

YU-GI-OH: Ancient Memories

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*Seto Kaiba was always against believing he played any part in ancient egypt. Now, somebody is about to refresh his memory and bring out a side of him that has been locked away since childhood.
(with Yugi, Bakura, Marik, Joey, etc.)*

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BEFORE YOU READ:

A few notes before you read. Those who are major Kaiba fan girls might not want to read this because they will think I have flawed Kaiba's image, but being one who pays close attention to his personality throughout the series, feel I know what I am doing. This is based solely on the American television series, nothing more, and nothing less. It takes place after the battle city finals, before 'Waking the Dragons' takes place. I already have the story all played out in my head, a thanks is given to an rp buddy who helped me shape and form the story. I have altered a few things to make it more enjoyable and to ensure there is no confusion. I hope you enjoy, any comments and questions are welcomed. This story spans several chapters and is a work in progress so be patient with me between chapters.

ABOUT SUBARU:

Subaru Sphinx is a highly skilled duelist who currently lives alone with Zest, a gray fox she found when it was a small kit. Subaru's parents had both died when she was only a small child and she was left at an orphanage. A few months later an elderly man, world famous for his horse racing skills, adopted her. There, Subaru met Mai Valentine, they have been great rivals ever since. Today, Subaru gets by on the money she makes from duels and horse related events, after her adoptive father died. There are rumors going around that she has a dragon more rare and powerful than blue-eyes.

In ancient Egypt she was a powerful sorceress. She created a magical crystal that had the ability to absorb, or amplify the power of the millennium items. Having heard of the crystal's power, Seto Kaiba got in touch with Subaru. For several years they worked together, becoming stronger in hopes to overpower the pharaoh. During this time they became very close to one another. Fearing their plan, Yami had Subaru captured and locked away. The tomb robber, Bakura, managed to break her out and they began working together, stealing artifacts from tombs.

Subaru doesn't know much about her past but feels strange whenever she sees Seto. She still has the powerful crystal in her possession to this day.

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Chapter 1: Enter the Sphinx

Battle city had proven a hard and emotionally straining time on Yugi and his friends, with that out of the way they were finally able to relax and enjoy their time just hanging out. The card shop owned by Yugi's grandfather was doing well in business considering the lack of any tournament and the group couldn't be happier. Kaiba and Mokuba had returned home and Seto was busy at work and Kaiba Corp, trying to salvage the drop in money his company was making, there had to be some way to get it back up, he would find a way to draw in more people eventually. One of his advisers had suggested another tournament but after his loss to Yugi, he wasn't really enthusiastic about the idea of another duel. Yugi had all three Egyptian god cards, how would he beat that? All of this was giving him a headache and he told everyone to stay out of his office unless there was an emergency that needed to be immediately brought to his attention.

Though most would never be caught dead disturbing him when he was in a bad mood, the door opened allowing Mokuba access to the room. Seto seemed to be under a lot of stress and the young Mokuba was determined to help him relax. "Seto, you have been in here all day." Mokuba said. "I think you should come and get some fresh air, maybe a walk in the park?" he asked, aware that Seto wasn't likely to say yes. Seto looked at the questioning Mokuba, wondering if his saying no would lead to more pestering from his brother, the only one with guts enough to be stubborn after his decision was already made. "...Alright Mokuba, I guess a quick walk wont kill me." Seto muttered, getting up from behind his desk and following Mokuba out into the crisp, clean air.

The young woman moved at a slow pace through the park. She was about Seto's age, carrying herself in a confident manner. She had vivid teal eyes and silver hair that fell in soft waves to her mid back. The silver was accompanied by pink highlights that streaked thinly through it. She wore unique clothing that showed some skin, not too modest but not too sleazy either. She was rather withdrawn and quiet, eyes shown with intelligence, a deck of cards hooked to a thin silver belt and her waist. Her name was Subaru Sphinx, a girl who held a secret that had yet to be revealed, one she had no knowledge of herself. A choker necklace was at her throat, a strange magenta tinted jewel attached gave off a faint glow. Magic contained within it, which could prove powerful in the presence of a millennium item. "Zest.. were are you?" she called out as she walked, looking for a small gray fox that belonged to her. She knew the fox had run off to play his game of steal the card with yet another victim. The small fox, formerly know as Zest, moved through the park, having found a playful looking human that had what was needed to get a game going, he loved it when people chased after him and he had come to a conclusion that if he stole something of theirs, they would chase him all the day to get it back. He studied the blonde boy as he headed through the mostly vacant park, hands in pockets and he seemed to have a certain destination in mind. Zest moved stealthfully after him, eyes fixed on the deck of cards he had. He heard Subaru call out his name but paid no mind, not when he was just about to get a game going. He bounded up to him, getting his attention with the cute innocent fox trick. "Hey there little fella" Joey said, kneeling down to pat him on the head. Perfect, now all he had to do was swipe a card. He darted to Joey's side and in his teeth, gingerly got one and pulled it out, racing off with the Flamed Swordsman. "HEY! GIVE ME THAT BACK YOU LITTLE SNEAK!" Joey yelled after him, running to catch the little beast.

Mokuba and Seto had been walking without a word spoken between them when a most unpleasant voice rang out, the second rate duelist, Joey Wheeler. They rounded the corner in time to see him dive at the fleeing fox, holding what looked like a card. Joey had missed and was now laying, looking angrily at the fox who teasingly, waved the card at him a few feet away. Mokuba thought the fox was cool; Seto was quick with the insults. "Looks like the dueling monkey is being outwitted by a small fox." He said slyly, eyes slightly narrowed and a smirk forming on his face. "Hey, shut up rich boy!" Joey spat, getting back to his feet, now covered in grass stains. "Hopefully you can get those stains out, don't want to ruin the only clothing you have." Seto continued, Joey's hands forming into tight balls, refraining from punching him, hot temper flaring. "I SAID SHUT UP KAIBA!" He yelled, eyes moving as he saw Seto's gaze instantly shift from him to somebody who appeared to have come up from behind, turning to find Subaru who gave Zest a quick scolding as she picked him up. "I believe this is yours," she said, handing him his card. "Thanks" he muttered, annoyance still lingering in his voice. He didn't want to stay any longer, not with Seto's insults. "Yuck, it's all slobbery and gross" he said, wiping the card on his shirt before looking unpleasantly at the fox who appeared pleased with himself. Joey stalked off before another word was spoken. Mokuba had turned his attention back to Subaru and the small fox. "Hey, is he your fox?" he asked curiously, going over for a closer look. Subaru nodded, "yes, this is Zest and I'm Subaru." She said in greeting. "Good to see you again Mokuba." "You know my name? Were have we met before?" Mokuba asked, not remembering her. "We went to the same orphanage."

Mokuba thought about this a moment, they went to the same orphanage? He was having a hard time placing her. "Don't worry about it, it will come back to you." Subaru assured him. "Your name is familiar though.. are you that dragon duelist I have heard about? The one with a really strong dragon everyone is talking about?" He asked. Seto was watching with some annoyance, why must Mokuba talk with everyone he met? As for her, if she was a dragon duelist it didn't matter, he was the greatest dragon duelist and that was how it would stay. "I am, I suppose you want to see it too right?" she asked. Everyone who did know of her always wanted to see this card. Mokuba nodded, "really? You would show it to me?" he asked, eyes wide with excitement. He loved to see new cards. Subaru pulled out her deck, searching until she found the card she sought. 'Bahamut, king of dragons' it had an attack of 3200 and defense was the same. It also had a special ability allowing it to control all dragons on the field weaker than itself. Mokuba looked at it for a long period of time. "Hey Seto, you should come and see this card it is way cool." He said, Seto rather reluctantly coming closer to have a look at this so called 'great card' it wasn't so much the fact it was stronger that got to him, it was the fact that he swore he had seen it somewhere before... but where? He suddenly felt memories flooding back, flashes of a life he didn't know or believe in. It was hurting his head and he seemed to wince. "Seto? Are you ok?" Mokuba asked with concern, his brother wasn't usually like this. Mokuba's words were unheard by Seto who continued to see flashes of himself, of that dragon, of that girl.. was he going mad? The visions faded and he seemed to come to. "I am fine Mokuba, lets head back." He said, afraid to look at Subaru for fear he would suffer those... flashes again. "Ok" Mokuba said reluctantly, returning the card to Subaru who seemed confused and curious about what had just happened to Seto. Mokuba patted Zest on the head, who in turn licked his hand. "Nice meeting you two, maybe I will see you again sometime" Mokuba said, rushing off to catch up with Seto.

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The meeting with Subaru had a heavy affect on Seto for the remainder of the night. Why couldn't he stop thinking about her? He didn't see her as attractive, as somebody he wanted to get to know but she still lingered in the depths of his mind. He had left work early and went home, getting no objection from Mokuba who followed faithfully after him. Seto got some aspirin and a glass of water and sat by the large fireplace, gazing into it as it crackled and danced to some unheard melody. "Seto, are you sure your alright?" Mokuba asked after checking in on him from time to time to see him sitting just as he had the previous time he looked. "I'm fine" Seto assured him in a slightly annoyed tone. Finally getting up from his seat and moving from the room, the fire was beginning to go out and would likely go dead soon. "I think I will go to bed," Seto said, heading up the stairs and vanishing from sight.

He would get no sleep that night; when he did he could see images and memories quite clearly.... "I am sick of running from the pharaoh! We should use that rod of yours and my crystal and defeat him before he separates us.. that is what he is trying to do." Came a tired and strained voice, resembling that of that girl in the park. He then heard his own voice. "Subaru, we don't have enough power to take the pharaoh, not with his guards in our way, we have to keep moving, wait until we catch the pharaoh by surprise." He said in a soft and comforting tone. What was going on? Why was he hearing voices in his head? They were speaking of a pharaoh, which must mean that this was another of those... ancient past beings that Ishizu assured him he was one of. It was stupid! He wasn't in the ancient past! He tossed and turned some more, trying desperately to sleep and stop this nonsense from playing out in his head. "What if Yami catches us... what if he separates us and I never see you again?" Subaru asked with some dread and sorrow. "I wont let him separate us, I will protect you and we will always be together." Came the determined voice of the high priest.

The beams of sunlight came in on Seto, finding it annoying as he was still trying to sleep, he hadn't gotten enough but it seemed he was just going to have to get up and walk around like a zombie for the remainder of the day, completely unaware of what day it was, valentines day, yet another thing to get on his nerves. He got dressed and moved downstairs; seeing that Mokuba was already gone he headed outside after a quick breakfast. He stretched his stiff muscles and began walking about aimlessly, mind wandering while he did so. He ran into Yugi who was talking to Serenity, she seemed excited about valentines and would give Yugi no room to talk, leaving him simply nodding his head. He saw Seto and saw a way to get out of this without seeming rude. "Hey Kaiba" he said, looking rather dumbstruck as Seto didn't look like he even noticed Yugi as he passed him, to deep in thought. Yugi watched him leave, Serenity giggling suddenly. "He must not like valentines day" she said with a grin, wondering what was taking Joey so long to get there to meet them. Mokuba who was running over to him holding something in one of his hands, looking rather excited, snapped Seto from his daydream. "Hey Seto.. I got us some free tickets to a horse race that is going to start soon. Come on, let's go before it starts!" He said, Seto looking at him blankly a moment. Where did he get free tickets and why a horse race? Well, maybe he should just to get his mind off of things, that and Mokuba had already run off without allowing time for him to object. Once finding their seats he looked at Mokuba and spoke loud enough for him to hear him over the crowd. "Where did you get free tickets?" He asked. "I got them from one of the racers

who I ran into while in the city looking around, you remember that girl in the park, Subaru?" Seto looked rather unpleasant at the mention of her name. "You got them from her!?! Mokuba, I want you to stay away from her!" He said, Mokuba looking at him with some defiance. "B..but why cant I see her?" he asked. Seto would have said more if not interrupted as the announcer came on, calling out names of people and their horses as they rode past towards the starting gates. "...Next up is Subaru Sphinx riding a beautiful white stallion named Sapphire, he appears to be one of the biggest horse here today..." Sphinx? That was her last name? Hopefully knowing this wouldn't affect Seto in any way. They soon got prepared, the large crowd waiting patiently for the race to begin, many were routing for Subaru since she was born and raised in this town, and because her adoptive father had been one of the greatest horse racers of his time.

Suddenly the gates opened and the horses thundered out, an excited roar was growing in the crowd as they fought for position, announcer rambling on, calling names and positions. Subaru had started back in fifth but was quickly making her way up through the ranks, slipping into second, urging her great beast to move faster, gaining on the leader who was the current champion. Seto watched more intensely than he would have thought he would, wondering if her skills of riding were as good as her dueling skills, she was determined and strong to endure riding such a big horse, being one of two female riders, the other was near the back. "GO SUBARU" Mokuba shouted out suddenly jumping to his feet and cheering her on, Seto was stunned by the behavior. They were coming into the last turn and the excitement was going rapidly as Subaru moved in on the leader, taking the inside to close the gap for the final straightaway. Mokuba was no longer the only one on his feet; most everyone was by this point. Seto had no choice but to go with the crowd, stand so he could see over them. Strangely his heart was beating fast and he was as anxious as Mokuba standing next to him, or not quite, considering Mokuba was jumping up and down on the spot. "...and she has done it SUBARU WINS!" the announcer called out, the crowd cheering with approval. Strangely, Seto was having a hard time not joining in; he was mixed with pride and happiness for the girl, like she was important to him.. even though she wasn't, at least he didn't think so. Then he remembered the previous night, the words that seemed to come out of his own mouth... "I wont let him separate us, I will protect you and we will always be together."

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