wake up!"  
I turn over to look at my clock. 5:00 in the morning?!?!?  
"Mom!!!! It's too early!!!!"  
"No it isn't. Do you want me to drag you out of bed? I am quite capable of it."  
Oh yeah. She's a ninja too.  
"I'm up. I'm up already." I say groggily.  
"Good! Breakfast is downstairs!"  
I get dressed and eat breakfast. Then I head out to training.  
"You know what? I'm surprised that we didn't run into Orochimaru on our trip." Kat says to me.  
"I am too. I was always thinking that he was going to attack at any moment, but he didn't." Miharuru says.  
"I heard that the Third cut his soul's arms off, so now he can't use them." Mioko says.  
"I heard that too." I say.  
I rub the back of my neck.  
-I hope he doesn't come for me- I think to myself.  
We train for a while longer. Then Kakashi comes and asks if he can talk to me.  
"Yes Kakashi-sensei?"  
"Me and Iruka have decided something. Since you seem capable of taking care of yourself, you don't have to be a sensei at the academy anymore."  
"What if I still want to be?"  
"Then you can stay Iruka's assistant. But you don't have to."  
"Hmmm.... I choose not to have to."  
"Okay! I'll go let Iruka know."  
Kakashi leaves.  
"What was that all about?" Miharuru asks me.  
"Kakashi wanted to know if I still wanted to teach at the academy."  
"Aaand?" Kat asks.  
"I said no."

"Good. We missed having you here." Mioko says.

I blush. We head into the forest to train some more. We begin training and all goes well, when suddenly.....

Thud! A kunai just missed my head and thudded into a tree.

"What the....?"

We become surrounded by Sound ninjas! And who comes strolling out of the trees? Who else but Orochimaru and Kabuto themselves.

"Orochimaru." I hiss.

"Ah. I see she knows who I am."

"Who doesnt you sad excuse for a ninja." I retort.

"I wouldnt make him angry if I were you." Kabuto says to me.

"You just shut up you no good..." Mioko starts.

He gets whapped across the scull by one of the Sound ninjas. He falls to the ground unconcious. I grit my teeth trying to fight the overwhelming anger I feel.

"Leave them alone Orochimaru!" I yell.

"Oh but I will. Tie them up." He says to the ninjas.

They tie up my friends and whap each of them across the scull to knock them out.

"Stop it!" I say, still trying to fight the anger.

"Go on. Dont you wanna fight me?" He taunts.

"Your in no condition to fight, Orochimaru. Your arms are dead."

"That may be, but I can still fight."

"Then I accept." I say.

My eyes glitter as I stop fighting the overwhelming anger. My eyes change from light blue to amber. I surround myslef with water and transform into a very powerful half demon.

"So this is the wolf demon I've heard so much about. She doesnt look so tough."

"You'll pay for this!" I howl.

I send a water attack his way. He dodges it with ease. I growl at his readiness. My anger swells even more. I transform a little more.

"Come on? You were the one who proposed the fight! What are you? A coward?" I howl at him.

He comes at me. He trys to kick me. I dodge easily and scratch him. This gave him a deep gash on his back. I howl in laughter at his incompetence.

"You fight well, Orochimaru, but you are still no match for me!"

"Oh, but I am!" he says.

He lunges at me with his teeth bared. I try to dodge, but he manages to latch on to my neck.

"GAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!!!!!!!" I howl in extreme pain.

"My work here is done." Orochimaru says as he begins to collapse.

Kabuto catches him and leaps off into the forest with the Sound ninja behind him. I transform back to myself and writhe on the ground in pain. I black out.

## 29 - Hyuuga Kuroda

I wake up. But I'm not in the forest. I'm in a bed. In someone's house. I try to sit up and get pushed gently back down.

"Dont try to get up. You'll kill yourself."

I recognize that voice!

"Kiba? How did I....?"

"Shh. I found you unconcious in the forest. You were running a fever, so I took you to my house."

"All I remember happening is me trying to beat Orochimaru and him biting me. The I was in extreme pain and I dont remember anything after that."

"Orochimaru? Not good. Where'd he bite you?"

"My neck. Wh..... Oh no."

Kiba looks at my neck.

"Oh yes."

"Not me too! I've been cursed!!!!!"

"Calm down!"

There's a knock at the door. Kiba goes to answer it. He comes back with the girl that joined us on our travels.

"This girl says she knows you."

"She does."

I look at her. I never really took the chance to look at her. But as I look at her, I see the Hyuuga kekkai genkai has been passed down to her. So she's a Hyuuga.

"I think I've figured out your name now."

"Then tell me."

"You're Kuroda. Hyuuga Kuroda."

"Yup. I came to see you cause I heard about what happened."

"That was nice of you." I say.

I attempt to get up. Kiba tries to stop me but I dont let him push me back down. I get up off of the bed.

"See Kiba? I'm fine! Thank you for taking care of me!"

"Um... Your welcome, cus!"

I leave with Kuroda. I manage to get into a conversation with her about the Sand village.

"Why were you there?" I ask.

"To gather information. Why were you there?"

"To find my mom."

"Oh..... Do you like the Sand village?"

"It's nice. My mom's a Sand nin, so I'm Sand and Leaf. I guess you could call me a mutt of the villages!" I say jokingly.

"Hahaha. Yeah, I guess we could."

"So you're a Hyuuga. Cool."

"Yeah. Everyone thinks that I'm not Hyuuga, when I am. Maybe it's cause I dont look anything like Hinata or Neji."

"It's okay! Come on! Let's go get some ramen!!!"

"Yeah! Ramen!"

## 30 - She is?

"What?!?!?" I say in disbelief.

"Her sis is dying. She came back so she wouldn't have to see her sis die." Snow says.

"We can't just let her die!"

I pause to think for a sec. Then an idea hit me.

"I know! Maybe my mom can cure her! She's an expert at healing. She even knows about herbs no one else has discovered!"

"I don't know. LaKeis said that her sis was in a real bad condition."

"Come on! What could possibly go wrong!"

"I hate it when people say that. That means that something WILL go wrong."

## 31 - Kyushai

"Hey! Amber!"

"I turn around to see Kyushai running towards me.

"Kyushai! I havent seen you around for a while!"

"Yeah..... Not my fault.... I heard you found your mom!"

"Yup! But she went with LaKeis to cure her sis."

"Oh... I wanted to meet her....." he says looking a little crestfallen.

"She'll be back! Not sure when though... Anyway. Whatcha been up to?"

"Missions. The latest one was murder. We had to find this kid and it turned out that he had made it almost all the way to Sand! It took forever to convince him to come back."

"Oooooo..... I hate missions like that. Wanna go get some ramen?"

"Sure!"

We head over to the ramen shop. Kyushai thinks to himself-I wish I had the guts to ask her out.... I-I think I'll ask her when we get to the ramen shop.- They get to the ramen shop and order their ramen. While they eat it, Kyushai decides to ask me.

"Amber?"

"Hmm?"

"Would you.. I mean.. do you..."

"Yes?"

"Would you go out with me?"

I look at him for a moment, then decide to say yes.

"Sure! When and where?"

"Um.... tonight and the where is a surprise. I'll pick you up at 8:00."

"Okay!"

We finish our ramen and leave the shop. I take my leave of Kyushai and head home.

"It's 6 now. That gives me 2 hours to get ready."

I get ready for the date. I go through my WHOLE wardrobe and finally decide to wear my amber clored sleek evening dress. I style my hair, put my makeup on and choose my light blue purse to use. That took 1 hour and 30 minutes, so I decided to watch tv for a bit. Half an hour later, the doorbell rings. I answer it.

"Hi Kyushai!"

"H-hi Amber. Wow! You look stunning!"

"You dont look half bad yourself." I say admiring his evening wear, a dark blue suit.

He takes me by the hand and we head towards our destination. We finally get there and it turns out that he's taking me out to a fancy resteraunt! We go inside and are seated. The next day....

"He what?!?!" Kat practicly yells.

"He kissed me!" I say a little histericly.

"At least he plucked up the courage to do it. Everyone knows that he's been crushing on you." Miharu says knowingly.

"He has?" I say.

"Duh! Where have you been?" They both say.

"Okay! I just never noticed! We've been friends for ever and, yeah... I just never noticed....." I say looking at the ground.

We were talking about my date with Kyushai. Kat and Miharu are probably gonna tell everyone about it. Oh well.



## 32 - Heheh... I caught up

"N-no way!"

"Yes way! He sooo kissed her!"

"O-oh my God! Th-that is soooo ka-kawaii!"

Kat and Nara are talking about my date around the corner, squealing like 5 year olds. I'm listenening to them, kinda. They go on and on for about another hour, so I leave after a while. I head towards the arena. It's the chuunin exams again. I'm gonna watch Naruto and Neji's battle. I head in to grab a seat.

"Hi Miharuu!"

"Hi Amber! You're just in time. Their about to start." Miharuu says pointing to the feild.

I look to see the proctor standing to one side and Naruto and Neji facing each other. I sit down to watch.

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Blah. We all know what happens. And since I dont wanna go into detail, I'll skip to the end.  
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Naruto hits Neji with a mean left hook. He's won it!

"YEAH NARUTO!!!!!!!" me and Miharuu both yell.

"Hey! Who's next up?" I ask Miharuu.

"Sasuke and Gaara."

"Oooooh!!!! I wanna see that!"

"Me too!"

As it turns out, Sasuke hadnt arrived yet, so they postponed his battle. So it went to Shin and Kankuro's battle.

"Proctor! I forfeit my match!" Kankuro says.

My mouth drops open in suprise and disbeleif. Shino's gonna get a little upset at this.

"Okay. Shino wins by forfeit."

Temari decides to show off and glide down on her giant fan to the arena ground. Naruto whaps Shikamaru over the safety bar, causing him to fall down to the ground and land on his back. Miharuu gets a little mad at that. She like Shika-kun. A lot.

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More blah. We all know what happens here too if you watch the anime'. I'm gonna skip it and go to the end.  
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"WHAT THE HELL?????" Me and Miharuu scream. "He forfeits?"

"And he had her too!!!!!" Miharuu says a little histericly.

"Calm down! It's Sasuke's battle next!" I say to her.

10 minutes later, he and Kakashi enter with a flashy entrance. Yeesh. Gaara enters the feild a minute later.

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I know this battle all to well, and I dont wanna relive it. I know I'm probably pissing some of you off, but

this is so I dont completely spoil stuff for the noobs. Onwards to what happens next!

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~Huh? Feathers? Uh oh!~ I think.

"Release!" Me and Miharu say.

~Genjutsu. Couldnt do better than that?~

We look at the feild to find that Gaara, Temari, and Kankuro have disappeared and that Sasuke is heading over the wall. I seriously had an urge to follow and help. But Kakashi comes over to us and tells us to help get the villagers to the safe haven. At all costs. Even if it means that we have to force.... It.

"This time we really are being invaded by Sound nin!" Miharu says excitedly.

"Yeah, but this time we could really be killed." I say back.

We begin to gather up the villagers and take them to the safe houses. Once we finish, we follow orders and help with the counter attack! Time to really kick Sound nin @\$#!

"L-looks like we g-get to team up!" Nara says with a glint in her eye.

"Dont do anything stupid. If you have to, then do.... It. But only if need be. Let's go find the others!" I say.

"R-right!"

"Gotcha!"

We go and find the others. Once we're all together, we make a plan and head off. Me, Milli, and Nara head off together because we are the only ones who know how to do.... It. We find plenty of Sound nin, expected. But there's also a ton of Sand nin too.... What the hell is going on here?



"Hey! I can too! Yes!"

"Careful. You could be stuck like that if Nara doesn't wake up soon." Kat says while she fusses over Nara.

Nara wakes up a few hours later.

"Wha' ha-happened?" she says.

"Well, the curse mark started to burn us, so we fainted. And now we aren't sure if we can change back because of it." I say.

"Let's try anyway." Milli says.

We head back to the forest. We try to change back, but every method we try doesn't work.

"We're stuck!!!!" I howl.

"I can't believe this! It must be the curse!" Milli howls angrily.

"Neither can I! I feel sorry for you Milli.... You can't change back without us...." Nara says.

"Na-Nara!!!!!! You spoke without stuttering!" Kat says.

"I did? Hey! Yeah! I did!!! Yes!!!!"

"Good for you, but how are we supposed to be ninjas as WOLVES? No wait. Scratch that. How are we supposed to be ninjas as DEMON WOLVES?????" Milli says hysterically.

"Let's just role with it for now. I'm sure the Anbu will help us with this." I say, trying to calm her down.

We head back to my house. My mom came home after we left to go to the forest, so she freaked out when she saw me.

"W-WOLF!!!!!!" she screams.

"Mom! Mom, it's me!" I say.

"Amber? Why are you a wolf?"

"Loooooong story. Don't ask me to tell you. I don't even know all of it. Can Nara and Milli stay here till this is sorted out?"

"Um.... O-okay..... Oh! Sachiko and Kitty arrived earlier. Said that you were battling ninjas at the moment."

"Yeah... Where were you this whole time?" I ask.

"Healing other nin. Lotsa work."

"Okay...."

Me, Nara, and Milli head upstairs. Sachiko and Kitty are sitting on my bed, talking. They wave to us.

"Amber!!! Look! I can talk!" Sachiko says.

"Cool! And look... I'm a wolf...." I say, a little less than enthusiastic.

"Oh... wow..... All three of you are wolves.... Yay! Wolf party!!!" Sachiko yells.

"Hey! I'm left out here!!!" Kitty yells.

"Oh! Kitty!!!!" Milli howls and runs over to play with her.

~This is gonna be a loooooong stay....~ I think.

## 34 - Maybe the Anbu?

As we get ready for our first day as nin wolves, an idea hits me.

"I know! Let's ask the Anbu if they can fix this! They are the military's elite nin squad. They might be able to do something." I say excitedly.

"Hey yeah! That might work!" Milli says happily.

"One problem: We have to FIND an Anbu Black Op first." Nara says.

"Okay miss negative. Let's start looking now!" Kitty says as she ties our headbands around our necks for us.

"I agree!" Sachiko yips.

So we head out on our search. Lotsa stares from people. We search for hours. We finally flop down in the park in defeat.

"I give up. These guys hide way to good." Milli says.

"Yeah..... I actually kinda like being a wolf. I can talk without stuttering." Nara says with a little bit of enthusiasm.

"Yeah, but you're in the image of your demon. Which means that people will think that you ARE a demon. And that's not a good thing." I say.

"She is right." Kitty says.

Then another idea hits me.

"Oh! I just remembered! Wasnt Kakashi Anbu at one point? Maybe he can help!" I says happily.

"Yeah! He was!" Nara says.

"Well, let's go find him!" Milli says ecstaticly.

"And I know exactly where he is too." I say.

We head over to the bar. As I had predicted, Kakashi was sitting in there being, well, Kakashi. We walkover to him, or trot in our case.

"Hi Kakashi!" I say behind him.

He whirls around with a slightly surprised look on his face.

"Um..... Hi?"

"Kakashiiiiii!!!! It's me! Amber!"

"Amber? Why are you....? Dont tell me you used It!"

"We did. And then mine and Amber's curse marks started burning and now we're stuck like this. Milli too since she needs us to change back." Nara says.

"Why did you come to me then?"

We explain our idea to him. He nods his head.

"So you think that the Anbu could fix this. But you cant find any so you came to me."

"A former Anbu." we say.

"I think I can help. Come on." he says as he pays for whatever he was drinking. Probably sake.

We follow him out of the bar. He takes us to his house.

"Now. I beleive I have something that can fix this. It's been used before to reverse jutsus, but none as big as this."

"Do it anyway!" we say.

"Okay. Who first?"

"I'll go first." Milli volunteers bravely.

Kakashi takes her behind a curtain. 5 minutes later and they both reappear, with Milli human again.

"Next?"

Nara steps forward. Kakashi takes her and 5 minutes later, she comes out human.

"Okay Amber. It's your turn."

I head back there with him. What I see is a big tube hooked up to a machine.

"Uh oh." Kakashi says.

"Uh oh what?"

"Um.... this thing only has enough power left to transform you partially. Would you like to be a wolf, or a wolf human?"

"I'd rather be a wolf human than anything. At least it's me and not Nara or Milli that this has to happen to." I say as I step into the tube.

"You're gonna need these." Kakashi says as he tosses some clothes into the tube with me.

"Thanks."

He starts up the machine. I close my eyes, waiting for the impossible. A few minutes later and the tube's door opened. I stepped out on two legs. I looked at my body. A wolves, but with human features. Good thing I was wearing clothes. I walked out of the room. My friends gasped.

"Wha-what happened?" they both manage to get out.

"Tell ya later. Come on! At least I'm kinda human."

We head out. My friends dont desert me as soon as we leave Kakashi's house because they're my friends. We head for the ramen bar. Once we get there, we get weird looks from the customers. I dont care. This is me, and they'll have ta live with it. We grab some seats next to Naruto. He looks up to see me.

"Gah!"

"Nice ta see you too, Naruto." I say calmly.

"Amber?You look... different."

"Uh, duh? I'm a wolf."

"Ooooh....."

"Baka!" I say laughing.

We order ramen and joke around with each other.

~This actually might be fun! And a bit of a test to see who my true friends are.~ I think.

## 35 - (I cant think of a title)

Hokage-sama's funeral. I came. I thought of all the times that I had talked to him, and all the times I had gotten caught by him. I was crying as I went up there. I set the flower down. I stand and wait for the funeral to end. When it does, I walk with my team. Miharu's crying just as badly as I am. Mioko is trying to look cool, but he's crying too. we start talking about times we had with the Hokage.

"Hey Miharu. Remember when we were 6, we snuck into the Hokage's secret scroll storage and mixed them up?"

"Yeah! He caught us on the way out, and we ran like a hellhound was after us!"

"I remember the first time I met Hokage-sama. Kakashi was taking me to meet him in the park. We got there and I went to the swings. This old man walked up to me and said hi. I jumped out of the swing and ran to Kakashi scared. Then I was told that the old man was Hokage-sama. I was so embarrassed!"

Mioko says.

We continue talking. I leave the party after a while and head home.

"Well, looks like Snow has a better chance at becoming Hokage now." I say to Sachiko.

"Yup!"

## 36 - What the?

It's my birthday!!!! I'm 14!!!! Yes!!!! I'm walking through town, still a wolf girl, and everyone greeting me and saying happy birthday. I'm on my way home. Then I get stopped by Hinata, Tenten, and Sakura.

"Hi!"

"Hi Amber! Wanna go to the spa?" Sakura asks me.

"Um.... Okay!"

"Let's go then!" Tenten says.

Hinata nods her head.

We head towards the spa. We get there and Sakura says she's gonna treat me to a full spa treatment for my birthday. I get the whole nine yards done. Nails, Hair(or in my case, fur), and a massage. I cant wear makeup being a wolf. Sakura also treats Hinata and Tenten. I guess to be nice. Then we head to the mall for new clothes. Tenten and Sakura try to get Hinata into something cute while I try on this really hot outfit. Ripped at the bottom blue flame pants and a midriff ripped blue flame shirt. I get comments from Tenten and Sakura saying I should get it. I do. Hinata is forced to buy a midriff black shirt and black capris. Sakura gets a cute red mini skirt and blue midriff shirt. Tenten gets a pink kimono top and blue capris. We all haed over to my house. Once we get there...

"SURPRISE!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

"Ah! Hahah! You guys got me! It's a surprise party!"

We all have a blast at the party. I start to open my presents.

"This ones from..... Milli!" I open it to find the cutest dog collar. I thank her.

"Next present..... Mioko!!!" I get a wolf figurine from him.

I go through my presents like a breeze. The lasts three are from Kyushai, Lee, and Gaara.

"I'll open... Kyushai's now." I open it to find a glass rose. I hug him.

"Next is Lee's." I get a necklace with a crecent moon charm on it. I thank him with a smile. He of course smles back.

"And last but not least... Gaara's." I open it to find that he has given me a bracelet with a silver gourd on it. I hug him.

"Thanks you guys! I love all my presents! Now it's time for cake!" I say happily.

All the guys help to bring out the cake. I blow out the candles after everyone sings Happy Birthday, and Kat for once sang good.

~I wish to find my true love.~

After the party, Nara aks me a question.

"Wha-what did you wish f-for?"

"I cant tell! Then it wouldnt come true!"

"R-right. See ya!"

"Bye!"

I flopped down on my bed exausted.

"That was the best birthday ever." I say as I fall asleep.



## 37 - Um..... Why?

I'm wearing my new outfit, my necklace, and my bracelet. I have a pair of black sandals on. My hair (yes, on my head, it's technically hair) is falling over my shoulders. I smile to everyone I see. Why? Cause I'm happy! Yesterday was my birthday, and my crush cared to show up! And he gave me a bracelet! Milli is soooo jealous. I'm walking home to change into my training clothes because I haven't gone on a mission in awhile. I change, and head over to the mission center.

"Any missions available?" I ask.

"Hmmm..... One. It's a C-rank. You gotta go and find this guy." the man showed me a picture of a teenager about 17 wearing a ripped black shirt, ripped blue jeans, and with dark raven hair. He had a tattoo of a black dragon going down his face and arm.

"Looks easy to spot. I accept this mission."

"Here's some of his hair. I figure you can use it to track him."

I head out to search. I figure he's probably outside of the village, so I head out the gate. I sniff the hair. Then I drop down on all fours and start sniffing the ground. I pick up his scent easy.

"Here we go."

I run off in the direction the scents coming from. I come to a river. I sniff up and down the bank then decide to cross. I sniff that side, but no dice. I figure he traveled in the river. So I leap in and start swimming. My bracelet is attached to my new collar so that I don't lose it. I sniff the air. His scent! I swim faster. His scent curves to the right towards the bank. I leap out of the water and land on the bank. I see the remains of a hasty camp. I catch his scent again. I follow it into the forest. I weave in and out of trees. I follow this scent for at least two days. I finally pick up a fresh scent of his.

"Arwoooo!!!" I howl ecstaticly.

I continue on. His scent gets stronger and stronger. It finally becomes so strong that all I have to do is walk forward and see him. I come upon his camp. I peer over the bushes and see the kid. He's cooking fish!

I creep out of the bushes. He doesn't notice me. Until I stand up.

"Wah!" he yelps as he falls backwards.

"Hi! What are you doing way out here?" I ask.

"Um.... I ran away, duh."

"Oh your charming. What's your name?"

"Cooro."

"I'm Amber. Um..... Why did you run away?"

"My life sucked. My mom was about to force me to marry some girl that I didn't even know!!!!"

"Oooooh..... That's the pits. Why didn't you tell her you didn't want to marry that girl?"

"I did. She paid no attention to me."

"Why don't you come back with me? I could get you set up to live on your own."

"Um.... Suuure...."

We head back. That takes us the course of three days. I head to the mission house immediately with him in tow.

"I see you brought him back."

"Yup. But he doesn't wanna go home. I wish to speak with his mother. Now."

"She's back there."

I head to the back with Cooro in tow. I see this tall beautiful lady sitting there.

"Hello? Ma'am? I have your son."

"Oh Cooro! Now be a good boy and come home."

"Um... Ma'am? He doesnt want to go home."

"Why ever not?"

"He doesnt want to get married! I think that your being cruel to him by not letting him choose his own life. And you dont ever listen to him."

"What? Now Cooro. This is a set marriage and...."

I cut her off.

"Arent those things illegal now or something? You cant CHOOSE for someone who they want to marry. Ever heard of this thing called LOVE?"

"Well... yes.... but family tradition states..."

This time Cooro cut her off.

"Mom. I. DONT. WANT. TO. MARRY. THE. GIRL! GET IT THROUGH YOUR THICK HEAD!!! I'm 17. I'm not even legal age for marriage! I dont even like her!!!!"

"Well.... Why didnt you tell me earlier?"

"I DID!!!!!! I told you millions of times!!!!!!!"

"Also, Cooro wants to live on his own now so that this never happens again. Right Cooro?" I say.

"Yes. That's exactly what I want."

Me and Cooro leave. I set him up with a room in my house for the time being until I can find him his own apartment.

## 38 - Cooro!

"Cooro! Get up!"

"Mmmph.."

"Get up!"

"Goo aray.."

"Not until you get up!"

"Fine." he says as he gets outta bed. "I'm up. Happy?"

"Yes. Now hurry up and change. I've got somewhere I wanna take you today." I say as I head outta the room.

He hears this and changes as fast as possible and comes down stairs.

"Ready?" I ask him.

"Ready!"

I head outside with him at my heels and take him to a house down the street.

"These people wanna sell their house. I want you to see if it's good enough."

"That's it? This is what you wanted me to see?"

"Would you rather be at my house where my mom would have the privilage of waking you up?"

"Let's go look inside then!" he says as he drags me up to the door.

The owners show us around the two story house.

"Well?" they ask us.

"Hmmm..... How much is it?" Cooro asks.

We get told the price.

"O.o That's not a whole lot...." I say.

"I know. Do you want the house?"

I look at Cooro. His house, his choice.

"Yes. We'll buy the house." he says.

I nod in satisfaction and pay the owners. They had already moved what they wanted out, so Cooro settled in right away.

"Bye Cooro!" I say heading out of the door.

"Bye Amber! And thanks for all your help!"

"Welcome!"

I head to the mall. I needed some coffee. As soon as I step into mall territory, I'm pounced on by Miharu, Milli, Kat, and Nara.

"Wha! Nani?!?! Why did you guys literally pounce on me?"

"We need to talk to you. Now!" Miharu says.

They take me to the fountain.

"Now. Why are you still a wolf girl?" Kat asks.

"Because I have no clue how to change back." Is my answer.

"Do you like being a wolf girl?" Miharu asks.

"Yes and no."

"Do you want to change back" Milli asks.

"I'm not sure. And why am I being bombarded by questions?"

"Be-because we want to kn-know if your still o-okay." Nara says.

"Why didnt you ask that in the first place? Of course I'm okay! I'm fine! The only thing that's wrong with

me is the fact that 1) I'm cursed and 2) I have a demon sealed inside me."

My friends breath a sigh of releif.

"Um... Okaaay... I'm gonna go get my coffee now. You guys wanna come?" I ask.

"Okay!" was the answer.

We head in to get some coffee.

## 39 - Both at once? Not good!!!

Me and my friends are having tons of fun. We decided to go to the water park. We are heading towards the front gate to go get lunch, when it happens. The curse burns, childhood memories come up. I scream for all I'm worth, in pain, and loneliness. I enter the black hell of my mind.

"Amber!" Miharuru yells.

"Miharuru! Nara's mark is burning too!" Kat says.

Milli starts to scream. Kat and Miharuru turn to face me.

"Oh no..." was all Miharuru could say.

I was growing more and more grotesque by the second. I was morphing into a full werewolf. No, a demon.

"The mark! It's causing this! She must be having an episode, and the mark's helped to trigger it!" Kat exclaims, her eyes wide with fear.

"We have to get Nara out of here. Now. I'll move Amber." Miharuru says.

"Right." Milli and Kat say in unison.

Miharuru picks me up as best as she can and takes me out of the village. She sets me down outside of the village walls. She backs up a little bit when I move.

I begin moving again. I blink. I'm in the forest. I turn my head to the right and see a girl. Attack is my first instinct. No screams my human part. That's Miharuru!!! I back away shaking my head.

"No.... " I say in a raspy voice. "This... cant be happening... " I run away from my friend.

I run for what seems like days. I finally stop and fall to the ground. I black out. When I wake up, I'm in the forest.

"What happened?" I say clutching my head.

I stand up and survey my surroundings.

"I know where I am! I'm near the river!"

I make my way to the river. I decide to get a drink of water. But as soon as I look in the water, I dont see me, the wolf girl, I see a demon.

"Wah!"

I look again.

"That's me, isnt it? I'm a monster. I'm stuck like this... I cant go back to the village now though..... I might hurt someone..."

I head deeper into the forest. My ears twitch. I hear something coming at me. I dodge and it hits a tree.

~A kunai... With a note attached to it?~

I take the note off and read it.

Amber,

You are now an outcast. Join us. We will be waiting for a reply.

Akatsuki.

~Not good.~

I decide to head back to the village for some of my stuff. I have to sneak into my house though. I pack some clothes, my necklace, and a few of my birthday presents. I leave the rose, and attach a note to it. I snap on the dog collar, tie my headband to my head, and sneak into the kitchen. I fill a bag full of food. I sneak back out and head back to the forest. I make camp and mull over the note. As I'm thinking, I hear a bark. I look up to see Sachiko running up to me.

"Why did you follow me?" I hiss.

"I'm your partner. I go where you go."

"Did anyone follow you?"

"Not that I know of."

"Good."

I continue to think about the note. I finally fall asleep thinking ~Is this the end, or a new beginning?~

## 40 - Back to normal(or as normal as I can get)

I wake up the next morning. I remember the note. I shake Sachiko awake.

"Sachiko. Take a look at this." I say shoving the note in her face.

"It's asking you to join the Akatsuki. So?"

"Should I?"

"My vote would be no. You're not evil like they are."

I nod my head in agreement.

"What do you wanna do?" Sachiko asks.

My stomach growls.

"I'm hungry."

I start a fire and cook some of the food I took from my house. We eat it when it's done.

"We should build a lean-to to stay in." Sachiko suggests.

"I think so too."

So I get to work building a small shack. It takes me the whole day. That night, while Sachiko's asleep, I hear someone knock on the door. It's Kisame.

"Your answer?"

"No. I wont join you."

"Oookaaay... But we can be very persistant."

I slam the door in his face and go back to sleep.

I've been out here for a few weeks. Sachiko's learned the ways of the wild quite well. We're inside the hut, eating, when I hear voices outside.

"Amber!!!!"

"A-Amber! Sa-Sachiko!!!"

"Oi Amber! Come on back!!! We miss you!!"

My friends! My tail starts to wag at 100 mph. I look out the window to make sure it's them. I see Miharu, Milli, Nara, Kat, Mioko, Kyushai, Kuroda, Razor, Pheonix, Sheyate, Masuto, Snow, LaKeis, Lashone', and my mom walking through the trees. I open the door and bound towards them.

"Guys!!!" I yell.

"Amber!!!!" They yell back.

I rush up and hug them all to death.

"Why are you guys here?"

"Well, when you bounded into the forest that day, I knew that we had to search for you." Miharu says.

"I'm glad you guys did."

"When we found the note attached to the rose, we knew that something was wrong." my mom says.

"Kyushai was the most determind to find you." Kat says teasingly.

Kyushai blushes. He hands me the glass rose.

"Come inside my shack. It's a little small, but I think we can all fit."

We enter my shack. As soon as I sit down at the table, I'm bombarded with questions.

"Why didnt you come back?" is the one that everyone asks first.

"I was afraid. Afraid of hurting you all."

"Ca-can you change ba-back?" Nara asks.

"I dont know. I havent tried...."

"Then try!" Milli exclaims.

"I dont know..."

"Aaaw!! Come on!" Kuroda says.

"I guess I could..."

"Yeah!!!" they all yell.

I head out into the forest. I make the handsigns that would normally get me out of it. Tiger, Monkey, Dog, Tiger.

Poof! I'm back to being a wolf girl.

"At least you're more human again..." My mom comments.

"Now will you come back with us?" Mioko pleads.

"Hmmm... I dont know..." I say teasingly and with a gleam in my eye.

"Pleeeeeaaaaaase?" was what I got.

"Okay!"

"Yay!!!!!"



## 41 - Regular day

"Boy am I glad to be home!" I say getting out of bed.

"So am I! But I do kinda miss the seclusion and fresh air." Sachiko says.

"Oh quit complaining. At least you dont have to catch your food now."

"Good point."

We head out to train. For once, I'm happy that I'm a wolf girl. But ever since I changed back from monster wolf to wolf girl, I've been noticing some strange things. Like my ears pick up sound better, my nose is better, my eyesight is a little weak, and that I can train without stopping all day.

"Your worried again." Sachiko says.

"I am not!"

"Yes you are. I can sense it. Your worried about your new wolfishness. Dont worry! I'm a wolf and I do just fine."

"Your right. Your also getting pretty big. Bigger than any Inuzuka wolf I've ever seen."

"I'm not an Inuzuka wolf, remember? I'm a foundling."

"Oh yeah..... Well still. I've also noticed Akamaru's been eyeing you. I think he like you."

"No way. That scrap of a dog? I'd rather get a tick on my nose."

"Oh be nice. He's still a puppy."

"Point?"

"Nothing. Let's start training." I say as we reached our usual training ground.

We train till lunch. We eat from the food I had brought with me, then start training again. I throw kunai at Sachiko and she dodges them. I'm working on my aim, and she on her dodging skills. We keep at it till sundown. Then we head back to the village. We stop on the way home for some ramen. I greet my friends and chat with them a while. Then we leave and head home.

"I still think you should give Akamaru-kun a chance." I say.

"And I say your wrong... I want another wolf. Not a mutt like Akamaru."

"Ooooooaaay!"

## 42 - Haha!!!! TIMESKIP!!!!!!!

Okay. This is a timeskip chapter. I may continue it. I may not. Depends. Enjoy!  
It's also a spoiler on who marries who in my stories. Btw, Amber is still a wolf girl.

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I breath in deeply.

"Aaah. Dont you love the fresh air, Sachiko?"

"Yeah.... It's nice."

"Kyu-kun! I'm going out now!"

"Okay Amber-chan!"

I head out into Konoha. Sachiko stays home with my husband, Kyushai. I see Kiba and Nara.

"Hello Nara-chan! Hello Kiba-kun!"

"H-hi Amber!"

"Hey Amber-chan!"

"Where are you two headed?"

"O-oh, no where in par-particular."

"Just on a walk."

"Okay!" I say and continue on my way.

I stop by at the ramen bar, just for news. I happen to see Naruto there.

"Hey Naruto-kun!"

"Oh! Hey Amber-chan! Here for some ramen?"

"Yup. Anything new going on?"

"Not that I know of."

"Where's Milli-chan?"

"Sand. She trying to seduce Kazekage-sama."

"Oh. Gaara-kun."

I eat my ramen a say good bye to Naruto-kun. I continue my walk around the village. I decide to stop by the hospital.

"Hi Sakura-chan!"

"Hey Amber-chan! Are you here to take the test?"

"Yeah."

"Okay. Follow me."

I have the test done and leave in high spirits. I happen to see Miharuru and Pheonix on my way home.

"Hi Miharuru-chan! Hi Pheonix-kun!"

"Hi Amber!" they both say.

"Did you have the test done?" Miharuru asks.

"Yes and I tested positive!"

"Good for you!"

Pheonix just kinda stands there with a confused look on his face.

"Bye Miharuru!"

"Bye Amber!"

I get home.

## 43 - More timeskip!

Heheh... You all are gonna love this. Read it and see.

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I get home. Sachiko's sitting moodily on the couch.

"Where's Kyu-kun?"

"Training."

"Oh. When did he say he was gonna get back?"

"He didnt."

"Moody pants."

"Hormonely crazy."

I sit on the couch in a huff and flick on the tv. Nothing good on. I decide to finish reading my book, "Inkspell". I pick it up, and start reading. I read for about an hour and Kyushai gets home.

"Hi Kyu-kun!" I say as I kiss him on the cheek.

"Hi Amber-chan!" he says hugging me.

"I have good news!"

"What is it?"

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I think I'll stop there for now. Heheh..... You all will have to wait to read what happens!!!! I'm evil like that.

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## 44 - Gasp!

Previously:

"I have good news!"

"What is it?"

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"I'm pregnant!"

"\*gasp\* Really?"

"Yes! I just tested for it today!"

Kyushai begins hugging me even more. I smile. Sachiko leaps off the couch to join in the hug fest.

"Now we have two pregnant females in the house!" he says.

"Oh stop teasing!" I say playfully.

"Oh! I just remembered something! They fixed the jutsu reverser! So, do you wanna be human again?"

"Hmm..... Yes I would. But, I want to keep the ears and tail. I happen to like them."

"Okay Miss Moody."

We head over to Kakashi's place. I do what I did last time and stepped into the tube. There was a humming and a click, then a flash of bright light. The doors open and I step out, human again!

"Thank you Kakashi-san!" I say hugging him.

"And look." He says handing me a mirror. "I managed to keep the ears and tail just like you asked!"

"Yay! Thank you again!"

Me and Kyushai head out and back to our home. Sachiko looks surprised but doesn't comment.

"Yay! Now I can be a normal ninja again! After so long, I can finally be human!"

"Or as human as possible with the ears and tail."

"Oh stop."

## 45 - Baby!

It's been a whole lotta months since I first found out I was pregnant. Now I have a cute baby girl and we cant figure out what to name her!

"I like Kiri." Kyushai says.

"I Think her name should be... Kymber."

"Why Kymber?"

"Because it sounds cute."

"I still like Kiri."

"Let's draw her name out of a hat then." I say.

We write the name we want on seperate peices of paper. Sachiko pulls out one of them.

"Her name is... Kymber!!!!"

I smile triumphantly holding Kymber in my arms.

" Lucky draw." Kyushai says.

"Oh qiut acting like a kid Kyu-kun!"

He sticks his tongue out at me then smiles. I push him playfully.

"Goof." I say.

"I know you are!"

I smile and take Kymber up to the nursery to put her down for a nap. Kyu-kun walks up behind me.

"She has a wolf tail and ears, just like you."

"Yup."

"Is this why you wanted to keep them?"

"Nope." I say then smile.

"It is isnt it!"

"Nope!"

"Goof."

"I know you are."

## 46 - Aaaaw!

I decide to take Kymber on a walk around the village. I put her into her stroller and head towards the mall. I get there and begin looking for my friends. I eventually find Nara and her twins by the fountain.

"Hi Nara!"

"H-hi Amber! I expected you t-to be tired and a-at home to-today."

"Nope! I'm full of energy!"

"Wi-wish I could sa-say the same. I'm de-dead tired."

"Aaaaw! Poor you! Are these your twins? They look so adorable!" I say cooing over her children.

"Ye-yes they are. The b-boy's name is Aki a-and the g-girl's name is Ashoota. Is tha-that your ba-baby? She's s-so adorable!" she says cooing over my child.

"Her name's Kymber. We should schedule a playdate for them!"

"G-good idea! Then our chi-children will become mo-more social when the-they're older!"

I smile. We continue talking and gossiping together for awhile, feeding our children. I bid her farewell and begin heading home. I run into Miharuru at the ramen bar.

"Hi Miharuru!"

"Hi Amber! Is this Kymber? She's so adorable!"

I smile at this.

"Thank you! Where's Pheonix?"

"He had to go on a mission with Razor. How's Kyushai?"

"He's fine! A little tired, but fine."

That's good."

We chat for awhile. Then Kat walks up to us.

"Hi Kat!" we both say.

"Hi Amber! Hi Miharuru! Look!" She shows us her hand. On it is a wedding band. We both gasp.

"You got married?" Miharuru says.

"Who's the lucky man?" I ask.

"He's coming." Kat turns around and signals to someone. "Here he is!"

I see a man with a black hair in a short ponytail wearing sunglasses.

"This is Hiro Aburame. Hiro, these are my friends Miharuru Enforcer and Amber Timako."

"Nice ta meetcha." he says.

Me, Kat, and Miharuru talk some more and coo over Kymber. Hiro sits there and waits for us to finish talking. Miharuru leaves after a bit, then I leave, saying bye to Hiro and Kat. I finally make it home. I put Kymber down in her bed and go to feed Sachiko and her puppies.

## 47 - Deja vu' much?

"A mission? Now?" I say exasperated.

"Yup. You've gotta take this gift to the Kazekage. It's a wedding gift."

"Who's the lucky girl?" I ask.

"Um... A Milli Canial, if I'm not mistaken."

"Yay for Milli! All right. I'll take it to them."

I take the gift (wrapped, I have no clue what it is) and head home quickly. I pack some things while Kymber (now a toddler) tugs at my pants.

"Not now, Kymber. Mommy's gotta go on a mission. I'll be home soon, okay?" I say picking her up and setting her in her playpen with a kiss.

I leave a note for Kyushai and start off with Sachiko at my heels.

"You shouldn't be doing this." she says.

"So? I can take care of myself." I say back.

"But your pregnant! You can't walk all the way to the Sand village!"

"I can and I will."

"Moody."

"Cranky."

I keep walking. I get to the gate and find Kyushai there.

"Kyu-kun! What are you doing here?"

"I got your note. I'm coming with you."

"What about Kymber?"

"She's staying with Sakura. Now are you coming or not?"

"I'm comin, I'm comin."

We head out together. It takes us a couple of days, but we make it to the Sand village. I deliver the gift, congratulate Milli and Gaara, and Kyushai and me leave. We're almost halfway to the Leaf village, when I hear something behind us.

"Someone's following us." I whisper to Kyu-kun.

"Okay."

We continue walking, acting as if there was nothing wrong. A kunai flies past my head, nicking my ear. I turn around and see..... Itachi!

"What do you want?" I ask harshly.

"Kisame told you that we would be persistent. Now join us." he says smirking.

"No. Way."

"Then we have no choice but to force you."

"Just try." Kyushai says standing between me and Itachi.

"Ah, the husband. Are you as great a nin as they say? Or are you a fake?"

Kyu-kun grits his teeth at the remark.

"Just shut up and fight."

"As you wish." Itachi says as his eyes go red.

"Kyu! Don't look at his eyes!" I scream.

To late. Their eyes locked. Kyu falls to the ground with a yell.

"Amber! Run!" He screams.

I get on top of Sachiko (she's big enough so that I can do that) and she sets off at a gallop. Kisame

appears in front of us.

"Uh uh uh! Where do you think your going?"

We head to the right to find our way barred by Tobi. We go left. Barred still by Deidra (sp?). We're boxed in on all sides by Akatsuki! Itachi walks up holding Kyu-kun by his collar. He throws him to me, dead.

"Too bad for you. Now you have no choice but to join us."

I scream.

\*beep, beep, beep, beep\* I fumble with my watch to turn it off.

"Man, what a weird dream....." I say lifting my head from my desk. I get ready to go to the ninja academy. Then I remember something on my way to the academy.

"Oh man oh man oh man! The final exams are today! And I sooooo didnt study!"

Miharu runs up to me.

"Hi Amber!"

THE END!