

Demon High

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Naruto and his friends gotta gear up for their sophomore year of high school, but whose this new kid that just moved in next door?

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1 - Summers almost over -_-zZ

The alarm clock went off. 11:00 a.m and Naruto was just getting out of his bed. He rubbed his eyes and climbed out, two days until he and his friends began their sophomore year of high school and he had plans for both.

"Oh crap I'm late!" He leaped up and rushed to his closet quickly put on an orange T-shirt with a white and blue yin-yang on it, a white tiger and blue dragon battled on the front. He then fixed his short blond hair and grabbed his skateboard from his closet.

"Geese I'm starving." he went down stairs, fixed himself a bowl of ramen, and made his way to the door. He quickly rushed out and ran into a girl about his hight with short blue hair. "Hinata!?"

"Oh...I'm sorry, Naruto."

He helped her back up. "No it's my bad. I wasn't looking where I was going" he hesitated for a moment. "Isn't our date tomorrow?" he said looking at his skateboard. "Don't tell me I got the days mixed up."

"Oh...its tomorrow. I..I was just stopping by to see you." She wringed her hands and giggled at the thought of how forgetful her boyfriend was.

"Ok good, I thought I got my butt in trouble." He put on a big grin. "So whats up."

"I just wanted to stop by and say hello." Hinata looked over at the next yard over. "I...I believe you have new neighbors Naruto."

2 - The new kid in town

"Huh..." Naruto looked next door to his house and saw a moving truck in the driveway. "Hey your right! Lets go." he grabbed Hinatas hand and they ran over to a boy a little taller than Naruto carrying a large brown box.

"Hey Watome, where do you want this one?" The boy shouted into the house.

"Just put it in the closet!" A masculine voice shouted back.

"Hi." Naruto jumped right in front of him.

"Oh, hi there." he responded

"You movin' in?"

The boy grinned "Nope we've been living here for years were just moving out." He and Hinata laughed but Naruto didn't get it. "Yes we're moving in." He said as he propped the box in one hand and reached out with the other. "Names Zero."

"I'm Naruto" He shook his hand "and this is my girlfriend Hinata." He motioned to the girl standing behind him.

"H..hello." she stepped forward

"Nice to meet you both." He looked down at the board in Narutos arm "Hey you skateboard too?"

"Yeah, my friends and I were planning on boarding today. You wanna come?"

"Sure let me go grab my board." Zero ran inside and came out with a black skate board with a red moon on the bottom. Without the box in the way they got a good look at his black shirt with a large white wolf on the front.

"You ready?" Naruto asked

"Yeah, lets go." He turned "Hey Watome I'll be back in a few!" Then he followed Naruto and Hinata down the street to the skate park.

3 - The skatepark

"So Naruto how many of your friends are going to be at the skate park?" Zero asked

"Lets see...Kiba,... Shikamaru, Choji,... Gaara, Neji and Sasuke. Counting us that makes eight."

"Wow, so you have a lot of friends then."

"Yeah don't worry I think you'll get along with them."

"So do you got a lot of friends Hinata?"

"...Ummm..yes I do, but I... I'm kind of the quietest out of all of them."

"Yeah she is" Naruto laughed and put his arm around her "but I love her anyway." Hinata blushed like mad and hugged him back.

"Oh please, would you two take it outsi...never mind."

"What" Naruto laughed "is there a problem with having a girlfriend?"

"I wouldn't know, I never had one."

"You serious?"

"Yeah, we've been moving around all the time I never had the chance to be in a serious relationship. I'm hoping we can stay long enough to at least unpack all the boxes." He shoved his free hand in his pocket and sighed.

"Well...a couple of my friends are single...in case your interested." Hinata offered

"No, no I couldn't do that. Thank you though."

The walked into an area paved with smooth concrete with half pipes, full pipes, and plenty of rails.

"Hey Naruto, your late." A tall skinny kid who had his hair tied up was standing with a group of other boys.

"Sorry Shikamaru, I lost track of time."

"Whose the new kid?" A heavy set boy with a red ball cap on asked

"Oh this is Zero, he just moved in next door to me." He turned to him "These are my friends Shikamaru, Choji, Gaara, Sasuke, Neji and...hey wheres Kiba?"

Shikamaru pointed to the half pipe behind him and saw a boy with short brown hair, nose grinding along the top.

"About time you got here." he said getting off his board

"Hey give me a break man, I set my clock too late."

"So are you ready for our little competition Naruto?" Sasuke mumbled

"What?" Zero looked at Naruto suspiciously

"Oh yeah, were gonna have a little skateboard trick contest today. I guess I forgot. Were having the girls judge."

"The...girls?" he gulped

"M..my friends." Hinata said quietly

Naruto looked around "Hey there they are!" He pointed over to a group of girls walking to them...

4 - Clumsy Zero

"Hey guys!" One of the girls shouted, she was an average looking high school girl with her short blond hair tied into four individual ponytails. "Hope were not late to see you guys wipe out." she laughed.

"No your just in time." Shikamaru said lazily

"So whose the new guy?" a real skinny blond girl asked "He's kinda cute."

"Ino," Shikamaru folded his arms "I'm standing right here."

"Oh I'm just kidding." she smiled and wrapped her arms around him.

"Umm...Zero these are my friends Ino"

"Hey sorry about that little joke Zero."

"Temari"

"Yo"

"Sakura"

"Hi"

"Tenten"

"Hello"

"Takashi"

"Whats up Zero"

"...and this is Kira." Hinata finished.

"Hello Zero" He froze, she was amazing. Long platinum hair, perfect sapphire eyes and a figure that stopped his heart beat for a spit second.

"Uhh...Hi" Zero stuttered and Kira giggled

"So now that you guys finally showed up can we get started?" Kiba barked a small white dog worked his way out of Kiba's light jacket and began to yip wildly.

"Ok, all the guys up the ladder." Naruto said already climbing up the half pipe and everyone else

followed. "Whose up first girls?" he called

"Choji!" they shouted almost immediately, obviously they had planned who was up first.

"Oh man." Choji winced as he hung his board over to the edge. Then he was off, he started out just trying to gain speed then started to pull off simple tricks. He didn't even try to tail grind. Soon they saw him losing balance, falling off his board and landing on his back.

Shikamaru slid down to his friend "Choji are you ok pal?"

"Don't sweat it Shikamaru" he said putting his cap back on "I'll be ok."

"Is he going to be alright?" Ino asked

"Hes ok." he replied

"Hey I wanna go next!" Naruto jumped into the air and before anyone could object he blazed across the wooden surface.

"Wow..." Shikamaru's eyebrows raised "Naruto's gotten better than last time..."

He raised his board in midair and landed right next to Zero "How was that?"

"Sweet" Kiba replied

"Ok Naruto..." Sasuke leaned back against the rail "Lets see what your new buddy can do..."

The girls didn't see a problem with it, in fact they encouraged it.

"I don't know..." Zero palmed the back of his neck.

"Oh come on..." Naruto begged "your not chicken are ya."

"Oh peer pressure, just reduce yourself to a neanderthal Naruto." Zero rolled his eyes

"You just a big chicken. Don't want to embarrass yourself in front of the girls?"

"Ok fine, I'll show you what a 'chicken' can do on a skate board." He jumped off and put his black board underneath him.

"All right Zero!" Naruto encouraged

"One move and thats all I'll need Naruto." Zero pushed himself forward to gain momentum and then launched himself right up off the edge of the half pipe. He took his board and put it nose first to the edge and wedged the corner between his wheels and the nose of his board. He balanced himself on one hand with his other limbs trying to keep him steady.

"Woah..." Was all Naruto could say while the others just watched in awe.

"Told you...it was a good one..." Zero grunted looking over at the guys. Then he looked over at the girls to see their reaction, which was pretty much the same. His and Kira's eyes locked for a moment, she smiled and waved at him. This made Zero nervous again and he began to lose his grip. "Woah...Oh crap!" he finally slipped and went crashing back down to earth.

"Are you ok Zero?" Naruto shouted down to him

"I'm fine...just...just lost my focus." he said rotating his arm then he got up to let the waiting Sasuke get his turn.

5 - The winner

After every one of the guys performed their tricks on the half pipe everyone gathered together with the acception of Zero who had his legs dangling over the side of the ramp.

"Ok now the judging can start..." Shikamaru pulled out a slip of paper and a pen from his pocket. "alright girls you know the drill, vote for whoever you thought pulled off the best trick..."

"And put them in here." Choji took off his red ball cap and flipped it upside down. The girls ripped off strips of the paper and scribbled names on them.

"Hey Zero come on" Kiba shouted "don't be such a downer."

Zero grinned "Well...Ok." He took his board in his hand and hopped down to the ground.

"All right..." Shikamaru said lazily taking Choji's hat and reached inside. "The first vote is for...Naruto."

"Awesome!" The blond leaped into the air

"Next is Gaara."

"Yeah thats right." Takashi hugged the red head whose face turned even redder.

"Zero" Shikamaru continued

"What?" Zero looked surprised

"Yeah...someone voted for you...whats the surprise?" Shikamaru said

"I'm not surprised" Naruto smiled "that trick was awesome, believe it!"

"I didn't see that coming...since I screwed up."

"Anyway...the next vote is for Naruto again...Zero...another for Zero...and Gaara."

"So Zero wins, thats all the votes right?" Naruto looked around at the others.

"Yeah...pretty much..."

"All right!" Naruto slammed his hand on Zero's back. "You did it."

"Big deal" Sasuke mumbled "so the new guy got lucky."

"No reason to be a sore loser Sasuke."

"Hmm...whatever Naruto."

"That was pretty fun." Zero said

"Never a dull moment with all of us." Kiba said with Akamaru barking in agreement.

"So what are you guys doing tomorrow?" Zero asked

"Ummm...Actually" Naruto sighed "we were planning on going on a five way date to the movies. Shikamaru and Ino, Gaara and Takashi, Neji and Tenten, Sasuke and Sakura, plus me and Hinata are all going to the movies."

"Oh I didn't know you all had plans."

S...sorry Zero." Hinata frowned

"No its ok...I have plans tomorrow I forgot about." He looked up, it was getting dark out. "Hey guys I have to head home, I'll see you guys later." He started to run off home and waved back to his new friends.

6 - Naruto's Invite

The next day Zero quickly unpacked his boxes and relaxed in his front yard. It was around three o' clock when he heard Naruto call from next door.

"Hey Zero!"

"Hi Naruto. Whats going on?"

He smiled "Nothing, but I thought you had things you needed to do."

"Yeah well..." He put his hands behind his head and laid back "I did it just didn't take me all day to do it."

"Well...do you have anything else to do today?" He hopped over the fence.

"No not really...what movie are you guys going to see?"

"That one scary movie...The Eye I think..."

"Oh I see...nice."

"What?"

"Going on a date to see a scary movie, classic."

"Whats wrong with that?"

"Nothing...so were you on your way to go get Hinata?"

"Yeah"

"Have fun."

"...Are you sure you don't want to come Zero? I know the others won't mind."

"No, its a couple thing I don't want to be the odd one out."

"Come on Zero." Naruto pulled at his arm like a little kid

"...Do you really want me to tag along?"

"Yeah it'll be fun."

Zero got up "...Alright" he sighed "I guess I'll come with you..."

"Awesome now we'll outnumber the girls."

"So are we all just going to meet at the movie theater?" Zero asked as he and Naruto walked down the sidewalk to the Hyuga manor.

"No, were all going to Hinata's house. Because Neji lives there too its just easier. Plus her driver is going take us to the theater on the other side of town."

"Driver...are they rich or something?"

"Yeah, kind of...the Hyugas are a well known family."

"Wow...and yet Hinatas so shy..."

"Yeah but...you should have seen her before I worked up the courage to ask her out." Naruto laughed "She hardly finished her sentences before."

"She probably was nervous around you."

"I know that now, I just didn't before then."

"So how did you two hook up?"

"Its kind of embarrassing...It was the last dance before school ended last year. After about half an hour watching everyone else dance I was about ready to leave, but then a saw Hinata by herself. The way she looked I was kinda surprised nobody asked her to dance."

"She looked good then?" Zero teased

"Better. I went up and asked her if she wanted to dance with me. She didn't really hesitate and next thing I know I'm actually dancing with her. It was one of the best nights of my life."

"Sounds like a good match. Shes quiet and shy, your loud and annoying."

"Hey" Naruto laughed and pushed Zero to make him stumble. "No more talking about that...were here."

Zero looked at the manor. "WOAH!" it really was big, massive even.

"Come on everyones probably waiting." Naruto led him to the door and knocked rapidly.

"I got it!" they heard a voice call out, the door opened and Ino was standing in front of them. "Its about time you got here Naruto."

"Sorry" he shrugged "but look who I brought." he slapped Zero on the shoulder.

"Oh Zero I almost didn't see you." She tried to look innocent "Come on in guys." They followed her into the living room "Guess who Naruto brought" she called to the others and when they got there Zero knew why. Kira sat in the small crowd of girls.

"Wow Naruto you did something right for once, now we'll be even." Sakura said

Zero gave his friend a glare "Naruto..."

7 - The movie theater

"What?" Naruto smiled then quickly pointed to Sakura and Ino. "They made me do it."

Zero just slammed his head in the palm of his hand. "I cant believe I fell for this."

"Get used to it..." Shikamaru explained "if you get caught in one of the girls 'plans'...its impossible to get out..."

"Still I can't believe Naruto tricked me like that."

"Sorry" Naruto looked down and scratched the back of his neck.

"Don't be Naruto" Sakura said "Zero, we told him to bring you along so don't take it out on him."

"Well...I guess theirs no use arguing about it now" Zero shrugged

"Ok then" Ino said happily "now everyone has a date."

Zero's eyes widened and his face turned red "A...what?"

"Ino-pig" Sakura shouted "cant you shut up for two seconds?"

"Can it forehead! Its kind of obvious isn't it?"

"Woah now" Zero put up his hands "lets not kill each other here. Never mind what I said."

They glared at him forcing him to hide behind Naruto.

"...Don't try to calm them down..." Sasuke said

"Yeah Sakura and Ino will bite your head off." Nauto added with a laugh "They'll get over it shortly."

"If it bothers you..." Neji said "just don't think of it as a date..."

"I could have easily done that if they didn't say anything." Zero said nervously

"Uhh...T...the limo driver is here." Hinata said looking out the widow.

Ino and Sakura quickly stopped arguing and they all headed out to the vehicle. First the girls got in and then the boys.

"Where to Ms. Hyuga?" The driver asked from behind the tinted glass that separated him from the group of teenagers.

"T..the new Konoha Movie Theater please."

The car began to move. Zero tried to avoid eye contact with everyone so he looked out the window at the scenery. In the reflection in the window he could see that five of the other nine pairs of eyes were on him.

"So Zero what was your old school like?" Sakura asked

He turned and realized he was tricked into a conversation. "It wasn't too bad, my old friends were the only thing that made it fun back there."

"Where did you live before?" Ino asked

"Its actually a long ways away but I still try to keep in touch."

"Hinata said you never had a girlfriend."

"You all had some time to ask me this stuff haven't you?" He looked at Ino who still wanted a real response. "No I honestly have never had a girlfriend."

"Never?" Naruto got into the conversation

"You were there when I said it yesterday."

"Oh...right."

"So what do you like to do?" Tenten added

"Well...I'm currently in training."

"For what?"

"I want to be a cage fighter."

"A cage fighter?"

"Yeah a professional cage fighter...I watch the Ultimate Fighting Championship all the time."

"I've seen that." Neji said "Its pretty brutal..."

"Thats why I'm training. Mixed martial arts is really demanding and I enjoy the challenge."

It was quiet for about a minute then Zero finally decided not to be so silent.

"So Kira...what about you?" He mumbled

"What? Please speak up." He said perking her head up

"Tell me a little about yourself."

"Oh...I'm just your average girl in high school." she smiled

"You don't want to say anything?"

"Well I don't have a life as interesting as yours."

"I don't care." Zero completely forgot the other people in the limo.

"Well I lived here almost my whole life, I like to dance and sing and...I have had a previous relationship."

"What happened?"

Kira fell silent and looked away.

"She doesn't like to talk about it." Tenten said

"Oh...forget I asked." Sasuke gave Zero a look that said 'way to go you idiot.' The kind of look he would give Naruto.

It was quiet again until they reached their stop. They all got out and thanked the driver, Hinata told him to be back in a couple hours to pick them up. After he drove off they walked into the theater.

"Ten tickets to The Eye please." Naruto said. The guys paid for the tickets, even Zero paid for his and Kira's.

"Let me pay for mine Zero." she insisted

"No its ok its on me."

"Are you sure?"

"Yeah its fine."

"Ok...thank you." she said as he handed her the ticket. They then followed their friends into the room to find some seats.

"Its about time you guys showed up." Takashi said with Gaara sitting right next to her.

"Yeah...we were getting tired of holding your seats..."

8 - The Eye

When everyone was settled in the previews were starting. Clips for upcoming movies began to peak some peoples interest.

"Hey guys."

The group of friends turned in their seats to see their friend Kiba with a slightly younger girl hugging his arm and smiling. She had long brown hair with orange streaks.

"Hey Kiba, Hi Patience." Naruto greeted "I didn't know you guys were coming."

"Well...I wasn't really planning on coming but then I saw Patience and decided to ask her out."

"Thats great." Ino squealed "You two look so cute together."

Kiba smiled and felt his face get red, Patience just giggled and hugged him.

"So anyway...Zero I didn't know you and Kira were going out. That was pretty fast, I mean you just moved in." Kiba said as he and his date sat down.

"Well...I...I didn't ask her out at all, Naruto just brought me along."

"Ya coulda fooled me." he laughed

Zero looked next to him and Kira grinned and blushed a little.

"Shhhh!" Sakura hushed everyone as the movie began.

During the movie there were many parts that made most of the girls (and Naruto)jump in fright. The girls grabbed a hold of their dates, Naruto and Hinata grabbed a hold of each other. The entire audience was jumpy. Kira clung onto Zero, her heart was pounding against her chest from fear. Zero's heart was also pounding, but for a different reason. When the movie ended they all looked at each other and Zero started laughing uncontrollably at his friends.

"And what the heck is so funny?" Ino frowned

"The look on all of your faces...it was priceless."

"Hey leave the girls alone." Naruto said

"Who said I was just talking about them? You were more afraid than Hinata was."

"No I wasn't."

"...you were digging your head in between her back and the chair..." Gaara slightly smiled, he sat behind him and saw the whole thing.

"Still that was awesome!" Naruto leaped as they walked out of the room.

"Yeah, but it would suck to be in that situation." Kiba agreed "What do you think Zero?"

"Uhhh..." His mind tried to recall the movie.

"Oh...I get it..." Neji smirked "Zero wasn't paying attention to the movie at all..."

"Y...yes I was."

"Ok then...how did it end?"

"Ummmm..." He clenched his teeth together trying to remember.

"...I think you got him Neji..." Sasuke chuckled.

"Oh come on leave the poor guy alone." Patience said but she also laughed

When they got outside their limo was waiting for them.

"Would you guys like a ride Kiba? We...we have plenty of space." Hinata offered

"Nah its ok. I was kinda planning on walking Patience home."

"Ok suite yourself." Naruto said hopping into the car after Hinata got in. After they started to drive off Ino giggled.

"I always thought they would end up together."

"And their not the only new couple..." Sakura said pointing over to the corner of the limo where Zero and Kira were sitting.

"I...had a real great time Zero." Kira said

"Yeah...me too." he smiled

"Thank you."

"For what?"

"Well...I...I..."

"And now Kira is nervous." Tenten laughed

"Hey who said you guys could listen in on my conversations."

"Sorry" they all sang except for Hinata who was talking to Naruto.

Kira folded her arms and pouted. She faced out the window for a couple minutes. Then she felt someone put their arm around her shoulder. She turned to see Zero smiling a little to her. Kira smiled back, leaned against his body and rested her head on his shoulder. Their eyes met for a few moments until their faces started to move in a little closer, then the limo stopped.

"Ms. Angelheart, we have arrived at your home." Hinatas driver said

"Wow that was some horrible timing." Naruto said

Kira looked down and opened the door. "Well I'll see you all tomorrow..."she said getting out.

"See ya Kira." they said

She turned and faced them again "Bye Zero"

"Bye Kira" He said before she shut the door and walked up to her house. Zero then turned to his friends who were all grinning at him. "What are those looks for?"

"Nothing" Sakura said with a smile

"...Careful Zero..." Neji said "...you'll give us guys a good name..."

"Hes just kidding." Tenten said "You were just being sweet weren't you?"

"Well I..." He smiled in embarrassment before the limo stopped at his stop.

"Alright lets go Zero." Naruto said. Zero let out a sigh of relief as he climbed out of the car, Naruto gave Hinata a quick kiss on the cheek before he followed him.

"Thanks for that man." Zero said as they were about to walk up their driveways

"For what?"

"You bringing me along."

"Oh so you did have fun?" he laughed

"Possibly, I'll see you tomorrow Naruto." He said walking to his front door.

9 - Zero's first day

Zero woke up to the ear jerking sound of Korn, one of his favorite bands. He climbed out of bed and checked his clock, if he wanted to make it to school on time he had about an hour to get ready, plenty of time. He took a quick shower, put on some clothes and got his school supplies in his backpack, took him about fifteen minutes.

"Maybe Naruto is ready." He wondered as he grabbed his MP3 player and walked out the door. The sun had just come up, filling the sky with countless colors.

"Hey Naruto, you up?" He called knocking on his friends' door. He waited a minute then knocked again. "Come on your gonna be late." The door then opened and Naruto was standing in the doorway rubbing his eyes, he obviously wasn't ready.

"What are you talking about Zero? I still got a little more than a half hour"

"I know." Zero laughed "I just wanted to see how quick that would get you up."

"Well" he smiled "I guess there is no reason to go back to bed then. Come on in man." Naruto stepped back allowing Zero to enter his home. "Don't do anything I wouldn't do. I'm gonna go get ready real quick."

"No way, I thought you were going to go to school in your boxers." Zero snickered and pointed to the blue dragon boxers that Naruto had on as he headed up the stairs.

A couple of minutes later he came back down the stairs wide awake. "You want some ramen?" He asked Zero who was still standing next to the door.

"Uhh...sure." He said as the blond led him to the kitchen. "Hey Naruto?"

"Yeah."

"I don't mean to pry...but are you the only one who lives here?" he said looking around

Naruto frowned "I was orphaned as a baby...I stay here with Iruka, one of the teachers at school. But he is busy a lot so he isn't around much."

"Oh...I didn't know." Naruto handed him a bowl of steaming hot ramen, but he didn't eat. "I was orphaned also. Watome and his girlfriend Megan adopted me a few years ago and their the closest thing I've had to a real family."

"Wow...we're more alike than I thought. Other than being real good skateboarders." Naruto also hadn't touched his ramen. "Hey the ramens going to get cold." He then started to dig into his food; Zero did the same and ate the food that Naruto graciously gave him.

Not long afterwards they walked out with backpacks slung over their shoulders. Zero pulled out his MP3 and handed Naruto one of the headphones, they put them in and Zero turned it on. They listened to bands like Disturbed, Matalica, Trapt, and a lot more.

“We play a lot of these songs.” Naruto said

“We?”

“Yeah” Naruto leaped in front of Zero so he would stop. “Me, Gaara and Sasuke are in a band.” He said proudly

“Cool, so what do you play?”

“Drums, everyone says I have the energy to play the drums really well.”

“What about Sasuke and Gaara?”

“Sasuke is our lead guitar and Gaara is the bass.”

“No vocals?”

“Nope just music. None of the guys want to sing and we need a male vocalist.”

“What songs do you play?”

“All of them are basically on you MP3.” He pointed to the electric device in Zeros hand.

“Really?...Would you guys mind me giving it a shot?”

“Not at all.” He said slapping Zero’s back. “I just have to talk to Shikamaru, he’s our manager.”

“Hey that works, you all are friends.”

“Yup”

“So do you guys have a name?” he asked as they walked up the school steps

“We call ourselves Angels to Demons.”

“Nice.” He grinned

The school was already buzzing with conversations of old friends who haven’t seen each other all summer and sharing of summer experiences. Naruto and Zero soon saw Kiba Gaara and Neji talking by the lockers...well Kiba was talking, Gaara and Neji Just listened. They both walked up to their friends.

“Hey guys.” Naruto greeted

“Hey Naruto, hey Zero.” Kiba greeted in response while Gaara and Neji nodded slightly

“...We were just talking about our class schedules...what do you guys have?...” Gaara asked

Zero and Naruto pulled out a slip of paper from their pockets.

Zero read his off first;

1st period: Gym/Teacher: Might Guy

2nd period: Mythology/Teacher: Anko

3rd period: Literature/Teacher: Kurenai

4th period: Geometry/Teacher: Asuma

A – lunch

5th period: Study hall/Teacher: Iruka

6th period: Biology/Teacher: Kakashi Hatake

7th period: History/Teacher: Jiraiya

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“So we have most of our classes together.” Zero mentioned to Naruto

“Yeah cool.”

“...We’ve checked with everyone else and we all have the same lunch also...” Gaara said

“So it looks like this year will be pretty decent.” Kiba grinned

“Come on Zero let’s hurry and get to gym.” Naruto dashed to the gym with Zero close behind. As soon as Zero entered the gym he realized it was huge, just the squeaking of his shoes echoed around the room.

“Ok class!” A tall man exclaimed, he had a bowl cut and eyebrows that could crawl off his face any minute. “The locker room is in the back, put your things in there and get ready for some good old fashion exercise.”

“Yes sir!” a boy shouted who looked like a spitting image of the teacher.

“Who is that?” Zero asked

“His name is Rock Lee.”

“Are they “ Zero pointed to Lee and Guy

“Related? No, sure looks like it though doesn’t it?” Naruto laughed as they headed to the locker room.

10 - Lunch problems

Soon after they entered the locker room they came out wearing red T-shirts and blue shorts that came down past their knees.

"I could have sworn he was your dad or something Lee." Zero said to the boy with the bowl cut.

"No he is not but if he was I would not be arguing." He smiled "I want to grow up to be just like him."

"Well you're on your way." Zero and Naruto laughed

"Hey Zero check it out." Naruto nudged his friend with his elbow and pointed over to all the girls in gym that were all grouped together. They were dressed similar to the boys except their shorts were a little shorter than the boys. However Zero only noticed one girl in the group, Kira. He then noticed that she was walking over to him and his mind went blank.

"Hey Zero." She spoke smiling and put her hands behind her back.

"H...hi" he choked

"I had a lot of fun last night, thanks for coming."

"Hey I'm the one that invited him." Naruto boasted.

"Yes you are, thanks Naruto."

"So what do you think of my bud Zero here?" He wrapped his arm around his friend's neck. Zero's and Kira's faces turned red as they looked away from each other.

"I...I gotta go." She said quickly turning around and walking over to the other girls.

"Why did you have to go and do that?" Zero said pushing Naruto off of him.

"Oh lighten up."

"Admit it man, you got the hots for her." Kiba playfully punched Zero in the shoulder.

"That's none of your business." He smiled rubbing his shoulder

"Ok class!" Guy announced "Let's start off with five laps around the gym!"

"Yes sir!" Lee said with the up-most enthusiasm then took off around the gym

"Now that's a kid with a lot of energy." Zero shook his head

“Five bucks says you can’t catch up to him.” Kiba taunted

“Your on.” And with that Zero took off after Lee. On lap three he finally caught up and stayed neck and neck with him. At the end of the fifth lap Zero was out of steam.

“You are quite good Zero, really fast.” Lee smiled

“No...you’re brilliant...sure enough...” Zero replied trying his best to catch his breath

“That was amazing boys.” Guy congratulated “Zero have you ever considered trying out for the track team?”

“No sir, sorry but I already have things keeping me busy after school.”

“Well that’s ok. I just thought a little challenge for Lee would be just what he needs this year.”

“Don’t worry, I will do even better this year.” Lee said

“That’s just what I wanted to hear, and after seeing that great display of youth I decided to get a game of dodge ball started today.” And with that he headed off to get the equipment. The morning was spent with a very intense game. Zero was quick but almost every time he threw the ball someone caught it. The rest of the morning went by fairly quickly and soon Zero and his friends gathered to lunch.

“So Zero, what do you think of demon high school?” Ino asked

“It’s not too bad.” He responded swallowing a mouthful of pizza. “The teachers here are a lot better than the ones at my old school, and you guys are the best.”

“Well thanks.” Tenten said

“So Zero...” Kira smiled and moved a little closer to him down the bench “What are you doing this weekend?”

“I ummm...well...”

“Oh that reminds me,” Naruto exclaimed, but Zero sighed in relief “Shikamaru is it ok if Zero tries out for vocals for the band?”

“Yeah its fine with me...” He responded “What about you guys?...”

“I’m game...” Sasuke mumbled

“...fine with me...” Gaara said with Takashi leaning on his shoulder

“All right its settled then. Practice is in my garage after school Zero.”

“Ok, cool.” He turned to Kira “What were you saying again, I’m sorry.”

“I was just wondering...what you were doing this weekend?”

“Yeah you’re having that pool party aren’t you?” Kiba said casually

“Kiba” Patience smiled “you knew all week, don’t play dumb.”

“Yeah that’s Naruto’s job...” Sasuke chuckled

“Guys...” Kira wined

“Sure Kira, I would love to come.” Zero smiled and turned red

“Really?” Kira turned red also and turned away but she knocked over her milk and it spilled all over the table. “Shoot!” she stood up immediately

“I’ll go get some napkins.” Zero said quickly dashing off to the lunch line, as he reached for a good handful of napkins he heard someone behind him.

“Stay away from her.” Zero turned his head to see a taller muscular boy looking at him out of the corner of his eye. His shirt seemed a size too small and his pitch black hair covered a portion of his eyes.

“Say what?” Zero responded raising an eyebrow

“Kira is mine you little punk.”

This angered Zero, but he didn’t want to risk getting in a fight his first day of school. This must have been what made Kira upset the night before. He just grabbed his napkins and walked off, ignoring the guys’ rudeness. He reached the table and helped clean up the mess.

“Thanks Zero, I’m sorry about that.” Kira said as she threw her paper towels away

“No problem, people make mistakes...even the beautiful ones.” He said without even thinking

Kira smiled and blushed a deep red “I have to use the restroom; I spilt some of that milk on my skirt.”

“Alright I’ll be back at the table.” He said as she turned away. Zero got back to the table and seemed to be deep in thought.

“Something wrong?” Sakura asked

“Do any of you guys know who that kid is over there, the big dude with black hair and blue shirt?” He pointed to the one he had the very brief conversation with in the lunch line.

“Yeah,” Takashi answered “That’s Token, Kira’s ex-boyfriend...why?”

"Just wondering. When I was over in line he told me to 'stay away from Kira.'" he said rolling his eyes

"God I hate him." Ino growled slamming her fist on the table which scared Shikamaru a bit. He new better than anyone not to make Ino angry.

"I'm surprised you didn't sock the guy." Naruto said clenching a fist "I would have if he talked about my girlfriend like that."

"That's just it Naruto, Kira is not my girlfriend." Zero said proving a point

"I think she wants to be though." Temari said giggling to herself

"Is he the reason she got upset when I said something last night?"

All of them got quiet and looked at each other then at the table.

"Yes..." Tenten said

"Never mind...it's none of my concern."

"Hang on Zero." Sakura said "I think we should tell you. Only because we know you would never do the same thing to her."

"Do what to her?"

"It was about a month before you moved in." Takashi started "Kira and Token went out one night."

"Even though we told her it wasn't a good idea." Ino interrupted

"Token is a major jock he was just looking for some 'action' if you know what I mean, to impress his stupid friends." Temari huffed.

"Naruto folded his arms and growled "Its jerks like him that make girls think that all guys are like that."

"But...we know better." Hinata said to make her boyfriend fell better, and it did.

"Fortunately for Kira, she figured out what he was planning and was able to get home before anything happened. She broke up with him the next day."

"Now do you see why you should teach that creep a lesson?" Naruto asked eagerly

"Guys...believe me when I tell you that nothing would please me more than to give that guy what's coming to him," Zero sighed "but I can't be starting fights around here."

"So why not wait till after school?..." Sasuke said

"Wait till after school to do what?" Kira asked coming back from the bathroom

“Zero-“ Kiba cupped his hand over the blond Naruto’s mouth.

“Don’t worry about it Kira, it’s a surprise.” Kiba said quickly

“Oh...ok then.”

“The bell should be ringing any minute...any body have anything they would like to say?...” Shikamaru yawned

“My brother will be picking Sakura and I up after school so don’t wait up...” Sasuke said

Just then the bell to end lunch went off, everyone separated and went to their classes to finish the day.

11 - Zero's confrontation

The ending bell finally rang, finishing the first day of the new school year. Naruto, Hinata, and Zero put their books in their lockers and headed towards the exit.

“Awesome, no homework today.” Naruto leaped “More time for practice.”

“But aren’t we going to be short one person today?” Zero asked “Sasuke said his brother was picking him and Sakura up after school.”

“He’s gonna meet up with us later. He told me that he wanted to spend time with Sakura before practice.”

“Ok I can understand that.” Zero said casually sliding his hands into his pockets “Hey Naruto...does anyone come to practice to listen?”

“Every once in a while, why?”

“Well I was just wanting...to ask Kira something.”

Naruto and Hinata stopped walking, he stopped as well. “I...I could text her...and ask her to stop by Naruto’s house.”

“Could you?” He said immediately then slapped his hand over his mouth. Hinata giggled and took her cell phone out of her purse and pressed a few buttons.

“She will meet us out here...in a minute.” She said putting the phone back.

“Wow Zero that reaction was priceless.” Naruto laughed

“I just want to ask her something about the party, that’s all.” He said defensively

“Well now you’ll get your chance.” Naruto said slinging his backpack over his shoulder. Zero was about to grab his backpack also when he felt something grab a hold of the back of his shirt. In the blink of an eye his back was against the school’s solid brick wall and his feet were about two inches off the ground.

“I told you to stay away from her.” Token grunted right in his face

“Let him go Token!” Naruto shouted

“You gonna make me.”

Naruto began to make a move until Zero intervened.

“Stop Naruto...I can handle this.” He said “Go ahead Token...hit me.”

“What?”

“That’s what you were planning to do right? Then do it, knock my lights out.” His face had become like stone.

“Your taunting me? I’m twice your size.”

“And not that bright.” He grabbed a hold of Tokens wrist. “By grabbing me by the shirt you left my arms free to move. I could easily strike most of the pressure points in your torso, arms, neck, and head.” He said flicking Tokens forehead.

“Now your really starting to piss me off pal.” He had his hand balled up into a fist.

“And you’re starting to annoy me.” Then, just as fast as he was thrown against the wall and with ten times the force, Zero drove his knee into Tokens ribs. He then suddenly dropped him, knelt down and held his side. Zero lowered his head so that his mouth was right next to Tokens ear.

“Let this be a warning. If you go anywhere near Kira I will do more than damage a few ribs...a lot more.” He growled. Zero stood up and picked up his book bag. “Come on guys lets look for Kira now.” He told Naruto and Hinata casually who were stunned by what they had just witnessed. They snapped out of their trance and followed Zero.

“What the heck was that?!” Naruto questioned “Man, remind me never to piss you off.”

“Don’t worry about it. I just have absolutely no tolerance for people who are so possessive like that.”

“Still” Naruto smiled “That was awesome. If I closed my eyes for a second I would have missed the whole thing.”

“Well if he keeps that crap up, you’re going to see a lot more.”

“I...I don’t think you should tell Kira...what you just did.” Hinata said

“Agreed, she might get upset.”

“Where is Kira anyway?” Naruto looked around

“Let’s look.” Zero insisted, and so they did. Naruto looked around the parking lot, Hinata checked the outside basketball court, and Zero looked around the back of the school. He was about to round the corner when he heard someone talking around it.

“Hey that tickles, stop that.” It was Kira’s voice “Stop pulling my hair.” She laughed.

Who was she talking to? Zero was a little more than curious about what he was hearing.

“Kira?” He said walking around the corner. He looked down on the ground to see Kira sitting down. A small group of young kittens surrounded her.

“Oh, Zero. I didn’t see you there.” She said holding a small black and white kitten.

“We were looking for you.” He said squatting down with her.

“Really? I told Hinata I would meet up with you guys in a minute.”

“Well I just thought...I don’t know.”

“Its ok...this is my favorite spot.”

“Behind the school?” Zero sat down against the wall beside her “Wouldn’t you get in trouble for trespassing or something like that?”

“No...the teachers don’t mind me here. Its just relaxing, see?” She pointed to the vast unpopulated field behind the school. There were no other buildings or roadways to be seen. It was undoubtedly quiet, in a good way. Zero felt a soft rubbing against his leg; he looked down to see a solid black cat with topaz eyes next to him. He lowered his hand and began to pet the feline. It quickly lied on its back, exposing his stomach for him to scratch.

“I understand what you mean Kira.” He said petting the cat’s stomach

“...You’re different Zero.”

“What...hows that?”

“The moment we met, you didn’t ask me out. Usually guys ask to go out with me and put a lot of pressure on me...I would see Sakura and the others and I would wish I could find a boyfriend like they have, one that would do anything for me but not pressure me at all.”

“Don’t worry...you will.”

“Thanks Zero...I just think something about how I look somehow just attracts assholes.”

Zero laughed a little. “Don’t say that, you’re a special girl Kira. You deserve someone that would treat you like you should be treated.” Zero said knowing that’s just how he would be if they were together.

“Thank you Zero.” She blushed, deeply wishing he would ask her out so that she would say yes.

“I was wanting to ask you something.”

“Yes...what is it?”

“This weekend, I have a friend from my old school staying at my house...I was just wondering if I could bring him along Saturday.”

"That would be fine."

"You don't mind?"

"No, why would I?"

"I don't know...I guess I'm thinking too much." He smiled at her

Kira smiled and then grew quiet. "...Zero."

"Yeah"

"Could you keep this spot a secret...I don't want other people hanging out here after school."

"No problem, lets keep it between us."

"Thanks"

"...Ya know...were going to go to Naruto's place so the band to practice. Would you...like to come?"

"Well...I'd love to but...I just can't, not today at least. My parents already have plans for my family today." She looked a little sad

"...That's alright maybe next time then." He said standing back up and helping Kira to her feet.

"Yeah that would be nice." She followed Zero out to the parking lot where Naruto and Hinata waited for them.

"There you guy are. We were waiting."

"Sorry man, guess I lost track of time."

"Yeah well, thanks to you were going to be late." Naruto sighed "Nevermind, I understand."

"I have to head home now." Kira said walking off in a hurry "Bye everyone, good luck Zero."

"Good luck Zero.'" Naruto teased in a girly voice

"Hey cut it out." Zero laughed at the sound he made "Lets get going." He said hurrying to Naruto home where the others were waiting for them.

12 - Practice

Zero, Naruto and Hinata reached Naruto's house and saw that the others had already occupied his garage. Sasuke and Gaara tuned their guitars while Shikamaru talked to Ino next to Naruto's drums. They all had changed out of their school uniforms but they did not look as if they had been waiting long.

"Took you guys long enough..." Shikamaru complained as he saw them walk up the driveway.

"Sorry" Zero shrugged "We kinda got held up a little."

"Zero kicked Tokens @\$\$!" Naruto blurted out.

"Naruto you were supposed to keep that quiet!" Zero snapped

"...Really...do tell..." Gaara said resting his bass on an amplifier.

"Yeah! Its about time that jerk got what was coming to him!" Ino exclaimed with a fist raised in the air.

"Now wait one dang second here. I wouldn't call what happened a fight, I only hit him once." He held up his hands innocently.

"You should have done a lot more." Ino insisted

"It was awesome" Naruto began "The three of us were just heading out of the school and on our way here. Zero said something about asking Kira something about the party..." He put his hands behind his head "But we won't get too far into that. Anyway, Token came up behind Zero and slammed him against the wall. It was so cool, he just looked him right in the eyes and BAM he drove his knee right in his gut. The dude dropped Zero and fell to his knees holding his ribs." Naruto attempted to imitate Tokens reaction when Zero hit him. Hinata giggled at the witless expression on her boyfriends face. "It was awesome, believe it."

"Wish I coulda been there..." Shikamaru smiled slightly.

"Well I'm not proud of what I did...but he makes me so damn mad." Zero hesitated a second. "Hey guys, I would really appreciate it if you didn't tell Kira."

"Our lips are sealed." Ino winked while the others nodded in agreement.

"And that goes double for you big mouth." Zero glared at the blond with the goofy grin.

"What?" He smiled "You said not to tell Kira, you didn't say anything about the band."

"Speaking of the band..." Sasuke said "Can we start practicing already?"

"Sure, lets get started..." Shikamaru then set up a microphone for Zero then handed him a small black notebook. "Look for any song you know, the guys can play all of these..."

Zero was surprised at all the songs they could play, and even more surprised that he knew almost all of the songs in the book. "I know this one pretty well." He said pointing to one of the songs on the second page.

"Alright..." Shikamaru took his book back while Zero took his place in front of the mic. "Three days grace, Pain (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnDZXDPolIY&feature=related>) ...you guys now the drill..." Naruto grinned as he and the other guys began to play. Lucky for Zero the very beginning of the song started out at a slow pace because his voice was a little shaken from nervousness. However, he soon finally grabbed his mic and sang like a pro. As soon as the song finished Ino and Hinata started clapping.

"That was great guys!"

"Y...yes I'm sure you will do very well Saturday."

"Saturday...Isn't that Kira's party?" Zero asked.

"Yeah, Naruto didn't tell you?...Were the entertainment..." Shikamaru said. Sasuke chuckled thinking how Zero had no idea.

Zero swallowed hard. "H...How many people are going to be at this party?"

"Tons" Naruto said spinning his drumsticks. "That's why we need to practice."

"...Your not getting cold feet are you?..."

Zero let out a fake laugh "Come on Gaara, I don't get nervous."

"Yeah, sure." Naruto rolled his eyes "Like how you freaked out when Hinata tried to get a hold of Kira for you?"

"Naruto stop that!" Zero snapped

"I'm just messing." Naruto said backing up.

"Hey guys, you know I would like nothing more than see Naruto get his butt kicked but the girls gotta go shop." Ino said grabbing Hinata's hand and leading her out of the garage.

"W...We will see you tomorrow." Hinata managed to get out before her arm was nearly yanked out of her socket by Ino.

"Bye Hinata!" Naruto called waving.

Shikamaru shrugged "Why do they go shopping for new things last minute?...The party is in two days..."

"Beats me." The blond replied to his lazy friend "But they always end up looking great."

"Cant argue with that..." Sasuke agreed

"So what, they all go together?" Zero asked

"...The human female is a very complicated creature... they prefer to go just about everywhere in large groupings..." Gaara started to smile and soon all five of them started to burst out laughing.

"So who all goes on these little shopping trips?" Zero asked between laughs.

"Let's see..." Shikamaru began "Ino, Sakura, Hinata, Tenten, Takashi...Patience and Kira too I guess. They do have somebody to impress after all..." He grinned.

"Shikamaru, not you too." Zero panicked "I told you guys, she probably isn't even interested in me."

"Then explain why she invited you to her pool party?" Naruto leaned on his drums.

"Uhhh...wait a minute. Gaara, how come your sister doesn't go with them?" Zero asked quickly escaping the subject.

"...She isn't like the other girls...She doesn't like to go shopping a lot..."

"She doesn't have a boyfriend to impress?"

"Boyfriend?" Gaara and the others almost died laughing.

"What? What did I say?" Zero wondered what was so funny.

"...I don't think any guy has even thought of asking my sister out..."

"Why? She's not that bad looking."

"...No it's not that...she just scares the living hell outta them..."

"Even Lee won't ask her out, and he usually thinks about nothing but girls." Naruto added.

"Well that's a shame..." Zero rested his index finger on his chin for a few seconds, then his eyes widened as he snapped his fingers. "Hey how about my friend Enji?"

"...Who?..."

"Enji, my friend from my old school. He's going to be staying at my place this weekend. That's reminds me, I need to let him know about the party."

"So you're going to the party then?" Naruto asked Zero who was about to head for his house.

Zero turned around and gave a huge devilish grin. "Of course I am." He then motioned for the others to follow him to his house, which they did.

After taking their shoes off at the front door the five of them bolted up to Zero's room. When he opened the door he grabbed a wheeled chair and rolled it over to his computer and turned it on. Shikamaru, Naruto, Sasuke and Gaara walked in and looked around the room. In the middle of Zero's room hung a large camouflage punching bag. Odd looking bulky clothes littered the floor along with an assortment of kickboxing gloves.

"Exactly how often do you train man?..." Shikamaru asked

"An hour in the mornings and two at night, but I wanted to get an early start this morning so I haven't even touched a glove today." Zero got onto his computer and looked around on the screen. "Sweet, he's on."

IN THE CHATROOM

Alfa_wolf: Yo Enj wazzup!

Kinglizard: Zero? Hey man how wuz the move?

Alfa_wolf: Not too bad were pretty much settled n

Kinglizard: Stil training?

Alfa_wolf: O' course :/

Kinglizard: Sweet I'm so stoked for this weekend

Alfa_wolf: Yeah...about that...ya know how I said we wuz just goin 2 B training?

Kinglizard:...yeah...whut of it?

Alfa_wolf: Saturday we will B goin to this pool party a girl from my new school invited me to.

Kinglizard: Wait...she invited U to HER pool party...you know what that means?

Alfa_wolf: No but I hav the feeling ur gonna tell me...

Kinglizard: It means she wants you to see her bod in a swimsuit dude lol

Naruto and the others laughed hysterically as Zero beat his head on the desk.

Alfa_wolf: Enji...>:(

Kinglizard: Tell me this...is she H.O.T?

Alfa_wolf: Uhhh well... ^////^ *nervous laugh*

Kinglizard: Ha I knew it. Zero you animal you >:)

Alfa_wolf: Cut it out, the guys down here giv me a rough time as it is

Kinglizard: Does she have any =ly hot friends?

Alfa_wolf: Well that's one of the things I wanted to talk to you about...my friend Gaara here has a sister named Temari and guess what man...shes single...

Kinglizard: Really...

Alfa_wolf: No lie my friend

Kinglizard: What does she look like?

Alfa_wolf: Not too bad let me see if her bro has a pic...

"...No way..." Gaara said

"Why not?" Zero asked "He just wants to see what Temari looks like."

"...I just don't like the idea..."

"What, that someone might actually be interested in your sister? I've known Enji for years Gaara. He's a good guy, he would never hurt or take advantage of a girl...He'll be my responsibility."

Gaara looked deep in thought "...Fine I'll give him a chance..."

"Thanks Gaara."

Gaara pulled out his camera phone from his pocket and handed it to Zero who plugged it into his computer. He searched around in the phones memory until he found a good picture. From the looks of the background it was a warm summer afternoon. Temari stood in the middle with her arms wrapped around her brothers, Kankuro to her left and Gaara to her right. Gaara had on a black T-shirt with a pair of evil looking eyes on the front of it and his skinny pale arms folded over his chest as he slightly grinned at the camera. Kankuro displayed a black Metalica T-shirt with silver lettering, he held out his fist in the air and stuck out his tongue as if he were at one of their concerts. Temari stood in the middle of them wearing a dark lavender shirt, the sleeves only halfway covered her shoulders and the word HOTTIE was printed across the front in fire letters. Zero uploaded the picture and sent it to his friend. The five of them waited for a response.

Kinglizard: *jaw drops* DAAAAMMMMMN! O.O

Alfa_wolf: So what do U think?

Kinglizard: She's gorgeous man!

Alfa_wolf: Now Enji you'd better behave

Kinglizard: Don't worry, I will >:)

Alfa_wolf: Careful man, her brother is standing right next to me

Kinglizard: Which one is her bro?

Alfa_wolf: They both R, Gaara is the redhead and the other is Kankuro

Kinglizard: Guess I'll have to be good then...

Alfa_wolf: I guess so lol

Kinglizard: So tell me about the 1 girl, the 1 who invited you to the party

Alfa_wolf: Her name is Kira, that's all I B sayin till you get here 2maro...

Kinglizard: Awww man...come on...

Alfa_wolf: No I'll tell ya 2maro...I gotta get off and go practice now

Kinglizard: Ok see ya 2maro Z

Alfa_wolf: Later

Kinglizard has logged off

"Now that that's over lets get back to practice." Zero insisted. The others agreed as they headed back to Naruto's garage to finish their practice session.

13 - Friday night fights

The following day after school Zero was in such a hurry he leaped past all ten steps out of the school to get home. He was halfway down the parking lot when he was stopped by Kira's voice.

"Hey Zero." He turned to see her running towards him with her books tight in her arms. He stopped so that she could catch up to him.

"Hey Kira, what's up?"

"Well I...I was wondering if you had anything planned today."

He did, today was Friday and he planned to see his old friend Enji. "I was just going home to hang out with a friend."

"Can I come with?"

"Uhhh...sure as long as your folks don't mind."

"Don't worry my older brother will cover for me, he always does."

"Well if your sure...alright, follow me." He said slinging his backpack to his other shoulder. Kira walked right next to him as they talked about various things.

"So how long are you planning on staying?" Kira asked

"Watome said this should be the last time we move, although I am planning to possibly move closer to the city after graduation."

"I don't know what I'll do after graduation, it never really crossed my mind."

"Really...you don't have a dream that you want to follow after high school?"

"Well...I guess I do, but it's too embarrassing." She clutched her books close to her chest.

"Hey, I'm gonna be the UFC champion one day and at my old school they laughed at me and said I would never make it."

"I...I want to be a veterinarian, nobody important...I just want to help animals." She said quickly.

"That's actually pretty cool."

"Really?"

“Yeah, if you really like animals I say it’s a perfect career Kira.” He smiled

Kira smiled as well “And I don’t think your dream is silly Zero, although I’ve never seen you fight.”

“Well maybe I can get you all tickets to my next fight, because I’m a fighter I can get you backstage too.”

“That would be amazing. When is it?”

“Well I’m not entirely sure about that. See my fights are kind of far apart so I have time for rest in between them. They don’t tell me about my next one until about a month in advance.”

“Still” She smiled sweetly “it would be incredible to see you fight.”

“Ok, I promise you’ll see my next fight. My professional record is six wins and one loss.”

“Wow, that’s pretty impressive.”

“And it’ll be seven wins real soon!” Zero turned to see a slim boy waving over to him. He had a huge smile on his face and a big mohawk that was dyed gray.

“Enji!” Zero ran over and tackled him to the ground, putting him into a tight head lock. “When did you get here ya nut?”

“Just got here” He tried to get his nose out of Zero’s armpit “Watome decided to pick me up early.”

“Great, more time to train.”

“Speaking of which,” Enji wiggled free of his friends grip “if we’re going to that party tomorrow you have to train that much harder today and Sunday. No friend of mine is going to slack off just because he was invited to a party by a hot girl.”

“Uhhh...Enji?”

“Yeah Zero?”

Zero stepped aside to reveal Kira standing right behind him. “Enji, this is Kira. Kira this is my old friend Enji.”

“Its nice to meet you Enji.” Kira smiled sweetly

“Yeah...you too.” Enji scooted closer to Zero “How in the world did you score something like that?” He whispered.

Zero laughed “Its not like she and I are going out Enji. Shes just one of my new friends.” He whispered back

“Yeah sure.” Enji rolled his eyes “Nice to meet you Kira.” He said for the second time.

“You too Enji.” She smiled a reply

“Alright Enji, you wanted to train lets go then.” Zero started for his house and Enji began to follow.

“Mind if I come and watch?” Kira asked innocently

Zero turned around with a slightly surprised look on his face. “Uhhh...sure but I don’t think you’ll find it much fun.”

“I’ll be the judge of that.” She said walking past him.

After they walked up to Zero’s room, Zero took down his punching bag and tossed Enji and extra pair of grappling gloves. They both stripped down to their shorts and tight sleeveless shirts, Zero wore black and Enji wore green. Kira saw Zero’s body and solid muscle move as he strapped his gloves on, when she did she felt her entire face turn beet red.

“You ready Enj?”

“I’ll try not to embarrass you in front of your girlfriend.” He teased. Zero slugged him in the shoulder. Enji came around with a right hook but Zero blocked it and gave him a quick jab to the chest. Enji came around and gave him a shot to the ribs then brought his foot up to Zero’s head but he avoided it. Zero then delivered some rapid punches to Enji’s stomach then put him in a headlock and gave him a couple light taps in the stomach with his knee. This brought Enji down to his knees and Zero put him in a rear naked choke hold till he tapped out.

“...Not too bad Enji.” Zero commented

“Your definitely not getting rusty Zero...” He said rubbing his neck and trying to catch his breath. “Give me five minutes and we can go again.”

“Ok” Zero reached in the mini fridge under his desk and pulled out three bottles of ice water. “Enji think fast.” He quickly chucked the water at his friend. As Enji caught it he looked over at Kira.

“So Kira what do you think of Zero’s fighting?”

“Not bad” She said as Zero handed her a water bottle. “I bet I could pin you down.” She looked over at Zero

“Oh really?” He laughed

“Yeah really...Enji hand me those gloves.” She held out her hand letting him know she was serious. He handed her his navy blue padded gloves and she slipped them on. “So these are the tools of a cage fighter’s trade.” She smiled at Zero and motioned for him to step in front of her.

“Ok” Zero grinned “but I’m not going to actually fight.”

“Fine by me.” She smiled as if she knew something he didn’t. Then she put up her fists and began to circle Zero, never letting go of the sweet smile spread across her face. Kira jabbed a couple times at him as he just blocked and pushed her fists away.

“Hey not bad.” Zero laughed as Kira gave him a light shot in the shoulder.

“With two older brothers I have to learn to defend myself.” She laughed with him. After circling Zero a couple of times Kira’s smiles seemed more and slyer, until she made her move. Kira leaned forward and quickly gave Zero a quick peck on the lips. Zero was shocked and couldn’t even react when Kira swept his legs his legs out from under him, making him slam down on his back. She then sat down on his lap with either leg resting on both sides of his body as she held his wrists down with Kira looking right into his eyes.

“Not bad” Enji clapped for a brief second.

“Told you I could pin you down.” Kira smiled

“You...You kissed me.” He said still a little stunned

“It caught you off guard didn’t it?” She leaned in closer and whispered “Now tap out Zero.” She let Zero get his hands free, her nose was now just barely touching his.

Zero’s speechless expression slowly turned into a slight smile. “Maybe I will” He replied. His hands slowly reached up and graced the sides of her school uniform and he lightly tapped the sides of her body then he rested his palms on her sides. A split second after that Zero had already pulled her in and locked lips with her, Kira did not resist at all. She went along with it and closed her eyes as she continued to make out with the dark haired boy. A hurricane of thoughts invaded her mind as this was happening: What would her friends think? Her family? Will it last? Will Zero use her like Token did?...No, she could tell that he was much different. She had never felt something like this before and probably never will again unless she was with him.

Zero couldn’t believe what was happening. The expression on his face was his usual calm look but on the inside he was frantically thinking of what to say when their lips parted. Was he just supposed to say “Kira I love you, would you be my girlfriend?” or something like that? That just seemed way too foolish for his taste. But Kira...he felt like he could tell her anything, even the fact that he had fallen in love with her, being with her felt so right to him.

“Ahem” Enji faked a cough in his fist. “You two done or do you want me to leave the room?”

Kira quickly pulled away from Zero and rapidly turned red. “I’m sorry Zero, I have to go. We’re having a sleepover at my place...oh why did I just say that?” She then grabbed her backpack and left before Zero could say otherwise.

Zero turned to Enji and looked at him sternly. “Why did you do have to do that man?”

“Oh” Enji grinned a sinister grin. “You saying you enjoyed that?”

“Well I...Uhhh...” Zero turned a brand new shade of red.

“Wait a minute...Was that the first kiss Zero?” He snickered to himself and fell down on his back. “Just admit it man, your love struck.”

“I...there’s nothing to admit.”

“Oh I think there is.” He got back up and squatted down on his toes, his expression turning serious for a moment. “You do realize you’ll have to tell her sooner or later don’t you?”

Zero looked down at the floor. “...Yes”

“She makes you happy doesn’t she?”

“Yeah...”

“Then go for it Zero, I want my best friend to be happy. If this girl does just that then I’m happy for you.”

“...Thanks Enji.” He said as he removed his gloves. “You know I almost forgot about you meeting Temari tomorrow.”

“I was actually hoping to forget...now I’m nervous...” His head slumped.

“Just be normal...well as normal as you can.” Zero shrugged

“Yeah...okay. Well I’m getting tired.”

“Yeah we should be getting some rest. The guys told me I should get there early so I can help set up.” Zero reached under his bed and pulled out a large mattress out from under it. Soon they were in there beds, Enji was fast asleep but Zero just lied there staring at the ceiling...wondering.

With the girls

“Ok so tell us everything that happened.” Ino said full of glee and excitement.

“Okay well...I...” Kira told them everything, she turned red as she told them of her kiss with Zero.

“Wow Kira...” Sakura really seemed shocked, so were the other girls. “I had no idea you would do something like that.”

“I’m sorry, I don’t know what came over me.” She squeezed her pillow tight against her body.

“I understand Kira.” Temari said “You just couldn’t help your self.”

“Well he’s the one who pulled me in.” She said quickly.

“Oh?” They all said at once.

“Looks like a match made in heaven.” Ino teased.

“I don’t need your guys teasing me right now.” Kira blushed and took shelter in her sleeping bag on her bed.

“Okay whatever...hey tell Temari about that Enji kid.” Tenten smiled

“He isn’t that bad” Kira said from the bowels of her sleeping bag “I don’t know your taste in men though Temari.”

Temari just shrugged “I don’t even know my own taste in men...I doubt this guy is all that great.”

The rest of the night was similar and before long all of the girls were fast asleep. Kira was the last to fall asleep because she was too excited about the next day.

14 - Setting up for the party

The next morning Zero's alarm clock slammed against the wall after playing Godsmack in his ear at full blast. "That's why I get the unbreakable clocks..." Zero groaned underneath his covers. He lifted the blankets off of him and grabbed his deep blue swimming trunks. "You bring your trunks Enj?"

"Yeah, just like you told me." He said pulling out a pair of trunks out of his bag, it was a dark purple with green geckos all over it.

"Good I'm gonna grab a shower real quick." He said as he walked into his bathroom. While he was showering Enji Make his mattress on the floor and slipped his trunks on. Then he sat down on the mattress and relaxed, mostly. "I hope I don't make an idiot of myself in front of Temari." He mumbled to himself.

"Oh you'll be fine." Zero said emerging out of the bathroom. "She can be scary but that's only if you piss her off."

"That's just what I want to avoid." Enji looked at the ground

"Hey, don't be like that." Zero took him by the arm and stood him up. "Now come on, we have to get there early."

Enji smiled and grabbed his beach towel and Zero snatched his. They left the house wearing their under armor shirts, at least until they got to the pool. Watome offered to loan Zero the car but he turned it down, deciding just to walk with his friend and catch up on things.

"So how's the new school man?" Enji asked slinging his towel around his neck

"Not bad, teachers are a lot better I'll tell you that right now." He laughed

"Heard you also had to wear uniforms dude."

"Yeah but its not that bad, you can pretty much wear them any way you want as long as you have them on."

"So what Kira was wearing yesterday was the girls uniform?"

"Yeah..." Zero turned red, he really liked the way Kira looked in her uniform but just didn't want to say anything.

"I'm going to have to see Temari in her uniform then." Enji chuckled

"I thought you stopped skipping school Enji."

“Only because I had no good reason to leave, now I do.” Enji said defensively and began to walk backwards. “That is if I’m Temari’s kind of guy.”

“You still shouldn’t be cutting class and I cant make any promises man...” Zero put his hands behind his head “I’m still trying to figure out why Kira kissed me yesterday.”

“Are you serious?!” Enji slapped his own forehead “First of all you’re the one that kissed her.”

“Yeah but she could have stopped me”

“And second...Is it just possible that she likes you? If you honestly cant figure that out then you need some serious help.”

Zero sighed “...If I ask her out will you get off my back?”

“Deal”

“Ok fine, I’ll talk to her once I can get her alone.”

“Oh, your planning on getting her alone?” Enji snickered and smiled

“Not to do what your thinking!”

“Yeah, sure animal man.”

“Just drop the subject.”

“Ok fine, I’m only having some fun Z.”

“Yeah I know you are...I guess I’m just a little nervous.”

“A Little my @\$\$.” Enji laughed as they walked up Kira’s driveway

“Now behave Enji.” Zero said as he knocked on the door

“Oh ok” He smiled “If I have to.”

A moment later the door opened and it was Tenten who was on the other side. “Oh hey Zero.” She smiled “The guys are in the back, they just started setting up.”

“Cool, this is my friend Enji. Enji this is Tenten.”

“Hi” Tenten greeted

“Hey” Enji gave a little wave

“Uhhh...Is Kira here Ten?” Zero asked

She just folded her arms and shook her head “Its her house, what do you think?”

“Ok stupid question...” Zero walked to the back door and Enji followed.

“Chill out Zero, gees.” Enji patted him on the back.

“I’m fine man.” He said walking up to his friends who were setting up the stage. “Hey guys sorry I’m a little late.”

“Hmph...your like Kakashi.” Sasuke shook his head as he began to plug into his amplifier.

“Anyway, guys this is my friend Enji.”

“Hey, I’m Sasuke...”

“Naruto Uzumaki” The blond said cheerfully

“That’s Shikamaru” Zero pointed over to the lazy boy leaning back against Naruto’s drum, asleep. Then he pointed over to the redhead tuning a base and whispered to Enji. “Temari’s brother Gaara, watch yourself Enj.”

“Gotcha” The grey haired boy whispered back.

Zero climbed up onto the stage and helped set up the bands equipment. He put up the microphone first and helped set up the soundboard since Shikamaru was still asleep. Until Naruto stomped the pedal to his base drum and forced Shikamaru to his feet in a split second. The guys all had a good laugh at his expense and finished setting up. “Ok now were doing all the songs we practiced the other day, real simple.” Shikamaru leaned on his soundboard and yawned in his hand. Zero was leaning on the front of the stage talking to the guys when he felt a tap on his left shoulder. He turned around to face Kira, she avoided to make eye contact with Zero at first.

“Hey Kira.” He showed a friendly smile

“Umm Zero” She turned slightly red “can I talk to you for a second?”

“Sure” He responded

“In private?”

15 - Meeting someone new

“Yeah sure.” Zero was a little nervous. What did she want to talk to him about? He followed her through the back door and into her living room. He didn’t notice when he first came in but the place was huge. Kira stopped and turned to him, but she was looking down.

“Zero...”

“Yeah, why did you want to talk to me in private?” He scratched the back of his head.

“A...About yesterday, I’m sorry about what happened.” This struck Zero as odd; out of all people he thought he should be the one apologizing. “I should have just left if I was going to-“ Zero put his hand up in protest.

“I should say I’m sorry, it wasn’t your fault Kira. I was disrespectful and couldn’t control myself, so I am to blame.”

“Zero”

“I guess there’s something I need to tell you then...Kira I like you, a little more than a friend.” Zero felt his face get warm as he said it. “And I...I was kind of wondering if...you would be my girlfriend?” There was a silence as Kira looked up into his eyes and a smile spread across her face.

Kira threw her arms around him and squeezed him softly. “Yes, I’d love to Zero. As long as you’ll be my boyfriend.”

Zero smiled and hugged her warmly “No problem Kira, I can do that no problem.” He pulled back and looked into her eyes, she was looking with the same eyes he was, soft and full of life. Zero brought her in and gave her a gentle kiss on the lips, then she leaned against his body. They held each other for about five minutes before they realized that were being watched.

“Hey now you two, everyone will be here any minute so wrap it up before I get the hose.” Temari grinned slyly as she came down the stairs in her lavender bathing suit. “Anyway I’m going outside to see if the band is set up.”

“My buddy Enji is out there so watch him.” Zero laughed

“Oh I’ll be fine.” She waved as she left the two alone again. When Temari got out she noticed all the girls were already there and ready, as was the band. She walked up a little closer to the stage to say hello to her brother. “Hey Gaara” She waved

Gaara nodded slightly and went back to listening to what Takashi was telling him.

“Hey your Temari right?” She turned to a slightly muscular yet skinny boy sitting on top of one of the

speakers.

“Uhh, yeah.”

“Hey my names Enji, nice to meet you.” He stretched out his hand and smiled.

“You too Enji.” She smiled a little as she shook his hand. His grip was gentle yet firm on her hand.

“So when are you guys going to start?” Enji asked Naruto and the others.

“Just as soon as Zero gets back...” Sasuke mumbled

“Yeah you may want to give him a couple minutes.” Temari pointed out

“Speak of the devil...” Enji said pointing to Zero and Kira who were walking up to the group, still holding hands. “Zero I thought you told me to behave myself. How can you expect me to do that when you two are playing tonsil hokey?”

Zero felt his face get warm with embarrassment and frustration. “Enji...don’t start.”

“Kira!” Ino and Sakura squealed in excitement for their friend. “You two look so cute together!”

“Hey Kira, everyone else is starting to get here.” Tenten called out

“Ok Ten” Kira called back. Just after a small group of other high school kids came into the backyard. Zero recognized everyone right away, it was pretty much the all the friends he made during his first couple of days at Demon High. Right away Kiba and Akamaru dived into the pool. Zero hopped up onto the stage and picked up his microphone as Naruto and the others grabbed their instruments.

“Hey everybody!” Zero called out to the crowd who instantly cheered. “Hey we’re the band Angels to Demons and we just stopped by to rock the party tonight!” His voice was followed by a mass of cheers from his peers. Soon the guys started out their string of songs.

While the band was playing Enji was sitting poolside next to Temari and just talking to her. “So what do you think is going on between Zero and Kira?”

“What do you think? Boy likes girl, girl likes boy, boy and girl get together.” She replied.

“Well I could figure that much.” He grinned and dragged his hand around in the water a little. “So...your brother is a pretty good base.”

Temari shrugged “He isn’t bad, he seems to enjoy it.” She looked at Enji out of the corner of her eye. “How long are you going to be visiting anyway?”

“Just the weekend. I thought I was going to just be helping Zero with his training, I had no idea we were going to a party.”

“Well sorry to get in the middle of your plans.” Temari said in a slightly sarcastic tone.

“Actually I’m glad we came.” He said grinning

“Really...Why?”

“Because” he turned to her slightly “I think meeting you is better than training all weekend.”

“So you...” She could feel her face getting warm “you like talking to me?”

“I wouldn’t be talking to you now if I didn’t.”

“Yeah, that makes sense.”

“I like more than talking to you though.” He said now fully facing her

“Wh...what are you saying?” Temari’s eyes went wide

Enji put his hand over hers. “Well, even though we just met today. Talking to you has made me feel like I’ve know you so much longer.” He rocked his head a little “I like you Temari, you’re an amazing girl. Its just too hard not to fall for you.”

She was speechless and nervous at the same time. Temari was deciding on weather or not to punch him right then and there, or just decide on if she liked him back. Seeing this sweet side to him combined with the fun she had talking to him for the past couple hours really made it hard not to like him back. “Well maybe I feel the same way but...how about a real date first?” She smiled in a sly manor.

“Y...yeah sure.” A smile spread across his face.

“How about next weekend? You can take me out to dinner.” She grinned and gave Enji a wink.

Enji smiled, he expected to ask her out not the other way around. Either way was fine for him though. “That would be great. Can I get your number so we can set up the date?”

“Ok” She leaned in and whispered the number in his ear, then telling him to repeat it so he wouldn’t forget. “Don’t forget it alright? I’ll be expecting a call Monday after school.”

“No problem” He said with the biggest grin on his face.

“I’ll see you around.” Temari smiled as she stood up and walked over to her friends.

Enji stood and walked over to the band who were playing their last song. They all finished and then joined the party. Zero jumped down off stage and noticed the smile on his best friends face. “I saw you talking to Temari over there.” He smiled.

“Yeah?”

“Yeah...What all did you talk about?”

“Don’t worry about it, but I will tell you I got her number.”

“Good job Enj.” Zero patted his friend on the back. He would have congratulated him more but Kira grabbed him by the shoulder, turned him around and kissed him so deeply he forgot what he was thinking. The last song that the band played Zero dedicated to Kira and it touched her heart. The sun was beginning to set as Kira's older brother came out with a box of fireworks and they all went out to the field to watch the show.

Here are the songs that the band played in the order that they were played:

Pain - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otZdiO0q6pU>

Master of puppets - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ov9bMJETZTo>

One step closer - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qjCC1GOwFw>

Riot - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtjUc5GXY3E>

Animal I have become - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iT-f6HBny44&feature=related>

Never too late - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLYlikBZ7rM&feature=related>

Paper cut - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32DvD7DBS3M>

Land of confusion - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KW8DRSvEoQ>

Ten thousand fists - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dO1S4IR49a4&feature=related>

If everyone cared (Zero's dedication to Kira) - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ8hh9PS0O8>

16 - The date is set

Its been two months after the party, the large group of friends have adjusted to different small changes. Zero and Kira were very close now, Enji visits Temari every weekend along with phone calls every night. The cool November air blew the leaves around all day on this uneventful Wednesday. Kira sat on Zero's bed, admiring him as he beat his punching bag in hard rapid blows. He stopped for a minute to rest. As he reached for a towel he saw Kira smiling at him out of the corner of his eye. He wiped the sweat from his face and bare chest and sat down next to her on the bed, and then he reached his arm around her and gave her a soft kiss on the cheek. He rubbed the side of her face and held her chin up with a curled finger. Their lips slid around for about a minute before his phone began to go off with a heavy metal ring tone. Zero flipped it open and put it to his ear.

"Hello...hey Mike" It was his UFC agent calling him. "Yeah I'm in a fairly decent shape...really?...No that's not a problem...next Saturday...ok I need a favor though...you let me bring a few friends...about sixteen...well their my friends...its not going to hold me back..." Zero grinned and looked at Kira "well one of them will be my drive to win...sorry Mike but if my friends don't come I don't fight," Kira looked at him with a surprised look on her face. "That wouldn't be very entertaining now would it?...Glad you see things my way...ok see you Saturday Mike, and thanks." Zero closed his phone and smiled.

"Whats going on Zero?" Kira asked him

"My next fight is next Saturday, and you guys are coming with me."

"Really?" Kira sounded excited

"Yeah...Kira, I want you to be with me in my next fight. I couldn't do it if you weren't there." Kira's eyes lit up as she threw her arms around him, her head rested on his shoulder. He smiled and stroked her long silver hair.

Kira looked up at him "Zero"

"Yeah?" he said, still smiling.

"I think you should take a break from your training Friday, that way you will be well rested for the fight." She said rubbing his chest.

"Sounds like a good idea...Did you have anything in mind?"

"Well I haven't really thought about it but I'm sure we can think of something."

"That's fine, I'll call Enji and see if he and Temari have any plans."

"Zero?"

“Yeah Kira whats wrong? Would you rather Naruto and Hinata join us, or maybe Gaara and Takashi?”

“No...Zero I want it to be just you and me...We’ve been going out for two months and its never been just us.”

“Yeah...your right.” He knew why he preferred double dating. He was still a little nervous around his girlfriend alone, but if he was going to make this relationship work he would have to suck it up. Her took her hand in his and looked into her eyes with a smile “Ok Kira...Friday night, just you and me I promise.” Zero kissed her lightly and rubbed the top of her hand. Kira kissed him back passionately, knowing he would keep his word.

“That’s all I ask” she said as their lips parted. Zero decided he had enough practice for the day and showered away his sweat. He got out and got dressed then took Kira downstairs to get something to eat. They were sharing a plate of pizza rolls and discussing where to go for their date.

“I was thinking possibly going out to eat then go for a walk in the park.” Zero said

“It’s a little cold to be walking outside, how about the movies after dinner?” she suggested

“Yeah that would be great, I’ve been wanting to see the new Hellboy movie.”

“Me too, I just loved the first one.” She said excitedly

“Big plans you two?” Watome asked as he watched from the kitchen doorway.

Zero smiled and rolled his eyes “How long have you been there?”

“Long enough to know you will be going out Friday.” He walked to the table and pulled up a chair. “You know when Megan and I were first going out we loved to go to the drive-in to watch a movie.”

“Oh that sounds like fun.” Kira’s eyes brightened.

“One problem Watome...I don’t have a car to use, you need yours to get to work.”

“Well...” Watome gave them both a grin “I guess giving you your surprise a week early wont hurt anything.”

“What surprise?” Zero tilted his head in confusion. Watome led him and Kira out to the driveway.

“Kira cover his eyes if you would please.” he said slipping into the garage. Kira nodded and covered her boyfriends eyes with both hands. Zero’s heart leaped when he heard the roar of a car engine.

“Oh wow...” Kira said

“Ok let him see it.” Kira removed her hands and saw Zero freeze.

“Oh my God!” Zero shouted as he ran around the vehicle, its light blue paint was fading but other than

that the car was flawless. "A 1989 Dodge Viper! Its almost impossible to find one of these in this condition!"

"Well you have been saving up your fight money to get one of these. Now I figure you can use the money to trick it out." Watome said, pleased with the look on Zero's face. "Megan and I were planning to give it to you once you won your next fight but I couldn't wait another week."

"You guys are the best." Zero said looking inside and even that looked good. He brought his head out and looked at Kira with a huge smile. "Looks we're going to the drive-in Kira." He ran up to her to give her a hug and lifted her up off the ground, obviously excited about the car.

17 - Zero and Kira's date

Friday night came around and Zero was just driving Kira to the movies like they planned. They both were talking about how this was their first time at a drive-in movie and both were a little excited but never had to say it. They found a good spot quickly, not too far back but not too close either. Zero turned off the engine and looked at Kira who just began move closer and lean on him. He wrapped his arm around her shoulder and squeezed gently.

"So you nervous?" Kira asked Zero just before the movie started.

"Not really, I was nervous when we first met but I'm cool now." He replied

"I was talking about the fight silly."

"Oh that." He laughed a little at his ignorance "A little, it would help if they told me who I was fighting."

"I know you'll win Zero." She said resting her head on his shoulder and watched the movie.

"...What if I don't win?" He finally asked

"Win or lose, I won't think of you any different." She replied kissing his jaw line.

"Thanks" He smiled and kissed the top of her head. Kira climbed up onto him and sat on his lap as they watched the film together. Zero loved movies like this, plenty of fighting but not too much. And his tender side enjoyed the romantic scenes. His arms were wrapped around Kira's stomach as she held her hands over his. She looked up and rested her head on his chest. Zero guided her face to him, locked lips with the platinum haired girl and kissed deeply. She melted in his arms as he held her close to him and felt her rose soft cheeks with his hand. As the movie was ending Zero thought about taking Kira home, even though the night was still young. She looked up at him and smiled.

"Is there anywhere else we can go? I'm not ready to go home." She said placing a hand on his chest with an innocent look in her eyes.

Zero smiled and started up his engine and pulled out of the drive-in. Kira wondered where they were going with excitement, but she hid it well. Before long they were pulling into a back road that led into the forest. Zero stopped and parked in car in an open spot. They climbed out and laid back on the hood, Kira in Zero's arms with her hands on his chest. In the past week Naruto and the others helped Zero with his car tune ups and paint job. The car had been painted black and on the hood they had painted a large Red Crescent moon and four scratches down it. Plus the car ran so well that the engine purred like a tiger. Zero and Kira just lay there, looking up at the night skies and the twinkling stars. Zero squeezed Kira's shoulder lightly and kissed the top of her head, she looked up at him with longing eyes. Kira pressed her lips against his and leaned her whole body on him. She lightly nibbled at his lower lip and accepting his tongue soon after. Kira climbed onto Zero's stomach, they both breathed deeply as their tongues wrestled for dominance. His hands were holding the sides of the silver haired girls' body, not

wanting her to pull away. She did though. Kira pulled away from Zero's lips and gave an innocent smile; this caused him to smile a little too.

"You just love tormenting me don't you?" Zero grinned

"Just think of it as a preview for when you win that fight." She said resting her head on his shoulder again.

"Yeah...you're tormenting me..." Zero smiled as his arm wrapped around her body.

When Zero was dropping off Kira at her home she waited before leaving his car. She looked down a little before looking up into his dark brown eyes.

"Thanks again for taking me out. For our first date, just the two of us, I had a lot of fun. Tonight was a night I'll never forget."

"I'll never forget it either Kira." Started to open the door and looked at her. "Let me walk you to the door."

Kira smiled and opened her door as well and waited for him to walk around. They walked up Kira's sidewalk with their fingers laced together; knowing that the wonderful night was coming to an end. She stopped at her door and turned to Zero; he caught her gaze and smiled.

"I guess this is goodnight." Kira said halfheartedly

"At least until the morning." Zero reminded her "I'll pick you up about one tomorrow."

Kira smiled and nodded "Alright." She felt him take her hands in his and gently pulled her towards him. Zero wrapped his hands around her waist as her arms draped around his neck, their lips pressing together softly. Kira shut her eyes, silently wishing that time just stopped at that moment. Sadly her wish didn't come true when she noticed Zero finally pulling away from her.

"I love you Kira."

"I love you too." She quickly reached for one last hug before the night was over and held him tight. She finally let go and had a faint smile, she fought everything she had to resist the temptation to just grab him and drag him into her home. "Goodnight." She repeated.

"Goodnight Kira, sweet dreams." He smiled and turned to his car, hearing the door shut behind him. He got in his car and hesitated before bringing the engine to life. He didn't want to disappoint his friends tomorrow at the fight, especially Kira. He just shook his head of these negative thoughts and kicked on the ignition and blared on a CD to keep him focused. He arrived at home and collapsed on his bed, then he heard his phone go off to the song "American Idiot", Naruto.

"Hey Naruto, perfect timing."

"Hey Zero, you just get back?" His voice was just as loud as during the day.

“Yeah, I dropped Kira off and came right home.”

“How did it go pal?”

“It went well.”

“Ok cool. How did she like the cars new paint job?”

“She liked it, we did great.”

“Man I’m so pumped up for your fight tomorrow, its gonna be awesome!”

“Yeah well the fighters need their sleep, so I’ll talk to you when we get the gang gathered up tomorrow.”

“Haha, ok I’ll let you get some sleep, see you tomorrow.”

“Later” Zero closed his phone and put it on his nightstand. His hands tucked underneath his head as he drifted into a dreamless sleep.