

Chapter 1

“Alright class, settle down. Today we’re going to have a pop quiz.” Hinata Hyuga-Uzumaki said eliciting groans from the entire class. “Now none of that, this pop quiz is to see if you are ready to take your Chunin exams which are only two days away. As you all know our previous Hokage, Lady Tsunade, in her final year as the Hokage decreed that any Gennin who have met the required mission completions to enter the Chunin exams was to return to the academy and undergo a twelve week training course to prepare them for the exams. This was due to the extreme amount of permanent injuries that had occurred to every Gennin from our village the year before.” Hinata said folding her hands on the podium.

“So to make sure you are completely ready for the Chunin exams I am giving you a final quiz. You will receive your marks and a letter stating whether or not you will be permitted to take the exam in the mail tomorrow. First will be a written quiz followed by a practical demonstration of your Genjutsu and Ninjutsu abilities. After lunch you will report to the gymnasium where Master Rock Lee will test you in your Taijutsu skills.” She continued to another large groan the loudest of which came from a redheaded boy in the third row.

“Take out a pen and paper and number the paper up to ten. If you need more time on a question I will repeat it at the end of the quiz.” Hinata said. Thirty minutes later while her assistant was grading the papers she calls each student down one at a time to demonstrate the transformation jutsu, the substitution jutsu, and the Genjutsu release technique; dismissing each student from the class after they had demonstrated their best ability in each technique.

Finally after about three hours there are only two students left; Crystal, a green haired, highly intelligent and strong willed young lady with royal blue eyes a slender body with slightly

muscular undertone. She wore a her kunoichi headband with a red cloth instead of the traditional black, a dark blue t-shirt with a yin-yang symbol on it, a black leather vest, camo patterned shorts, and a pair of shin high leather boots that were a cross between regular boots and combat boots. And Uzumaki Lightningheart, a red haired, fun loving, and talented youth who inherited the best qualities of both his parents. He was wearing a skin tight red shirt with full arm sleeves that covered his hands with attached gloves with metal plates woven across the knuckles and chest, red leather pants which barely hid his need to wear a diaper, and red leather boots that looked a lot like Crystals, his shinobi headband was draped across one eye in imitation of his squad leader Hatake Kakashi.

“Ok Crystal let’s see what you can do.” Hinata said as Crystal walked down the stairs to the floor. Hands moving faster than the eye could watch, Crystal uses the transformation jutsu to turn herself into a perfect copy of Hinata earning a perfect score for that skill, while still transformed into Hinata Crystal uses the substitution jutsu to switch places with the assistant, who grumbled at the girl’s cheek and walked back to his seat. Finally after letting Hinata put a Genjutsu on her Crystal says, “Release” and breaks it in less than three seconds after the technique was applied.

“Very well Crystal that’s a perfect score on your practical you are dismissed.” Hinata said as the assistant handed her a note. Reading what the assistant had wrote Hinata’s brow furled as Lightningheart walked down the stairs. Seeing that his mother was suddenly unhappy he tries to use a Genjutsu to hide in the shadows but is caught right away when Hinata looks right at him and says, “Lightningheart why do you insist on causing problems for my assistant and anyone else?”

“I don’t know what you are talking about ma’am.” Lightningheart said with a tone of pure innocence.

Eye’s snapping with fury Hinata said, “So you just happened to have all the right answers on your quiz but in the wrong places. Do you take me for a fool?”

Opening his mouth to answer he is cut off with, “No, don’t you dare answer that question. Since you insist on acting out like a child then I will discipline you as a child. As your teacher I am barring you from taking the Chunin exams this year.”

“Momma, I mean, Instructor Uzumaki you can’t do that. You know I’m the most skilled person in this class next to Crystal. I’m sorry, I won’t pull anymore pranks on you or anyone in power over me again, just please don’t bar me from the Chunin exams.” Lightningheart said frantically.

Seeing that she had made her point Hinata says, “Very well, you may still participate in the Chunin exam, but you are not going to avoid all punishment from your prank. I am writing a note that you will take to your father after your Taijutsu examination and he will decide your punishment. Now show me your transformation and Substitution Jutsu’s and don’t you dare use that filthy transformation your father taught you.”

Hands flying Lightningheart makes the hand signs for transformation and turns himself into a perfect duplicate of Iruka Umino, his fathers’ former instructor and first mentor. Then still in the form of Iruka he uses the hand signs for substitution and after the smoke cleared it appeared that nothing happened when, “What the...Hinata how did I get here I was reading reports in my office just a moment...” with another puff of smoke he disappeared and was replaced by Lightningheart.

“Ok that was a bit childish replacing yourself with Iruka sensei...nonetheless you demonstrated a perfect transformation and substitution. Though I will have to see if Iruka sensei was put back where he was, now let’s see how quickly you break out of this Genjutsu.” Within the blink of an eye Lightningheart was in the Genjutsu, though he couldn’t tell right away. Thinking that the Genjutsu failed he asks, “Instructor Uzumaki, did you even put the Genjutsu on me?”

Quick as a flash Hinata grabs Lightningheart, drops his pants, and to his humiliation his diaper, and proceeds to spank him, to the laughs of the entire class. Although the pain he felt was real to him he realized that he was in a Genjutsu and quickly says, “RELEASE” causing the Genjutsu to break. Wincing in pain as he walked around before he was dismissed he says, “That wasn’t very funny Instructor Uzumaki.”

Grabbing his bag from under his chair Lightningheart walks out of the room and heads for the bathroom before he made his way to his and Crystal’s favorite spot on the academy grounds.

Ten minutes later...

“Hey Crystal, what’s hanging?” Lightningheart asked as he climbed the tree to sit on a branch across from her.

“Do you have to ask that every time we come up here?” Crystal asked slightly annoyed.

“Geez, first mom now you, what is with the grumpiness I’m getting today. Next thing you know dad’s gonna give me a hard time.” Lightningheart said pulling a soda and a straw out

of his bag he offers it to Crystal who shook her head after picking up her sports bottle to show him she was set.

“What did you do this time, mess up on the transformation on purpose, use that disgusting jutsu your father invented, or did you have trouble breaking out of the Genjutsu despite being partially immune to them due to your Byakugan?”

Taking a sip from his soda Lightningheart said, “I wrote all the answers down on the written exam in the wrong places. I had the right answers but I decided to prank her assistant and put them in the wrong order.”

“Seriously, why the heck would you do something so childish? Honestly Lightning you really should stop pulling pranks like that. You’re not your dad, you don’t have to act out to get attention like he was said to have done. You have plenty of friends already and, apart from me you are the strongest person ever to attend the academy.” Crystal said

“Don’t worry Crystal I am never going to pull another prank again. Before I was given my practical she said she was going to bar me from the Chunin exams. I begged her not to and swore never to prank her or anyone in power over me again. She agreed to let me take them but now I got to take a note to dad after our Taijutsu exam. And on top of that she used the Genjutsu part of the practical to spank me, bare bottomed, in front of the entire class. It was so embarrassing and the pain was so real that I actually lost control of my bladder again and wet my diaper for real. I’m just lucky I remember to pack extra’s today because I woke up late again.” He said turning a faint shade of red out of embarrassment.

“Geez, you’re still having that trouble despite Lady Sakura’s treatments? That’s not a good sign; I mean she is the most powerful Medical Ninja around. She was trained by Lady Tsunade herself.” Crystal said with a worried look on her face.

Finishing his soda Lightningheart says, “Yeah it’s a real pain in the ass. Well you wanna get some practice in before our Taijutsu exam?”

“Nah I think I’m gonna finish up this book I’ve been reading. You go ahead.” Crystal said leaning against the tree trunk opening her book.

“Suit yourself.” Lightningheart said jumping off his branch plummeting to the ground two-hundred feet below.

Shaking her head at the way he was showing off Crystal leaned back against the tree that her mentor, Ino Yamanaka, had helped grow for the academy to keep it cool during the blistering hot months of summer.

In the Gymnasium after lunch...

“Alright everyone let’s see what you got. For your practical were going to have a series of one on one matches in a tournament style format, for this you will use Taijutsu only, no Genjutsu, Ninjutsu or weapons understand.” Rock Lee said as he paced in front of his class.

“Yes Master Lee.” Chorused the students in unison.

“The winner of the tournament will receive a gift certificate worth \$100 at Ichiraku’s noodle shop and be allowed to accompany me when I am given my next mission if they so choose to.” Rock Lee said causing everyone to perk up as Rock Lee never allowed anyone to accompany him on a mission, unless ordered to, since he was made a Jonin level Ninja.

After nodding to his assistant a large board with thirty names listed on it in a bracket style tournament tree appeared and Rock Lee says, "Alright first match is, Akamichi Gen vs. Yuhi Asuma. As the two boys stepped out into the middle of the gym they respectfully bow to each other. Gen a rather muscular boy for his age inherited his fathers', Choji Akamichi, facial structure and Hair, he wore a suit of armor that was based off the design of his fathers' usual outfit which looked similar to the armor of a samurai, the only main difference is instead of leather being the base material his was mostly a special cloth made from the silk of the super silkworms that Shino Aburame had bred. Asuma on the other hand looked exactly like his father Sarutobi Asuma who perished at the hands of Hidan, a now deceased member of the former criminal organization known as the Akastuki, and dressed in the exact same style as his father.

"BEGIN." Rock Lee barked, causing the two boys to launch themselves at each other in a flurry of fists and feet.

After three minutes had passed neither boy seemed to be gaining an advantage when Asuma, leaping high into the air, was able to use the lights and the sun coming through the window to temporarily blind Gen, which allowed him to come down and strike him full force with a kick that sent him skidding across the floor. After checking on Gen to make sure he didn't need medical attention Rock Lee helped the upset youth to his feet saying, "You fought well Gen don't feel bad. If the sun hadn't been right where it was you would have been able to stop that kick."

Wiping his eyes Gen says, "Thank you Master Lee." Then walks over to Asuma and shakes his hand in a good sportsman way.

An hour later, “Match fourteen, Uzumaki Lightningheart vs. Shikamaru Jr.” Rock Lee said. As Lightningheart walked down to the floor from his seat at the top of the bleachers he ran over what he knew about the other member of his squad apart from Crystal, and Shikamaru’s only son. Remembering that they were only allowed to use Taijutsu Lightningheart laughed to himself at how easy this fight might turn out to be and after bowing to Shikamaru takes a modified front stance and waits for the signal to start.

Shikamaru Jr. was wearing a loose fitting t-shirt, baggy pants, mismatched socks, a pair of very worn sneakers and his hair looked like he had just rolled out of bed.

“BEGIN” Rock Lee barked.

As Shikamaru Jr. launched the first attack Lightningheart calmly waits and deflects blow after blow and kick after kick searching for an opening. Not wanting to cause any harm to his opponent Lightning sticks to using the Taijutsu form of the Gentle Fist technique that his mother had taught him, using no Chakra whatsoever. Finally after about three and a half minutes he finds the opening he needs and with a flat palm strike to the chest sends Shikamaru flying.

Knowing he had won the match without needing to hear it he immediately walks over to Shikamaru Jr. and offers his hand to him to help him to his feet. Taking the offered hand Shikamaru says, “God damn that hurt. I never knew the Gentle Fist of the Hyuga clan was so powerful without chakra behind it. I feel like I’ve been kicked by a horse.”

“Sorry about that, sometimes I forget my own strength and use too much. You’ll be fine though, right?”

“Yeah I’ll be fine. You still up for a game of Shogi after school?” Shikamaru said as they took a seat on the bottom row of the bleachers away from the others.

“Sorry man, after this exam I have to report to pop and give him another disciplinary note. I probably won’t be able to come over afterwards. But if I am free I’ll definitely come over tomorrow. If not well, I guess we will see each other during the Chunin exams.”

“Damn Lightning what did you do this time prank your mom during an exam again? Dude you really gotta learn where to draw the line at being a clown and being serious.” Shikamaru said as she shook his head laughing.

After another two hours the final match of the exam is announced, “Uzumaki Lightningheart vs. Crystal.”

Knowing that Crystal was a big fan of Ichiraku’s Noodle shop like his father was Lightningheart decided to allow Crystal to win the match, even though he would have loved the chance to go on a mission with Rock Lee.

“Begin” Rock Lee barked after the two had bowed to each other.

Quickly getting onto both knees Lightning says, “I forfeit the match” causing Crystal to fall as she stopped abruptly.

“Eherm... Did I just hear you correctly Uzumaki Lightningheart. What do you mean you forfeit.” Rock Lee asked staring at Lightningheart intensely.

“Forgive me Master Lee but I do not wish to fight Crystal. As this is a Taijutsu only match I feel it is unfair to have the two students whom you have said yourself, are the best at the academy in Taijutsu, to fight. This match would be best saved for the Chunin exams where we

can fight to our full potential. Besides I have already fought one of my squad mates, and my best guy friend, and I almost hurt him because I forgot to restrain my strength. I do not wish to press my luck in this matter.” Lightningheart said in a solemn tone.

Looking hard at Lightningheart for another minute Rock Lee says, “Very well. The winner of the tournament is Crystal. You will all receive your marks for the exam in the mail tomorrow. Dismissed.”

After handing Crystal an envelope with the gift certificate inside Rock Lee puts a hand on Lightningheart’s shoulder and says, “Before you go I would like a word.” And steering Lightningheart off away from the rest of the class starts talking to him while he writes something on his clipboard. After ripping what he wrote off the clipboard he folds it in half and hands it to Lightningheart who takes it and walks out of the gym with his head hung low.

An hour later at the Hokage’s office...

“Send him in Sarah, and we are not to be disturbed.” The voice said over the intercom on the desk outside a large door.

Getting up from his seat Lightningheart opens the door just wide enough to admit him then closes it behind him. Walking over to the desk where Hokage Naruto sat Lightningheart says in a gloomy voice, “Hello father.”

Motioning for his son to take a seat Naruto says, “Hello son. According to your mother you demonstrated quite a nice, if childish, transformation and substitution jutsu replacing yourself with master Iruka. While that is an impressive display of your skill with the substitution jutsu I must say that you could have caused a lot of trouble if he hadn’t been alone at the time.”

“I’m sorry father.” Lightningheart said not looking at his father.

“Apology accepted. Is there something you wanted to talk to me about?” Naruto said leaning forward.

Not bothering to look up or say anything Lightningheart just hands over to two notes that he had received to give to his father. Frowning slightly Naruto takes them and after reading them folds them back up and says, “So, after our last little chat about your pranks you decided to pull another one in class. And you refused to finish your Taijutsu exam.”

“Yes father.” Lightningheart said with a slightly shaking voice fearing what was about to happen.

Swiveling his chair around Naruto stares out of the window at the Hokage Mountain where his face was still being carved into it. After a few minutes Naruto says, “For pulling another prank on your mother and her assistant during class I should agree with her original decision and bar you from the upcoming Chunin exams...”

“Father please, I’m sorry, I already promised mamma I would never prank anyone again. Just please don’t ban from the exams.” Lightningheart pleaded cutting his father off.

“If you would let me finish,” Naruto started, “I said I SHOULD agree with her. However I am going to allow you to participate in them. Your punishment for disobeying me and pulling another prank on your instructor will be ten swats. As for your refusing to fight Crystal...I’m going to let it slide. I know you have been having trouble controlling your strength with your Taijutsu and applaud you for not wanting to risk hurting her. However, bushy...I mean Master Rock Lee suggests that you undergo extra lessons in your Taijutsu since you were that worried

about hurting someone. I agree with his suggestion and therefore starting tonight you are to report to him every night at 5:00 for your sessions with him.”

Hardly believing his luck Lightning says, “So...you’re not going to ban me from the exams?”

Turning his chair back around Naruto motions for Lightning to come around the desk and says, “That’s what I said. Now lay across my lap and we’ll get your punishment over with.”

Laying across his father’s lap Lightningheart braces himself as Naruto creates a single shadow clone and pulls his pants and diaper down. CRACK, CRACK, CRACK, came the sounds of the shadow clone swinging the large paddle making solid contact with Lightningheart’s bared buttock. A minute later Naruto is rubbing a post spanking cream onto the very red backside of his son saying, “Now have you learned your lesson? Are you ever going to disobey me or your mother again?”

Sobbing extremely hard Lightningheart barely manages to say, “Y...yes I have fa...father. I...I pro...promise never...to di...dis...disobey...you or...momma again.”

Standing Lightningheart up Naruto pulls his diaper and pants back up and says, “Very well. You may go. Here take this note and money to Ichiraku’s, and have one of your shadow clones deliver the order here. I gave you enough to buy some dinner for yourself. You have just enough time to eat there and then to make it to Master Rock Lee’s for your training.”

Taking the money and order from his father Lightningheart leaves to do as he was bid thinking that he was very lucky that he got away with only ten swats for disobeying his father’s order not to prank his teachers or other officials.

Chapter 2

Sitting at the desk in his room trying to ignore his still stinging backside Lightningheart is reading a book on combat strategy despite the hour being well past his normal bedtime. As he turns the page the door to his bedroom opens and turning to see who it was smiles as his little sister, Flaresong, waddles in wearing her pink footie pajamas (which had a rather large bulge due to her wet diaper) holding her teddy bear. “Hey squirt what are you doing up you should be in bed.” Lightningheart said quietly so as not to wake his parents.

“I had a bad dream big brother and it caused me to have an accident. Could I sweep in here with you?”

Standing up Lightningheart walks over and picks up his baby sister saying, “Of course you can, but first let’s get you changed, wouldn’t do if my baby sister got diaper rash now would it?” Walking across the hall to his sister’s room he places her on the changing table and unbuttons the flap on the bottom of her pajamas which made for easy diaper changes and swiftly gets her cleaned up and into a fresh diaper. After he refastened the flap he carries her back to his room and lays her in the middle of his bed before grabbing the book he was reading and his book light.

Lying down next to her he lets her curl up against him and strokes her hair in a brotherly manner while reading to himself. With a big yawn Flaresong says, “So what ya weeding big brother, it’s past your bedtime too isn’t it.”

“I’m reading a book on combat strategy that Master Shikamaru loaned me. I am trying to get as prepared as I can for the Chunin exams the day after tomorrow. Now go to sleep.” Lightningheart said turning a page.

Twenty minutes later Lightningheart is snoring, sound asleep with the book on his chest and his little sister curled up against his side. Smiling at the scene before her Hinata quietly makes her way into the room and takes the book off her son's chest and puts it on the desk. Pulling his blanket over him and Flaresong she gives both her children a light kiss on the forehead and turns off the desk light, before closing the door behind her.

The next morning...

"Crap, crap, crap, crap. I'm late I'm so freaking late." Lightningheart said as his sister giggled at his frantic rushing about to get everything he needed for the day into his bag.

"Calm down big bwover I soore that Shikamawu's papa will fowgive you for being a few minutes wate." Flaresong said earning an annoyed glare from him.

As he is about to head out the door Hinata stops him in the hall and says, "Lightningheart can I ask you a big favor, I know your running late and its last minute notice but could you take Flaresong with you and watch her for me today, the council has asked I attend the meeting today to discuss the Chunin exams. And I can't take her with me."

With a grunt of irritation Lightningheart says, "Alright mom, I'll watch Flaresong today, but she better behave because Master Shikamaru is going to help me with some special training I've been doing. No don't ask, this is my secret for the exams tomorrow."

"Yes, yes dear you are in charge with her today. Just don't go being over strict on her like you did last time." Hinata said giving her son a peck on the cheek and slipping a 20 into his hand for lunch for him and Flaresong.

Running back upstairs he packs his sisters diaper bag to exploding point with supplies, and picking her up says, “You’re going to come with me today sis. Mom has to go to a council meeting and can’t take you with her. But you have to behave ok.”

“Otay big bwover.” Flaresong said as he flew down the stairs and started dashing across the rooftops heading for Shikamaru’s house with her squealing in delight at the feeling of flight that she always got when he carried her like this.

Ten minutes later at Shikamaru’s house...

Landing on the doorstep with a light “thwap” Lightningheart hikes his baby sister higher up on his hip and says, “Remember Flare you can NOT say anything about what you see while I’m training ok. And you have to behave yourself while I’m training. Master Shikamaru is not the only one going to help me today Kakashi sensei will be here too.”

“Otay big bwover I’ll be good.”

Nodding at his sister Lightningheart rings the doorbell and within seconds is greeted by Shikamaru (Sr.), “ugh what a drag; I thought you were going to be here a half hour ago.” Shikamaru said staring down at Lightningheart and his sister. “Who’s this little cutie?”

“Sorry about being late Master Shikamaru, I fell asleep almost instantly after reading the book you loaned me and forgot to set my alarm. And this is my baby sister Flaresong, mom was called to a secret council meeting and couldn’t take her so I have to watch her while I train today.” Turning to his sister he says, “Say hello to master Shikamaru Flaresong.”

Staring up at the disheveled appearance of Shikamaru she says, “hewo, big bwover says you is da most smart pwerson in da viwage. Is dat twu?”

Grinning Shikamaru says, "Hello Flaresong, I wouldn't know about being THE smartest but I am definitely in the top five. Well come on in I was just about to have some tea while we wait for Master Kakashi to show up. Would you like some?"

As they walk inside Flaresong turns a slight shade of red and tugs on Lightningheart's sleeve. Looking down at her he sees that she is pointing to her diaper which was her way of saying in the presence of others that she had just wet herself. With a sigh Lightningheart says, "That would be lovely master Shikamaru, could I use the restroom first, Flare just had another accident and needs to be changed."

Nodding his head he opens the cupboard and pulls out two more cups and sets them on the table saying, "Sure go ahead. You know where it's at."

Laying down a changing pad on the floor Lightningheart puts Flaresong on it and unfastening her diaper sees that she not only peed but had unloaded into it as well. Shaking his head he proceeds to wipe her clean with the wipes and lifting her legs into the air slides the soiled diaper out from under her. Unfolding a new diaper he slides it under her and after resettling it into a better position applies the powder to her and pulls the front panel up and fastens the diaper in place. Just as he finishes taping the diaper up he feels a sudden pang in his stomach as he proceeds to completely soak his own diaper. "Damn it not again." He muttered causing his little sister to gasp and say "Big bwover you know you not apposed to swear. I'm a tewing mommy and masta Shikimawu."

Packing her changing supplies back into the bag he opens his own and pulls out a large purple diaper which caused her to gasp even more. "Big bwover I didn't know you wore diapees too."

“Will you keep your voice down Flare? Not many people know I need to wear them. Only mom, dad, Lady Sakura, my team mates, and Kakashi sensei know, and that’s more than I would care to have known about it. ” Lightningheart snapped causing Flaresong to go quiet. Quickly he changed into the clean diaper and after wrapping both soiled diapers in a plastic bag he puts them into a second compartment on his bag so he could dispose of them later in private.

After washing his hands Lightningheart picks up Flaresong and carries her back into the kitchen to be greeted by his squad mate and best friend Shikamaru Jr. Sitting down across from Master Shikamaru Lightningheart says, “I would like to thank you once again for helping me with this special training Master Shikamaru.”

Flapping his hand in a dismissive manner Shikamaru says, “Hey a bet is a bet and you won that game of Shogi fair and square. I always make good on my bets and promises. At least I still have an impressive record in the game. 328,976 wins and only one loss, even Jr. has yet to beat me but he is getting better. He almost had me last night.”

“So Lightning what is this big secret skill that pop and Kakashi sensei are helping you with? Come on you can tell me I promise I won’t spoil the surprise for everyone else.” Shikamaru Jr. asked as he sipped his tea.

Taking a sip and savoring the flavor of the Red Dragon tea, Lightningheart says, “Well you know how pop mastered the Rasengan under the tutelage of master Jariya? Then mastered a form and elemental change under Kakashi sensei’s help?”

“Yeah everyone knows that but what dose...”

“I have mastered the Rasengan already; dad helped me do so in secret before we were made Gennin. Your dad and Kakashi sensei are helping me master an alteration of it of my own design. I’ve been secretly having fifty shadow clones master using fire style chakra so I could fuse it with the Rasengan, I almost have the RasenInferno perfected but there is just a few things I have to iron out which is where your dad and Kakashi sensei come in.”

Jaw hanging open Shikamaru Jr. says, “You know the Rasengan at our age and almost have an elemental fusion form for it? Jumping Jackrabbits you have got to be the most powerful Gennin, heck probably the most powerful ninja in the whole village.”

“Actually no I’m not. Pop is still the most powerful in the village and I’m the only the second most powerful in our rank. But I’m not saying who is stronger than me. They have the right to reveal that if they wish.” Lightningheart said as the doorbell rang again.

“Finally, Kakashi is just as bad now as he was when I was your age. Always taking forever to make it to his appointments and leaving those he was to meet to wait around forever.” Shikamaru said getting up to answer the door.

Six hours later...

Eyes wide at seeing the giant flaming tornado that had sprouted from where Lightningheart had connected with a training dummy Shikamaru says, “Wow...I didn’t think your new Rasengan would be so...Impressive.” Hands flying in a blur of speed, Kakashi causes a giant torrent of water to flood over the flame tornado extinguishing it completely.

Turning around Lightningheart cradles his right arm blowing on it in an attempt to cool it off from the middle of the forearm down to his hand. Fighting to keep the pain out of his voice

Lightningheart says, “Yup very impressive I would say; if that were a real opponent what would you say the damage level would be master Shikamaru.”

After examining the dummy Shikamaru says, “I would say I would be rushing to find Lady Sakura to come treat him as best she can before moving him. Your RasenInferno would have caused second degree burns on any flesh it touched. It even melted the metal chest plate we put on the dummy which would cause even more damage to the target.” Looking up to see Lightningheart cradling his arm he says, “Let me see that arm.”

Being careful not to move it too fast Lightning heart says as Kakashi and Shikamaru examined the bright red skin on his forearm and hand, “I think it’s just a flesh wound. My Byakugan doesn’t show me any internal damage. I brought some burn cream with me that I begged off of Lady Sakura just in case something like this happened.”

“Well let’s be safe and put it on it then we should have Lady Sakura look at it. I’ll carry your sister and her bag for you.” Kakashi said as Lightningheart used his one good arm to open his bag to pull out the cream from an outer pocket. Applying a generous amount to the entire burn Lightningheart sighs in relief as the pain instantly eases to a dull ache and the skin cools to a bearable level.

Fifteen minutes later in the Hospital...

“What the hell have you been doing to cause that large of a burn to your arm Lightning?” Sakura asked shocked at the size of the burn.

“Well...you see...I can't really say unless you promise to keep it to yourself until after tomorrow.” Lightningheart said nervously as Sakura used her examination jutsu to determine whether or not there was further damage than just a burn on the surface.

“You will tell me or I will drag you to your father's office and make him get the answer from you himself.” Sakura snapped, anger filling her voice but not her hands.

“You weave big bwover awone you mean wady. He was just pwacticing a new skill he invwented.” Flaresong said from her chair in the examination room.

“Flare that was uncalled for now you apologize to Lady Sakura right now or I'm going to punish you when she finishes with my arm.” Lightningheart said glaring at his sister.

Remembering the last time he gave her a spanking she flush's a bright red and says, “I'm sowy.”

“I forgive you dear. I know you were just trying to protect your brother but I was doing the same thing. If he was doing something extremely dangerous I would be forced to tell your papa about it.” Sakura said gently

Once Sakura turns back to him Lightningheart says, “What I was doing was inventing a new form of the Rasengan. Pop taught me how to do it before I became a Gennin. And after seeing his RasenShuriken, I knew it was only a matter of time, practice, and patience before I figured out a way to modify the base form Rasengan to a powerful new skill myself. In short my new RasenInferno caused the burn.”

“RasenInferno? It sounds like you fused it with fire chakra. But your only a Gennin and just barely able to take the Chunin exams how in the world did you master your base chakra nature of wind and fire chakra nature so quickly?”

“Well pop says that because of being the child of a Hyuga and a Jinchuriki who is also a Kage that I was born with an extremely large amount of chakra. So he taught me in secret at night when I was in the Academy, I learned not only the Rasengan from him but how to create shadow clones, he told me all the secrets of a shadow clone saying that whatever one learned or experienced would be instantly learned by the original when the clone dissipated. Using that information it was easy to create fifty clones to master the fire chakra nature while I continued to practice the Rasengan to be able to reliably make it without using a clone to form the ball.”

Shaking her head at this Sakura just smiles and says, “You really are your fathers’ son. When he was your age he was the same way. Once he put his mind to something he saw it through no matter how many times people told him it was impossible or how many times he failed. Well there seems to be very little damage you only got a first degree burn on your arm, so I don’t see any reason to forbid you from using your new skill again. Just make sure that after battle that you treat the burn with that cream I gave you, if you use it alright. And I promise to let you shock the Kage’s and everyone else with this new skill during the Chunin exams, my lips are sealed.”

While wrapping his arm in a light bandage with more of her special burn cream on it Sakura notices Flaresong squirming and turning a faint shade of red. “Is something wrong dear?”

Turning an even deeper shade of red as Lightningheart looks towards her she doesn’t say anything. After a few seconds tears start dribbling from her eyes and at the same moment Sakura

and Lightningheart realized what was wrong. Looking down at his mummified arm he says, “I hate to ask Lady Sakura but would you mind taking care of it for me? I can barely move the arm without pain as it is.” Nodding her understanding Sakura picks up Flaresong and proceeds to change her stopping only for a moment in shock at the sheer size of the mess that was in the diaper. Cooing to Flaresong Sakura gets her to calm down and within moments has her all cleaned up and wearing a fresh diaper.

“What do you say to Lady Sakura Flare?” Lightningheart says as he puts his bag on his back and straps her diaper bag over his shoulder.

Blushing a whole new shade of red Flaresong says, “Thank you wady Sakuwa.”

“You’re welcome dear.”

Walking out into the waiting room with his sister on his left hip Lightningheart is surprised to see that Kakashi and Shikamaru Sr. were still there waiting for him.

“So how’s your arm” Shikamaru asked.

“Well Lady Sakura said it’s only a first degree burn so I can continue using the new move as long as I take care of it afterwards.” Lightningheart said showing them his mummified arm.

“Lightningheart, can I ask your permission to use my Sharingan to copy that move when you use it tomorrow? You have to admit for such a small drawback that is a very useful skill.” Kakashi asked.

Looking at his sister Lightningheart says, “What do you think Flare should we let him.”

Her stomach letting out a loud grumble she says, “Otay but he gots to tweek us to wunch.”

Laughing along with Flare and Lightning Kakashi says, “Alright sweetie I’ll buy you some lunch. Let me guess you’re just like your papa and love ramen right?”

Making a face she says, “eww no way, I wike hotdwogs wif all da cah...con...condiments.”

Staring in shock that she actually said such a big word without messing it up Kakashi says, “Well how can I refuse now after you said such a big word. I know the perfect place to get a hotdog. Care to join us Shikamaru?”

“Nah you guys go ahead I still need to prepare my report for the Hokage about the information on the exams.” Shikamaru said as they walked out of the hospital.

Later that night...

“Lightning, Flare I’m home. How was your day?” Hinata called as she set her keys on the key hook inside the door and removed her shoes.

“Momma.” Flaresong called, running up to Hinata and grabbing her in a big hug around the leg. “Guess what Momma, Mwasta Kakashi was there today. He even bought me a hotdwog afta we weft da hospital.”

Doing a double take at that Hinata says, “Wait, why were you at the hospital sweetie did something happen to Lightning during his training?”

“Don’t worry mother I’m fine it was just a first degree burn. Lady Sakura took care of my arm and said that I can continue to use the new Jutsu I was working on so long as I used her special burn ointment as soon as I could after using the skill. Look my arms already healed thanks to the ointment.” Lightningheart said holding out his arm to his mom.

“Wait I thought your chakra element was wind. How did you get a burn?” Hinata asked confused.

“Long story short momma yes my chakra is primarily wind nature but I used shadow clones to master fire nature as well. But I’m not saying what my new technique is because I wanna shock you, pop and all the others at the same time when I use it during the exam.”

“Very well have your little surprise. So apart from the burn how was your day?”

“Well apart from having to scold Flare for being rude to Lady Sakura while she was examining my arm it was fine. After getting lunch with Kakashi sensei I brought Flare home and put her down for a nap and read some more of the book Master Shikamaru loaned me. I just finished it when you got home.”

“That’s nice. Would you two like to help me prepare supper? Your father actually managed to complete all his work today and is going to be home early.”

“Yaay papa is coming hwome.” Flaresong said causing Lightning and Hinata to laugh.

“Well while I can’t stand heat near my arm right now I do have full movement with it so I can do anything you need so long as I’m not near the stove. Oh since Kakashi treated us to lunch here’s the money you gave me this morning for it.” Lightningheart said handing the 20 back to his mom.

“I want to ask you about that. How did you trick him into treating you to lunch?” Hinata asked looking at her son in the eye.

“Well after Lady Sakura treated my arm and gave me permission to continue using my new skill he asked if he could use his Sharingan to copy it when I use it tomorrow. I looked at Flare and asked what she thought and when her stomach rumbled she said “only if you treat us to lunch.” He laughed and agreed and even got her a super dog because she impressed him by saying the word Condiment without messing it up, though she had to try a couple times.” Lightning said as he chopped the vegetables.

Twenty minutes later Hinata is just finishing placing the Beef and Chicken stir-fry onto the table when Naruto walks in the front door. “Hinata darling, children guess who’s home from work early.” He called before he was tackled by his son and daughter in a large hug.

“Papa” Flaresong screeched hugging him with all her strength.

“Dad, you will never believe the day I had. And Flare was witness to it all. Cause mom had to go to the council meeting. But you already knew that since you attend every single council meeting.”

Standing up Naruto picks up Flaresong and puts his free hand on Lightningheart’s shoulder saying, “Well you can tell me all about it as we eat dinner. I’m starving.” Placing Flaresong in her booster seat next to Hinata Naruto sits in his seat on the other side of his wife and after giving the blessing over the food dishes it out. “So what did you do that made today such a “day”?”

Unable to keep his secret any longer Lightningheart says, “I wanted to keep it secret until tomorrow but I just can’t stand the pressure pop. Remember how before I became a Gennin you showed me how to use the Shadow Clone technique and the Rasengan?”

“Yes. I remember the day you mastered the Rasengan well. You made me one proud Shinobi and father that day.” Naruto said ruffling his son’s hair.

“Well pop you have a new rival for the most powerful Ninjutsu in the village. Over the past couple months I’ve been secretly using the shadow clones to master the fire nature chakra. Once I did I began work on making a new form to the Rasengan. I call it the RasenInferno.” Lightningheart said causing Naruto and Hinata to drop their chopsticks out of shock.

“You did what?” Hinata said flabbergasted.

Laughing full heartedly Naruto says, “That’s my boy. I knew you would make your own Rasengan alteration I just thought it would take you a couple years to figure it out.”

“Well I had help mastering this new skill pop. A month ago in a game of Shogi with Master Shikamaru I made a bet with him that if I beat him he would have to help me find a way to master a new technique I was working on. If I had lost I would have had to run all his errands for a year. I won.” Lightning said causing Naruto to drop his chopsticks again.

“You beat Shikamaru in SHOGI? I never thought I would see the day.” Naruto said picking his chopsticks back up and continuing his dinner.

“Anyway while he had the smarts and books to help me he couldn’t really help with the actual training part so he enlisted Kakashi sensei to help, he was more than happy to since I’m in his squad anyway. By the way Kakashi sensei said to say hi for him and that he can’t wait to see

your reaction when you actually see my new skill. He said it makes your original form of the RasenShuriken look like crap.” Lightningheart said laughing as his father dropped his chopsticks a third time.

After dinner the four of them sit in the living room and watch TV for a couple hours before they all went to bed. Remembering to set his alarm so he can wake up early, so he could return the book to Master Shikamaru before he had to report to the exam site, Lightningheart crawls into bed and falls asleep almost as soon as his head hits the pillow.

Chapter 3

Standing outside a large six story building Lightning, Crystal and Shikamaru Jr. anxiously wait for the chief examiner to come out and give them the instructions for the first task of the exam. As they wait other officials travel from group to group and give each group a medium sized box that had a large seal on it with the logo of the Anbu Black Ops and four combination locks that have symbols instead of numbers. Accepting the box from the official Lightning hears the man say, “Don’t break it and don’t try opening it yet.”

Once all of the officials had given a box to each group and reassembled in front of the building the doors burst open to reveal Hinata Uzumaki with a harness on her back carrying little Flaresong and Temari Nara, Shikamaru Jr.’s mother.

Walking down the steps with Temari Hinata says, “Greetings Gennin. My name is Uzumaki Hinata and this is Nara Temari, we were chosen by majority vote to oversee the Chunin examinations this year.”

“This year due to the immense number of candidates there are going to be two elimination rounds before the final tournament. Each squad here has been given a large box with a combination lock and a seal bearing the Anbu Black Ops logo on it. Your first task is to find a way to open the box without breaking it. Inside is a scroll which will lead you to your second task. There are two ways to open the box. The first way is to generate enough chakra to equal that of an elite member of the Anbu. The second is to find clues inside this building that will give you the combination to the locks. If you break the box the scroll inside will be wiped clean before you can open it to read the clue.” Temari said keeping pace with Hinata.

“You are allowed to use any tools you can think of during this part of the exam however Ninjutsu and Genjutsu or power seals are strictly prohibited and if any member of your team is caught using it all members will be disqualified from the exams. You will be given one hour to open your box. This exam will also require you to score a minimum of forty points to proceed to round two. Every group will start with sixty points and will lose one point for each minute that passes during the exam. You can also lose points if you are caught sabotaging your rivals boxes or clues that they obtain. Each time you will lose ten points. Upon opening the chest you will receive points based on how you did it, ten for matching the chakra output required and twenty for figuring out the combination to the locks.” Hinata said coming to a stop at the bottom of the stairs.

“If you have any questions at all during this exam you may ask them of any official but you may not be guaranteed an answer depending on the question. That being said, let the first test begin.” Temari said with a flourish of her giant fan causing a large amount of Gennin to run into the building to search for the clues to open the combo lock.

“Before we start guys I wanna ask a question of mom.” Lightning said running over to Hinata. “Lady Uzumaki I have a question. If I were to use my Byakugan Kekkei Genkai would that be a cause for disqualification?”

Looking down at her son Hinata says, “As it is neither a Ninjutsu nor a Genjutsu but in fact a Dojutsu it is permitted to be used.”

“Thank you ma’am, BYAKUGAN” Lightningheart said as he scanned the building and finding three of the letters instantly.

“Shikamaru, write down these three symbols. Honor, loyalty, respect, there is a fourth symbol but I can’t find its location. Crystal watch my back I’m going to open my Byakugan to its full range to try and find that last symbol.” Lightningheart said as he sat down on the ground with the box in his lap.

After five minutes of scanning Lightningheart finds the final symbol hidden on the roof of the building “Valor, the final symbol is valor.”

Using the list that Shikamaru made Lightningheart starts spinning the dials one at a time using different combinations of the four symbols and after another five minutes the lid pops open. Grabbing the scroll Lightningheart jumps to his feet and opens it so Crystal and Shikamaru can read the text too. Smiling in unison, the three speed off into the woods behind the building heading for the sight of the second phase of the exams.

Exam site two...

“Congratulations you are the first squad to get here, let me see your scroll so I can determine your final score.” The official said holding her hand out for the scroll. Passing the

scroll to her Lightningheart, Shikamaru Jr. and Crystal all get nervous as the official opens the scroll completely. With eyes wide as saucer plates the official says, “Did you really figure out the combination in ten minutes? That’s amazing you three have a perfect score of sixty. You lost twenty points for the time it took you to solve the box and get here but for solving the box using the combination you gained all twenty points back very well done kids very well done. You may go inside and wait, there is food and drinks laid out and the bathrooms are just at the other end.”

“Thank you very much ma’am.” The three chorused in unison as they headed inside.

As Lightningheart, Crystal and Shikamaru Jr. walk along the food table filling up their plates Lightningheart feels his bladder release full force into his diaper. Moving quickly he finishes loading his plate and grabs a soda then after setting his food at their table grabs his bag and rushes to the bathroom hoping to get onto a toilet before his diaper overflows.

Getting into a stall he quickly drops his pants and sits on the toilet with his diaper still on just as it starts overflowing and leaking out the leg holes into the toilet. After waiting until he no longer felt the flow of urine leaving him he quickly removes the saturated diaper and puts it in a disposable bag. Cleaning himself off with a couple wipes he throws them into the bag with the diaper then powdering himself carefully he puts on a fresh purple diaper and pulls his pants up. Quickly checking to make sure nobody was in the bathroom before he left the stall he dumps the bag with the soiled diaper and wipes in it into the garbage can then washes his hands and goes back to enjoy his lunch.

As the three ate the hall slowly filled with more foreign and local Gennin squads until there were a total of fifteen squads in the room taking up every single table. Suddenly there was a loud explosion from the dais on the western side of the hall. As the smoke cleared there was a

new and rather large shinobi wearing red samurai styled armor snacking on a bag of chips standing there.

“Congratulations, those of you who are here. You are the only ones to qualify for the next part of the examination. I am Choji Akamichi and I am the overseer for your next exam. In one hour you will be taken to the entrance to the Forest of Death to undergo your next test. You will be given a list of four items; there is three of each item in the forest. To get to the final round your squad will be required to obtain one of each item on the list. Once you have obtained all four items you must get back to the entrance of the forest and turn them in. That means only three squads will be allowed to advance to the next round. In the meantime eat drink and relax.” Choji said in a boisterous yet friendly voice.

A few minutes later Gen Akamichi and Asuma Yuhi walk over with their squad mate Broly Yamanaka, a rather large boy dressed to blend in with the forest with his hair tucked into a skullcap that was designed like his clothes and wearing face paint to complete his camo outfit, and start a conversation with Lightningheart, Crystal and Shikamaru Jr.

“Hey guys, how are you doing so far?” Gen asked as he took a chair next to Lightningheart.

“Well so far so good we were the first ones here.” Crystal replied taking a sip from her soda.

“Yeah I saw you guys bolt off after only ten minutes. How the heck did you open the box so fast?” Broly asked as he sat with the back of the chair against his chest so he could cross his arms on top and rest his chin on them.

“Well since my Byakugan is not a Genjutsu or a Ninjutsu I was able to use it to scan the entire building for all four clues quickly. After that it was only a matter of trial and error with the different combinations of the symbols.” Lightningheart said leaning back with his arms behind his head.

“So how are you doing, when we got here we were so hungry we didn’t even pay attention to who else came in while we chowed down.” Shikamaru asked crossing his arms on the table and leaning his chin on them.

“Meh could be worse we were the third team here. A squad from the village hidden in the sand beat us here. And to tell the truth I don’t get a good feeling when I look at them. I just get this feeling like they are willing to do anything to win. And I want to know what that guy is doing with the huge box he carries around on his back.” Asuma said nervously.

“Ah relax Asuma the sand village is our ally now they wouldn’t risk making enemies of us again.” Shikamaru said.

“Fifteen minutes to the second exam. Repeat Fifteen minutes to the second exam. Please rejoin your individual squads and line up along the dais.” Choji said projecting his voice over the crowd.

“Well this is it good luck guys hope to see ya in the final exam.” Lightning, Crystal and Shikamaru said shaking hands with their friends.

“You too, and watch your backs guys Asuma is right those sand guys are definitely sending off a bad vibe.” Broly said as he, Asuma and Gen walk away.

Ten minutes later at the entrance to the Forest of Death...

“You have all been given a list of four items that you need to find inside this forest. There is only three of each item in this forest and they are hidden well. You may use any skill you possess to acquire them, even to go so far as to steal them from another team. Also to advance to the next round all members of your squad will need to be alive. Alright have at it and do your best.” Choji said stepping out of the way of the immense gate allowing the fifteen squads of Gennin to pour through it and spread out in search of the items.

Dashing through the treetops Lightningheart takes the lead position using his Byakugan to scan the forest for enemies and the items they are looking for. “Shikamaru what are the four items we need to get again?” He asked as he stopped on a thick tree branch to monitor the positions of the other squads.

“We need to acquire a copy of Lady Tsunade's biography, a Kraken fang provided by Killer Bee of the Kumogakure, a pendent designed to look like a 5 point star with the symbol of each of the big 5 ninja villages at each point, and a container containing the wolfs bane plant. The list says that each item could be booby trapped making acquiring them more difficult.” Shikamaru answered.

“A Krakens fang, how the heck are we even supposed to carry that? Last I heard a kraken was bigger than our entire village and that was just the head. Their teeth have got to be enormous.” Crystal said shaking her head in confusion.

While scanning the area for enemy units and any of the items Lightningheart says, “were in luck I see two items right now one is at the base of the tree were in, looks like the wolfs bane pot and the other is a hundred yards to our right, it’s the book. I can’t see any obvious traps but

we should be careful all the same.” At this the three jump down to acquire the container of wolfsbane. Then head off to get the book.

Meanwhile in another part of the forest...

“I swear these tasks are too damn easy. We already have all four items and it only took us ten minutes.” The slender female, wearing only a seashell bra and a sea green silk skirt said.

“Aquaria don’t you ever stop bitching, either things are too easy or they are too hard with you. It’s driving me nuts with the way you always complain about things.” The man wearing a breastplate made of hammered bronze and a helmet of the same material that has an open face but has a small piece that comes down in the middle to protect his nose, and a leather codpiece said and he fingered the hilt of the sword at his waist.

“Oh give her a break Posidus it’s not like you’re not itching for a good rumble as well. Come since we have the items why don’t we take a break and you tell us what you know about that group of kids we were watching while we ate.” The very large muscular female, wearing a leather top with metal weaved into it to protect her chest, black leather wrestling pants, and black boots said while she rubbed an ointment into the cacophony of scars on her bared arms.

“Alright Titiania.” Posidus said pulling out three cards and setting them on the ground he uses his chakra to activate them revealing the bios of the three ninja. “The tallest one with the flaming red hair is called Lightningheart Uzumaki; he is the son of Hokage Naruto Uzumaki and Hinata Uzumaki. He inherited the Byakugan Kekkei Genkai from the Hyuga clan through his mother. He is highly intelligent and has an immense amount of chakra available to him, some people speculate that when he was born they found a way to remove the 9 tailed beast from his father without killing him and put it in him which is what caused him to be able to acquire such a

vast chakra reserve. However nobody has been able to confirm this claim. Extremely agile and strong he prefers close combat but is constantly forced to take a back seat to his female team mate.”

“The girl is named Crystal unknown clan name, much like Lightningheart she has a vast reservoir of chakra and is very talented with her Ninjutsu skills. Speculation is that she is the most powerful ninja in the entire leaf village but reports cannot confirm this. She uses a massive one handed hammer in combat that allows her to enhance her lightning based attacks to new heights causing severe damage to any that fall victim to her assault.”

“Finally we have the son of Shikamaru Nara and Temari Nara. Shikamaru Jr. is a highly intelligent ninja that specializes in traps and special ops missions; he uses a miniature version of his mother’s fan to create massive wind attacks that devastate almost anything in its path. Generally speaking he is one of the biggest slackers out there, despite his intelligence he thinks everything is a drag and just does not feel up to putting his full potential into anything unless forced to.”

Scooping up the cards Posidus puts them back into his satchel and says, “Let’s go turn in the items I’m getting hungry and we didn’t bring any food.”

Gathering up the four items, the three ninja dash off to the entrance of the forest.

Back with Lightningheart...

“And that makes four.” Lightningheart says picking up the tooth as big as his forearm.

Suddenly there was a loud snapping sound and looking up the three see a large spiked log falling towards them. Leaping back they barely manage to avoid being smashed and impaled on

the spikes but Shikamaru holds his arm where one of the spikes had scratched him. Falling to his knees Shikamaru says, “Shit, how could I have been so careless. I can’t feel my arm. And my legs are going numb too.”

Opening the first aid kit Crystal looks for the vial of general anti-venom and curses when she sees the bottle is empty. Picking up Shikamaru she says, “We don’t have any anti-venom I’ll carry you and we can get the hell out of here and get that taken care of.” Putting the Kraken fang in the bag with the other items Lightningheart follows Crystal as she rushes toward the entrance to the forest with a limp Shikamaru over her shoulders in a fireman’s carry.

A few minutes later they land at the gate and as Crystal helps Shikamaru over to the healer there, Lightningheart turns over the four items to Choji who says, “Congratulations you three are the last team to make it to the final round. Now that this part of the exam is over you three can go home and relax for a few hours, be sure to go to the arena around five and you will undergo the final exam. It is a single elimination tournament.”

“Thanks Master Akamichi, who are the other two teams to get to the finals, if you can tell me that is?”

“Well I don’t know much other than what village they are from; one team is from the village hidden in the waterfall while the other is a group from the village hidden in the sand. They both got here at the same time about ten minutes ago.” Choji said

“Awe man I was hoping to see Gen and Asuma in the final round. Well when you see them tell them I’m sorry but if they want to come over and hang out they are more than welcome too.” Lightningheart said before he turned to go check on Shikamaru.

“Thanks Lightningheart, I’m sure they will want to hangout for a while to relax. You take care and good luck in the tournament.”

“Thanks Master Akamichi.”

“Crystal how is Shikamaru?” Lightningheart asked as he stepped up beside her.

“He is alive but the healers can’t figure out what kind of poison they are dealing with. He is completely unable to move anything, he is lucky to even be breathing and have a pulse.” Crystal said worriedly.

“I couldn’t help but overhear, you said he was poisoned and is completely paralyzed?” A youth wearing a desert camo colored sarong with a large box on his back said walking up to them.

Recognizing him from the brunch banquet Lightningheart says, “Yeah she did. You wouldn’t happen to have anything to do with his poisoning would you?”

“No, I’m innocent of the deed. However I am a master of poisons and if you would allow me to get a sample I can figure out what kind of poison it is within minutes and give him some antidote to it.” he said not taking offense at the implication that he was the poisoner.

“Well, I have no reason to distrust you, our villages are allies and it would be stupid to pull something that could risk a renewed enmity between us. I’m Lightningheart, this is Crystal and our friend’s name is Shikamaru Jr.” Lightningheart said offering his hand.

Shaking hands with Lightningheart and Crystal the youth says, “I’m Borgi. Now let me see here.”

Taking a bit of the clear thick liquid seeping from the wound onto his finger Borgi taps it to his tongue shocking the three and the medics and pulling a vial out of his pocket says, “Ah you have no need to worry there friends. This may be a complex toxin but it is designed only for incapacitation not for lethality. Here try swallowing some of this. It’s my own special anti-toxin made to counter the most complex of poisons.”

Swallowing the liquid as best he could Shikamaru lays still for another few minutes then slowly he starts moving his limbs. Once he is able to sit up on his own he says, “Thanks Borgi. Really that was a great thing you did for me.”

“Don’t mention it, I know you’re the son of Temari of the sand, she is the sister of my mentor Kankuro. So I felt honor bound to help the nephew of my mentor if I could. But don’t think it means I am going to hold back if we face each other in the tournament later.” Borgi said smiling.

“I wouldn’t dream of it. But I don’t think I am in any condition to participate. We’ll see when the tournament starts.” Shikamaru said getting shakily to his feet.

“Well I don’t know about you guys but I’m getting hungry care to go for a bite before we have to get to the arena? You and your squad mates are welcome to join us if you want Borgi.” Crystal said

“Thank you, on behalf of my squad I accept. Let me fetch the other two and we can go.” Borgi said shaking hands with the three.

Chapter 4

“Welcome you eight Gennin to the final round of the Chunin exams. You are probably wondering why we are holding all three rounds in the same day this time around. To answer this question I and the leaders of the other ninja villages have decided to try this method to see how well our young Gennin are able to hold up when pushed to the extremes. We also thought it the best way to see how you would deal with unexpected changes on the fly, as this is a quality all ninja need to have because in the field anything and everything can go wrong and requires on the spot planning. This round of the Chunin exams will be a single elimination tournament and your names will be announced at random before each round of the match. This will further help you display your ability to think on the fly and cope with unexpected enemies. Let the final part of the Chunin exams begin.” Hokage Uzumaki said from the diplomat’s box high above the arena floor.

Stepping out into the middle of the field Iruka Umino announces “The first match of the tournament will be Uzumaki Lightningheart verses Titiania of the village hidden in the waterfall.

Walking to the middle of the field to stand next to Iruka Lightningheart offers his hand in the manner of a good sportsman to shake hands with Titiania before they begin their fight. Taking his hand Titiania says, “So you are the son of the Hokage. This will be a most enjoyable match I haven’t had a good fight in months. Give me all you got because I won’t hold back.”

“You want my best you got it. Just don’t be upset when I walk out with the victory.” Lightningheart taunted as they were separated so the fight can begin properly.

As Iruka drops his arm signaling the start of the match Lightningheart activates his Byakugan and rushing right for the charging Titiania says, “Eight trigram thirty-two palms” striking Titiania with blinding speed he manages to land all thirty-two blows but is shocked

when she doesn't fall over. Failing to retreat out of range in time Titania grabs him and with shocking speed slams him across her knee back first in a powerful backbreaker then tossing him into the air leaps up and grabs him as he is upside down then spinning at an extreme speed screams "Typhoon driver" and slams down onto the ground with him between her legs head first, but is shocked when he disappears in a puff of smoke.

"What sort of trickery is this?" She yelled looking around for Lightning and seeing him ten feet away wagging his finger at her

"I wasn't born yesterday I could tell you were most likely powerful in close combat what with those rippling muscles that almost make you look like a man, but I too am very skilled in close combat as well as Ninjutsu you only attacked a shadow clone of mine. Now watch this. KAGEBUSHIN NO JUTSU" Lightningheart said spawning sixty clones of himself. Keeping ten of the clones back the other fifty rush in and distract Titania while the ten clones and Lightningheart himself prepare a condensed wind sphere which is similar in nature but not power to the Rasengan, in each of their right hands.

Blow after blow Titania disperses the shadow clones but is quickly losing stamina by having to deal with so many foes at once. When she only has one clone left she punches it right in the face causing it to disappear but right as she does she is hit in the stomach with a wind sphere from the first of the ten clones. As she soars across the arena another clone appears right in her path and sends her flying in the opposite direction by striking with his own wind sphere. Flying around the arena from being hit constantly with wind spheres she finally is hit by Lightningheart as he and his clones yell "Light ning heart Uzumaki barrage." And sends her flying straight up as he used it in an uppercut fashion.

Slamming into the ground hard Titiania attempts to get to her feet but falls back down in a dead faint from the beating she just took.

“The winner of the match is Uzumaki Lightningheart.” Iruka yelled as Lightning walks over and helps Titiania’s team mates carry her back to their bench in a show of sportsmanship. Going back to his own bench Lightning sits down next to Crystal and says, “piece of cake.”

“Don’t get cocky Lightning there are still plenty of fights left and you don’t know who your next opponent is. Although that was pretty cool variation on the Uzumaki Barrage your dad invented years ago. I kinda feel bad for Shikamaru though that poison really took his energy from him I would have loved to see him participate.” Crystal said in a serious tone.

“Yeah it sucks but at least Borgi was nice enough to help.”

“The second match of the tournament will be Shorina of the village hidden in the sand verses Aquaria of the village hidden in the waterfall.” Iruka announced

Walking onto the field Shorina, wearing desert tactical gear and carrying a large re-curve bow made of solid white oak and a quiver of arrows on her back, bows to her opponent from a decent distance across the battlefield.

As Iruka drops his hand signaling the start of the match Aquaria starts playing a melody on a conch shell flute that she carried around her neck. As the melody fills the arena those who hear it start rocking to and fro transfixed by the music. Walking over to Shorina Aquaria continues to play her flute, as she gets in range she holds a long note and strikes at Shorina with a devastating kick that sends her flying into a wall. Quickly getting to her feet after being released from the spell of the flute Shorina quickly places her earmuffs on to protect herself from

more sound attacks and starts firing arrow after arrow from her bow. As each arrow is loosed they change color either a bright red/yellow like fire which when they contacted something exploded in a large radius, or a pure white as they picked up speed causing an ear-piercing whistle as they reached a speed of Mach one. Using earth nature chakra Aquaria coats her body with the dust that was flying through the air from the explosions and hardens it to give her a neigh impenetrable armor as she charged at Shorina still playing her flute.

Reaching into her quiver Shorina is shocked to find that she only has one left and takes careful aim waiting for the perfect shot to end the match. Seeing her opportunity she fires a Mach speed arrow and thinks she has won the match but at the last second Aquaria turns sideways and instead of being pierced by the arrow cries out in rage as the arrow shatters her flute. Getting close enough to strike Aquaria fights like a wild demon enraged that her precious flute was destroyed and as one of her blows is blocked by the staff of the bow, it shatters it from the force of impact reducing the strength of the attack but it continues through the shaft and connects solidly with Shorina's jaw sending her flying headfirst into the wall knocking her out.

As medical Ninja rush onto the field to check on Shorina Iruka announces, "Your winner, Aquaria of the village hidden in the waterfall."

As the Medical Ninja carry Shorina off the field on a liter Iruka says, "Match three's combatants are Posidus of the village hidden in the waterfall verses Gancha of the sand."

As Posidus takes to the field in his shining armor Gancha walks out with a bored look on his face wearing a blue and red sarong with a small gourd attached to his waist. As Iruka signals the start of the match Posidus keeping his extremely large round shield that covered him from neck to ankle on one side, calls up his water chakra and creates what looks like a barrier on the

rest of his exposed skin. Unsheathing his sword he circles Gancha carefully waiting for him to make the first move.

Taking a sip from his gourd Gancha says, “So what are you supposed to be a warrior or a coward, only a weakling uses a shield.”

Enraged at being called a coward Posidus charges at Gancha and raising his shield just in time intercepts the fireball that Gancha had spit with it and immediately drops it as the thing heated up instantly leaving a large burn on his arm. Spreading the water barrier around to cover the burn and his now exposed left side Posidus slashes and hacks at Gancha who effortlessly leaps out of the range of the blade. Realizing that he wasn’t going to get anywhere until he could stop the fireballs Posidus comes to the realization that Gancha has taken a sip from his gourd after every fifth fireball. Throwing his sword like a spear he manages to pierce the gourd near the bottom and caused all of its liquid to spill onto the ground.

Looking at his now ruined gourd Gancha decided it was time to stop playing with this fool from the waterfall village and launches himself right at Posidus and after a few well-placed strikes to the joints has him on the ground in a painful hold on the legs that could leave Posidus unable to walk ever again if Gancha decided to twist the hold just right. “Forfeit the match or you never walk again Posidus.” Gancha said applying a little more pressure to the hold.”

Feeling the bone in his leg starting to splinter, Posidus screams “I FORFEIT,” ending the match.

As the field clears Crystal turns to Lightningheart and says, “Well looks like I’m up. Wish me luck lightning.”

“Good luck Crystal, break a leg.” Lightningheart said causing Crystal to face palm at the joke he made at the expense of Posidus.

“The fourth match of the first round of the tournament is Crystal of the hidden leaf village verses Borgi of the sand.” Iruka announced as both Crystal and Borgi took the field.

Taking position about fifteen feet apart from each other Borgi says as Iruka signals the matches start, “Tell me Crystal do you know what the most common fear is in our world?”

Stopping her attack at the oddness of Borgi’s question Crystal says, “Why does that matter now Borgi?”

“This is why.” He replies as the box on his back explodes outwards from him revealing a six foot tall spider puppet that had two extra limbs that were ended with razor sharp sword blades. Relishing in the screams of fear from the audience and from Crystal Borgi says, “That’s right arachnophobia is the most common fear. And my precious Widow will show you just how scary spiders really are.”

At this he sends Widow on the attack having it charge right for Crystal. Unsheathing the hammer at her waist Crystal charges it with chakra causing it to emit an aquamarine glow while causing a loud crackling and popping sound due to the electricity flowing rapidly through it. As Widow draws near it slashes at Crystal who dodged and parried its attacks effortlessly.

Looking for an opening that would allow her to bypass Widow and get in striking range of Borgi Crystal misses the kick that Widow launched at her stomach and is sent flying. Coming to a halt with a painful crash against the wall Crystal struggles to her feet and is taken back by the sudden warm feeling coming from the front of her pants. Looking down Crystal sees that she

had wet herself and, turning a deep shade of red from embarrassment, launches herself with great speed at Widow and bringing her hammer down on its head shatters it into several pieces as he plows through its body. Keeping her momentum going Crystal draws close to Borgi who took a defensive stance and using Crystals momentum against her throws her across the arena causing her to flip end over end and come crashing to a halt once again against the wall. Struggling to her feet again Crystal drops her hammer and channeling an immense amount of chakra bites her thumb hard enough to make it bleed and makes a few hand signs then slaps her hand onto the ground summoning six rather large wolfhounds and using them as a distraction, in which they ran circles around Borgi and leaping close to him snapped their jaw close to his vitals and one of which came close to getting his manhood, charges in and slashes at Borgi with an arm covered in aquamarine colored lightning, at first nothing seems to have happened. After a moment Borgi collapses to his knees and with a labored breathing says, "I FORFEIT."

As the Medical Ninja rush over to check on the two Iruka says loudly, "The winner of the fourth match Crystal. Before the semi-finals we will have a ninety minute break to give each of the remaining contestants a chance to recover."

Up in the diplomats' box...

"So Gaara what do you think of the tournament so far?" Naruto asked looking at his longtime friend and equal.

"Honestly I was surprised by that last match. Borgi has never lost a battle since my brother Kankuro became his mentor. That young lady has great power. Your son has also caught my eye. Who would have thought that he would be able to create so many shadow clones at once at his age? Using his shadow clone to gauge the power of that amazon from the village hidden in

the waterfall was actually pretty ingenious. By the way do you have any idea why my nephew Shikamaru Jr. forfeited being in the tournament, I wasn't told?"

"Unfortunately I do not know old friend but I can find out." Naruto said waiving over one of the attendants. "Please go down to the arena floor and find out from Iruka why young Shikamaru Jr. forfeited his place in the tournament."

"As you wish Hokage." The attendant said.

Moments later, "Lord Hokage it appears that during the second task Gennin Shikamaru Jr. was poisoned with a complex toxin that paralyzed him completely. Young Borgi was able to identify the toxin and gave him an antidote but he was not fit to participate in the tournament."

"Thank you. You may return to your post." Naruto said looking down at the arena thinking.

Back on the arena floor...

In a screened off square a female medical corps ninja examines Crystal saying, "Well there appears to be no damage to your insides that I can find, but to be on the safe side to avoid any embarrassment on your part maybe we should put a diaper on you just in case you lose control of your bladder again."

"How many times do I have to tell you that it was just an accident caused by being kicked in the stomach with a full bladder? I just didn't have time to use the bathroom before my match." Crystal argued turning a bright shade of red out of embarrassment.

“Still it’s better to be safe than sorry. If you don’t end up needing it then you don’t have to wear them anymore. Now if you want you can put it on yourself but I’m not letting you leave this exam booth without wearing one.”

Seeing there was no way out of it Crystal says, “Fine just give me the damn thing so I can get out of here and get something to drink before the next round starts.”

Handing a diaper that somehow matched her pants in design the medic turns her back on crystal and lets her diaper herself. After another minute crystal says, “There you can see for yourself I’m wearing it now can I go?”

Turning around the medic sees that crystal is holding her pants in her hand and had indeed put the diaper on. “Very well dear you can put your pants on and leave the booth.”

After slipping her pants on Crystal runs to one of the concession stands in the upper part of the arena and purchases a French Vanilla ice cream float using a Vanilla Coke as the soda, she also got herself a pretzel and a bottle of water to keep herself hydrated after her next match. Running back to the arena floor Crystal scarfs down the pretzel and sips her float enjoying the thick rich flavor of the vanilla with the slight tang of the base flavor of the coke. Sitting down in the shade next to Lightningheart and says, “So who do you think you’re going to face in the next match?”

“Well after seeing the other two matches I know that you and I won’t be against each other, were both stronger than the other two fighters combined. They would want to see us as a final fight. If I had my choice of opponents though I would have to say, I would like to take on Gancha. That way each of us will have fought one of the sand ninja and waterfall ninja.”

Hearing a crinkling coming from Crystal as she resettled herself Lightningheart asks, “Did they really put a diaper on you in the medical exam area? I hope you’re not injured and really need them.”

Turning a faint shade of red Crystal replies, “Yes they did despite my arguments and explanation. They said that there was no visible damage but they wanted me to wear it “just in case.” I don’t know how you can wear these things full time.”

Shrugging his shoulders Lightningheart says, “I’ve worn them my whole life so I guess I’m just used to it. Don’t worry Crystal I doubt you’ll end up needing to wear them full time. And even if you do I’ll be there to help ya through adjusting to them.”

Blushing even harder Crystal says, “Thanks Lightning I knew I could count on you. Wanna sip of my float?”

“Nah I can’t have any more milk today. I’m slightly lactose intolerant and can only have the equivalent of 2 cups of milk a day otherwise I start having problems. Thanks for offering though. Oh looks like it’s time for the next match.” Lightningheart said seeing Iruka walk out into the middle of the arena floor.

“The first match of the Semi-Finals is Uzumaki Lightningheart verses Aquaria.”

Dusting off his pants Lightningheart walks out into the middle of the arena and prepares to fight. Seeing that Aquaria is holding a large Trident made of gold painted steel, Lightningheart braces himself readjusting the gloves attached to his top making sure the steel plates are placed properly over his knuckles. Activating his Byakugan Lightningheart launches himself at Aquaria the second Iruka signals the start of the match.

Slashing horizontally with the trident Aquaria launches a wave of water at Lightningheart, knocking him back and leaving a shallow cut in his shirt and stomach.

Reversing direction with her trident she slashes diagonally this time severing the belt on his pants and shredding one of the legs, causing them to fall off revealing his diaper which caused her to stop out of shock. Suddenly she starts laughing and taunting him saying, “Awe what’s this? Are you a Gennin or a giant baby? Maybe you should learn to use the potty like everyone else before you try being a ninja.”

Going into a rage at being embarrassed and then made fun of for his need to wear diapers Lightningheart forms the orb for his RasenInferno in his hand and opening the first gate uses the burst of power to speed up to Aquaria before she has a chance to counter and hitting her in the sternum with the RasenInferno he yells “RASENINFERNO” right as he connects with the orb a giant flaming cyclone appears and launches Aquaria into the air burning her severely as it incinerates her clothes and dissipating after a minute slams her into the ground unconscious.

Ignoring the shocked mutters that came from the stands which sounded like a low buzzing Lightningheart walks back to where he left Crystal and grabs his bag and says, “I’m gonna go change into some new pants good luck on your match.”

“The winner of the first match of the Semi-Finals Uzumaki Lightningheart, the next match will pit Crystal of the Leaf verses Gancha of the Sand.” Iruka said breaking through the shock of what just happened as the Medical Corps quickly get Aquaria off the field on a litter to treat her severe burns.

Walking to the middle of the battlefield Crystal takes a defensive posture and awaits Iruka’s signal to start while analyzing her opponent. Remembering his match earlier she thinks to

herself, “he is as strong as he looks at least. He knows painful joint locks, and he is very agile. I will have to be careful with this one if I get into close range.”

As Iruka signals the start of the match Gancha quickly makes several hand signs and says, “Earth style; Earth Armor Jutsu,” and after smashing his fist into the ground he becomes coated with an immense amount of dirt that molds itself to look like full plate armor with spiked gauntlets yet allowing him to move freely as if he wore nothing extra at all. Charging at Crystal Gancha lashes out with his newly gauntleted fist aiming for her heart, hoping to have a quick victory. Right as he strikes crystal a puff of smoke appears and she is replaced with a large log that was now stuck to the spikes on Gancha’s fist.

“No I don’t think I’m going to let you touch me while you wear that armor of yours.” Crystal taunted from high up on the wall. Making a few hand signs of her own Crystal says, “Lightning style; Lightning shower jutsu.” And leaping from the wall she claps her hands and aims straight down at Gancha loosing several bolts of electricity from her fingers. Trying to dodge the bolts of electricity and failing Gancha is slammed to the ground as his armor disintegrates around him.

Over by the hallway to the restrooms for the contestants Lightningheart is just returning from changing out of his ruined pants and says to himself, “hunh Crystal has been practicing. Her aim with that move used to really suck.”

As Crystal lands she holds her right hand palm up and concentrating forms a ball of aquamarine chakra that was rotating extremely fast. As Gancha struggles to his feet he looks around and seeing where Crystal was he bites his thumb and starts making hand signs. Before he can finish his summoning Crystal charges in and slams the ball into his chest yelling,

“Rasengan,” sending Gancha flying into a wall. As Gancha slides down to the base Crystal straightens up as Iruka checks on him to see if he is able to continue.

Straightening up Iruka announces, “Gancha of the Sand has conceded the match, the winner is Crystal of the Leaf. Before the final match we will have a half hour intermission to prepare the arena.” Walking over to Gancha Crystal offers him her hand and as he takes it she helps him to his feet. Shaking his hand and thanking him for a nice match Crystal walks back to Lightningheart who was gap mouthed staring at her.

“Why are you looking at me like that Lightning?”

“You...you...you used the Rasengan...but...how did you learn to do it who taught you?”

“Nobody taught me. I learned how to do it on my own.”

“That’s impossible, your good Crystal but nobody is that good.”

“I am, and like you I even took it a step further, and if you don’t be nice I’ll use it on you in our match.”

“I call bullshit on that, there is no way you outdid me again and with my family’s own special move. My grandfather invented the Rasengan, and I have been working with it since pop taught me when we were in the academy.”

Snorting in derision Crystal says, “Fine don’t believe me but don’t come crying to me when I blow your diapered butt away with my own version.”

Grabbing her bottle of water Crystal drains it and decides to make a quick bathroom break before her match. When she gets back Lightning is still grumbling to himself and she decides it's best to just let him be.

Meanwhile back in the diplomats box...

"That was an amazing match, albeit kinda short. How did you manage to teach two young ninja your signature move Naruto?" Gaara asked

"I didn't. I barely managed to teach my son how to do it before he graduated from the academy and was placed with his squad. He told me himself that he has been secretly practicing this new form we just saw. As for Crystal knowing it I can only speculate that my son taught her how to do it, though I have my doubts. Kakashi do you know if Lightningheart taught that move to Crystal; you're his squad leader so I figured you would know more than I?" Naruto said ponderously

"Actually no I never saw them working together on that move Lord Hokage. All his spare time the past six months has been spent developing his new RasenInferno." Replied Kakashi

"Kakashi I keep telling you that you don't have to be so formal with me. You were my squad leader and I respect you so much that it feels wrong to have you talk to me that way." Naruto said uncomfortably.

"If you insist Naruto, so anyone want to make a wager on who will win the final match?" Kakashi said slyly.

"I'll bet \$200 on Crystal; Sorry Naruto but I honestly think she is more talented than your son." Tsunade said drawing Naruto, Kakashi and Gaara's attention.

“I’ll take that bet grandma Tsunade.” Naruto said before Kakashi could.

“Well since ya beat me to accepting the bet Naruto I’ll do this for ya. If Lightningheart does not win the match I’ll treat you, Hinata and Lightningheart to Ichiraku’s and I’ll get little Flaresong a jumbo hotdog to boot.” Kakashi said earning a smile from little Flaresong who was sitting in Hinata’s lap on Naruto’s left.

Back on the arena floor...

Walking over to Crystal as Iruka was finishing setting up the arena traps Lightningheart says, “You know that wasn’t very nice of you to make fun of my wearing a diaper, especially since you have one on now too. Perhaps I should find a way to reveal your diaper to the audience like Aquaria did to me and let you feel the embarrassment I felt.”

Blanching at this Crystal says nervously, “You wouldn’t?”

“Oh yes I would. Unless you apologize that is.”

“Alright I’m sorry. You’re right it wasn’t very nice of me to do that. I’m sorry and I promise not to make fun of your need for them in the future.”

Just then Iruka announces, “The final match of the Chunin exam is Crystal of the Leaf verses Uzumaki Lightningheart. This match will take place with all of the booby-traps of the arena active.”

Walking over to Iruka, Crystal and Lightningheart take their positions ten feet apart from each other and get into a defensive posture. Unsheathing her hammer Crystal slips the strap on its hilt onto her wrist as Lightningheart adjusts his gloves resettling the plates on his knuckles. Signaling the start of the fight Iruka barely manages to get out of the way when Crystal and

Lightningheart come to a head right where he was striking Lightningheart's fist against Crystals hammer sending sparks up upon impact. Striking out with a roundhouse kick Lightningheart loses balance as Crystal ducks and kicks him in the back with a front thrust kick.

Letting his momentum carry him forward Lightningheart allows himself to fall and rolls through his shoulder popping back up to his feet and taking another defensive stance. As Crystal charges him again he uses a similar throw on her that Borgi had used earlier sending her flying towards a wall. Regaining control in midflight Crystal flips over and as she reaches the wall kicks off from it landing a few feet in front of it. Suddenly a hole appears in the wall behind her with a noise loud enough for her to hear.

Turning around Crystal sees the hole and throws herself to the side just as a great gout of flame erupts from the hole. As the hole closes up Lightningheart charges over and leaping into the air drives his fist directly at Crystal's stomach. Rolling out of the way Crystal sweeps Lightningheart's legs out from under him as he lands causing him to fall hard on his back. Rolling over his shoulder Lightningheart pops back to his feet again and launches another attack.

Back and forth the two go at it using just about every trick they know and setting off several more traps; which ranged from a spring loaded platform that launched Lightningheart into the air unexpectedly, to a volley of kunai from a concealed part of the wall that shredded most of Crystals Shirt because she didn't get out of the way in time and only managed to turn sideways to the kunai preventing them from impaling her.

Panting heavily Lightningheart and Crystal stare each other down a good distance from each other as they each form a Rasengan orb in their hands. Slowly Lightningheart modifies his into the RasenInferno as Crystal causes hers to sprout a long pointed shaft from the front and

back that rotated like a drill. Charging at Crystal Lightningheart yells, “RasenInferno” and thrusts his hand forward as Crystal throws hers yelling, “RasenLightningJavelin.” As the RasenInferno is struck in the center with the RasenLightningJavelin there is a great explosion that sends Crystal flying headfirst into a wall knocking her out and trapping Lightningheart inside the flaming vortex of the RasenInferno which was now laced with extremely powerful bolts of lightning causing more damage to him than just being burned. As the vortex dissipates Lightningheart slams into the ground unconscious and four Medical Corps ninja rush onto the field with two litters. Checking on both Crystal and Lightningheart they use their headsets to tell Iruka that they are both alive but are unconscious. And carefully put them on a litter and quickly take both Crystal and Apocalypse to the hospital to be treated properly for their wounds.

“Ladies and gentlemen for the first time in the history of the Chunin exams we have a draw for the final match of the tournament both Crystal and Lightningheart were knocked unconscious by that final attack. This is a most shocking outcome for the Chunin exams.” Iruka announced loudly as people started to leave, talking about what had just happened.

In the diplomats box...

“Mommy is big bwover going to be ok?” Flaresong asked with tears in her eyes.

Not wanting to make her daughter anymore upset Hinata says, “I believe so Flare, he is very strong so he will be just fine. I promise.”

“Kakashi I hope you understand but I’ll need a rain check on Ichiraku’s. Gaara it was nice to see you again. Let me know when your son is born so I can come visit.” Naruto said quickly as he and Hinata stood.

“It was great catching up with you Naruto. I’ll send a messenger bird as soon as Jr. is born; I have to anyway since Temari would kick my ass if I didn’t tell her that her first nephew was born. Now go check on your son.” Gaara said shaking hands with Naruto and Hinata.

“I understand Naruto you’re worried about Lightningheart. If you don’t mind may I accompany you?” Kakashi said revealing his own distress at the condition of Crystal and Lightningheart.

“Of course. Come on let’s get moving.” Naruto said launching himself out of the box towards the stands and running across the rooftops between the arena and the hospital.

Twelve hours later...

Groaning in pain Crystal opens her eyes and is greeted by the sight of Kakashi who says, “Well it’s about time you woke up. How do you feel?”

Trying to speak Crystal is unable to articulate the words because her mouth is bone dry. Accepting the cup of water Kakashi gave her she drains it and says, “Apart from a splitting headache and general soreness in my bones not bad. How long have I been unconscious?”

“Twelve hours, but...” Kakashi started with a tone of sadness to it.

“What is it Kakashi sensei? Is Lightningheart ok?” Crystal asked worriedly.

“Lightningheart will be just fine, though he is going to need to stay sedated for another day or so. When his RasenInferno backfired on him thanks to your RasenLightningJavelin he was burned really bad and Sakura says that for him to heal properly he needs to stay sedated so that the medics can carefully remove the dead skin and treat the burn. The reason I paused wasn’t because of him.” Kakashi said pausing again.

“Oh just get it out already sensei you’re driving me insane.” Crystal said irritated. Turning a dark red Crystal feels herself peeing though she didn’t have the pressure in her abdomen like she normally did, even worse to her embarrassment she also felt herself unload. Carefully raising her sheets to investigate the damage crystal sees that she is wearing a thick purple diaper and says in a very upset voice. “What the hell. Why am I wearing a diaper?”

“Crystal calm down. I’m sorry to say this but you are going to need them for a while. When you hit the wall after the explosion you damaged part of your brain, specifically the part that controls your bladder and bowels. Sakura says she might be able to fix the damage but she wants the swelling to go down all the way first before she tries it. She said that the damage might be temporary and we should take the safe route and try letting it fix itself first while the swelling goes down. But while that is happening you will be completely incontinent.” Kakashi said in a calm caring voice as he put a hand on her shoulder.

Bursting into silent tears Crystal says, “Just my luck I finally become Lightning’s equal in Ninjutsu and it ends up causing me to go back to being in diapers. This just totally sucks.”

Standing up Kakashi says, “I’ll send a nurse over to change you while I go check on Lightning. Try to calm down Crystal it could be worse. And just because you need them does not mean you can’t still go on mission. I mean look at lightning he is stuck in them permanently despite Sakura’s treatment and he still manages to be a great ninja, so will you. By the way I received word from the Judges while you were out. Congratulations you, Lightning and miraculously Shikamaru Jr. are now Chunin. The judges understood the reason he was unable to compete in the tournament and used a sliding scale to judge his score when looking at what he did during the first two exams.”

Forty-five minutes later Naruto, Hinata and Flaresong walk in together. “Look mommy Cwystals awake.” Flaresong said bouncing up and down in excitement pointing at Crystal who was sitting up in bed reading a book.

“I see that dear now settle down this is a hospital and people are trying to rest.” Hinata said quietly.

As the three reach Crystals bed Naruto, taking a seat on her right says, “Well you certainly showed quite the skill yesterday Crystal. How are you feeling?”

“A little sore my lord Hokage but I will be fine.” Crystal said bowing from the waist up in her bed.

“Please, it’s just Naruto when I’m not on duty. Are you well enough to answer a few questions for us my dear. We will try not to keep you from your rest very long.” Naruto said in a fatherly voice.

Blushing slightly from the way he was addressing her, like the father she never knew, Crystal says, “I will try to answer you as best I can lord...I mean Naruto.”

“See that wasn’t so hard. Now tell me, how did you learn to use the Rasengan? That technique was only taught to one person outside my family after my father invented it, and that man taught it to me but nobody else.” Naruto asked in a gentle voice.

Before answering Crystal makes a few hand signs and says, “Wind style; White noise jutsu” and tracing a circle in the air she makes it large enough to surround her bed Naruto, Hinata and Flaresong.

“Sorry about that but what I have to say has to remain secret and this will make whatever we say sound like a thousand locusts buzzing to anyone who tries to eavesdrop on us. Anyway to answer your question it was not easy to learn the Rasengan, especially since I did it on my own. You see I have this ability where I can learn any Jutsu as long as I am able to understand the principal mechanics and physics behind it whether I only read about it or actually see it. The more complex the jutsu is the longer it takes for me to learn the skill. My special skill is a secret power of my family that was bequeathed to us by some deity or god or something I’m not really sure. I found this out when I was going through some of dad’s old things that the orphanage kept locked away for me until I was able to live on my own, it said that some powerful creature granted this gift to our bloodline for all eternity for a kindness that we had done for it.”

“I see. Well I can certainly see why you would want that to be kept secret.” Hinata said

“So because of this special ability your clan has you were able to learn the Rasengan. How did you come up with the design of your RasenLightningJavelin?” Naruto said kindly

“Well after I mastered the Rasengan for myself I started reading about your RasenShuriken, how you changed the form and nature of it. So I figured that with enough practice I would be able to change it as well. It only took me half the time to master that compared to the actual Rasengan after I figured out exactly what I was attempting to do. You see my base chakra nature is Lightning, and I’ve always been fascinated by thunderstorms, up to the point where I would sneak out of the orphanage during them and sit on the roof under my umbrella and watch the lightning flash about. So I figured since lightning flies from point to point, I should combine the elemental nature of lightning and the form of a spear to make a powerful and impressive looking move that could make me better at ranged combat.

“Well it certainly is powerful and impressive looking.” Hinata said handing Crystal a peeled apple as she gave Flaresong a slice of the other one she had peeled.

“Thank you ma’am, by the way how is Lightning doing I know Kakashi sensei said that he was to be kept sedated for another day but I was hoping to go see him if the nurse will let me, and with your permission of course.” Crystal said taking the apple.

“He came out of surgery a little over an hour ago he is bandaged up pretty heavily but he is conscious, though he is as high as a kite from the pain killers. I have no problem with you seeing him if you want to. I know your close friends. And it would help him immensely to know you’re alright too, even if he doesn’t remember seeing you right away.” Hinata said patting Crystal’s leg through the blanket.

Face turning a faint shade of red Crystal whispers, “not again,” just as Flaresong started to whimper.

Feeling Flaresong’s diaper swelling Hinata hands her to Naruto with her diaper bag and says, “It’s your turn dear.”

Taking Flaresong in his arm and draping the diaper bag over his shoulder he says as he walks away from Crystal, “Come on sweetie daddy will take care of you.”

Once her husband was out of the ring that Crystal had set down to thwart eavesdroppers Hinata says, “I know why you whispered what you did. Since you have no next of kin my husband and I took the role of your guardian, until you woke up that is, and the doctors ran everything by us so we could make an informed decision on your behalf. Would you like me to change you or would you rather have a nurse do it.”

“Honestly Lady Hinata I could do it myself if I had the supplies. I don’t want to be a bother to anyone.” Crystal said turning an even deeper shade of red.

“Well if you’re sure then I’ll let you do it yourself. Here I took the liberty of getting you some supplies while you were unconscious. I even used a transformation jutsu to change the look of their backing to match your pants.” Hinata said pulling a camouflage patterned bag from under Crystal’s bed.

“Thank you Lady Hinata. I’ll pay you back for this when I start going on missions again and have some extra money.”

“Don’t worry about it dear. You are my son’s best friend. If you need help with anything, or just want to talk, feel free to come to me or my husband.” Hinata said as she drew the privacy screen so Crystal could change without being seen by anyone.

“Thank you ma’am. Oh do you know that Lightning, Shikamaru Jr. and I were all made Chunin?”

“No I didn’t that is wonderful news congratulations. Now I really must be going I have to check on Lightningheart again before visiting hours are over.” Hinata said as she started to step out of the screen.

“Goodbye then, and give Lightning a hug for me.” Crystal said as she started unfastening her soiled diaper.

“I will. Take care of yourself Crystal.” At that Hinata walks out of the hospital room and goes to check on her son.

Chapter 5

Sitting in bed reading a comic book Lightningheart is relaxing for the first time since the Chunin exams. It has been four weeks since his accident with Crystal and he was finally no longer bandaged like a mummy. He was still seeing Lady Sakura every day to monitor the progress of his healing but he was becoming very bored being forbidden to go on any missions while he healed. Finishing the comic he gets up and puts it back on the shelf and grabs the next one. As he sits back down on his bed the door opens. Looking up he sees Crystal standing there with her camouflage bag and says, "Hey Crystal how's it going? Come on in and take a load off you look beat. Did you enjoy going on that mission with Master Lee?"

Setting her bag down at the foot of his bed Crystal sits on the end and says, "Oh yeah it was "loads" of fun. He may have said that he would take the winner of the tournament during our final's but what he failed to mention was that he was going to ask for a C rank mission. I was bored out of my skull and all he ever let me do was sit up in a tree and act as a lookout for him."

"Oh well at least you get to go on missions still, mom and pop agreed with Lady Sakura and I can't leave home except to go to my appointments with her until she deems me "healed." I may be a bit tender yet but I have full range of motion. Every day I sit here means more work I have to return to when I'm finally released. I'm not even allowed to go shopping. So what brings you to my humble abode?"

"I came by to see how you were recovering. Your mom said that you needed some cheering up. I thought you might want to watch some movies with me or play a game."

"Anything beats sitting around doing nothing, do you know that I've read every comic book I own six times since the accident that ended our match? So what kind of movie you have in mind?"

“Oh I brought along some classics. I got all of the great old black and white mystery movies, some Three Stooges dvd’s and an entire season of Whose Line is it Anyway?, and if those don’t suit your fancy I got some Cartoon movies.”

As Crystal said the last Flaresong waddles into the room rubbing the sleep from her eyes and says, “Big bwover can I watch da movies with you too.”

Looking at Crystal, who smiles and nods, Lightningheart picks Flaresong up and says, “Hey Flare, sure you can, did you have a good nap?”

Wrapping her arms around his neck in a hug Flaresong says, “Unhunh but my diapy weaked while I swept.” Sniffing the air she continues, “I fink you needs a change too big bwover I can smwell your diapy.”

Knowing that he had just changed his a few minutes before Crystal had come over and was dry as a bone he glances a questioning look at Crystal and seeing her turn a bright shade of red says, “I’ll take care of mine after we get you changed and settled onto the couch sis.”

As soon as Lightningheart had exited the room Crystal runs into the bathroom and changes her diaper blushing furiously at being ousted by Flaresong. She hadn’t wanted Lightningheart to find out this way and felt worse because of it. Wrapping the soiled diaper and wipes into a scent killing plastic bag she puts it into her bag and after washing her hands heads to the living room to spread the Dvd’s out so they could choose from the selection.

A moment later Lightning comes out with Flaresong on his hip and puts her on the couch saying, “Be a good girl and stay there for a bit sis while I get some snacks for us ok. Crystal would you give me a hand?”

Getting up to join him in the kitchen Crystal watches as he pulls a couple bowls out of the cupboard and puts them on the counter and getting some chips and pretzels out of the pantry. Keeping his voice low so Flaresong can't hear them he asks Crystal, "So when were ya going to tell me? I told you I would help you adjust to needing them to make it less embarrassing for you."

Pulling out two regular cups for them and one of Flaresong's Sippy cups from the cupboard Crystal says, "Sorry Lightning. I was trying to pluck up the courage but at first you were too doped up to remember anything thanks to your burns then I went on that joke of a "mission" with Master Lee. I was going to tell you before we watched the movies but your sister ousted me before I could. To tell the truth I'm surprised you didn't know already."

Putting the chips and pretzel bags back in the pantry Lightningheart stares at Crystal and says, "What is that supposed to mean? If you didn't tell me and you weren't ousted by Flare how was I supposed to find out?"

Grabbing the juice jug out of the refrigerator Crystal fills Flaresong's Sippy cup and says, "Well...your parents know about it. Your mom is the one who got my camouflage bag for me. After your dad left to change Flare when they were talking to me your mom told me how since I didn't have a next of kin she and your dad offered to act on my behalf as guardians until I woke up. She told me everything the doctors said and gave me the bag with a decent amount of supplies inside."

"Well while they kept something this big from me I'm happy they didn't tell me themselves. It was your secret and problem and only you had the right to tell me if you wanted me to know. I'm sorry I got mad. I mean what I said though if you ever need help with it, you

know just adjusting to having to wear them, or have any questions I'll answer them. You're one of my best friends and I want to help you if I can." Lightningheart said giving Crystal the hug she needed.

After a moment he lets her go as she says, "Thanks Lightning I needed that." and filling their cups with ice she grabs a bottle of soda and carries the drinks into the living room while Lightning brought the two bowls of snacks.

"So Flare which movie you want to watch?" Lightningheart asked his sister as he set the bowls on the table.

"Can we watch Whose Wine?" Flaresong asked picking up the dvd box handing it to Lightningheart. Popping it into the player and turning the TV over to the channel for it and sitting down on the couch Lightningheart hands Flaresong her cup and a handful of pretzels on a napkin. An hour later the three are laughing hysterically as Colin Mochrie licks Ryan Stiles head during the game, "Let's make a date" when the phone rings.

Getting up Lightning walks into the kitchen so he can hear the person on the other end and says, "Uzumaki residence Lightningheart speaking, how can I help you?"

Quickly he holds the receiver at arm's length as a voice yells at him saying, "How about you start with why your twenty minutes late for your check up?"

"Crap, Lady Sakura I'm so sorry if you still want me to come in I can be there in five minutes. I was distracted while watching a movie with my baby sister."

"Well get your ass up here then, and shake a leg." Sakura said before slamming the receiver down.

Running back into the living room Lightning says, “Crystal can you do me a favor and watch Flare for me for a bit I forgot all about the time and I’m late for my appointment with Lady Sakura.”

“Sure I’ll take care of her. You better hurry if her temper is really as bad as they say it is she won’t be too happy, best not to make her wait any longer than you have to.”

“Thanks I’ll be back as soon as I can. Flaresong you be on your best behavior I’m giving Crystal permission to discipline you while I’m gone if you misbehave.” Lightningheart said as he flew out the door.

Five minutes later at the hospital...

Panting heavily Lightningheart enters Sakura’s office and says, “I’m sorry that...I’m so late...Lady Sakura.”

“Well sit on the table and I’ll have a look at you.” Sakura said getting up from her seat as Lightningheart obeyed and sat on the examining table.

Quickly Sakura uses her scanning jutsu and is pleased that the only damage she sees is just superficial surface damage and says, “Alright get up and show me the range of motion you have with everything.”

Standing up Lightningheart first rotates his arms in a full circle out to his sides then bends them up behind his back reaching the middle of his back between the shoulder blades. Sitting on the floor he puts his legs out in front of him and stretches as far as he can. Then spreading his legs into a V he leans forward and touches his face to the floor, standing back up he bends backwards until he is completely horizontal from the waist up.

“Very well you seem to have full range of movement back, so I’m releasing you to be able to go on missions again, though I want you to continue using my burn cream until you no longer have pain. I’ll send a note to your father to let him know but you are to return home until he or your mother gets there.” Sakura said writing on a prescription pad.

“Thank you Lady Sakura.” Lightningheart said taking the prescription from her.

After stopping at the pharmacy to get his prescription Lightningheart feels so happy at finally being allowed back on missions that he made a small detour to the toy store and bought a new stuffed animal for Flaresong and a pair of new model kits for himself. A few minutes later he walks in the front door and hears Flaresong crying hard. Following the sound to her bedroom he sees that Flaresong is fighting Crystal tooth and nail on her changing table screaming, “I don’t want you to change me I want big bwover to do it.”

Suddenly Flaresong freezes completely eyes falling shut after Crystal taps her on the forehead. Crystal breathing a sigh proceeds to change Flaresong uninterrupted and is just taping the diaper up when Lightningheart, shaking out of his stupor at what Crystal had done says, “How did you do that Crystal? Only mom and dad have found a way to quiet Flare when she is in one of her tantrums.”

With a small jump from shock Crystal turns to Lightning and putting Flaresong into her bed she says, “It’s a simple sleeping Ninjutsu that I learned. She should be out for at least an hour. So how did your checkup go? And could I borrow some bandages and ointment for the scratches Flare gave me.”

Walking with Crystal out of Flaresong’s room he goes into the bathroom and pulling out the box of Band-Aids and antibiotic ointment from the medicine chest says, “Great, Lady Sakura

released me to go back on missions again but I gotta wait for mom or pop to come home to let them know. I was so happy I made a small detour to get a couple model kits for me and a new stuffed animal for Flare but since she was misbehaving just now I am going to hold off on giving it to her until after she wakes up and apologizes to you.”

Bandaging her arms Crystal says, “Well that’s good news. Kakashi sensei hinted to me that once you and Shikamaru were better, that he was going to take us on a camping trip to help us hone our special qualities, whatever that means.”

“Whatever it means can only be good news for us. You know how Kakashi sensei is. So if you don’t mind me asking what caused Flaresong to go full blown tantrum on you?”

“I have no idea, one minute we were sitting on the couch laughing to Whose Line, and the next she has a full diaper and is running away from me screaming “I don’t want some green headed girl who hurt my big brother to change me.” She even started throwing stuff at me. I had just caught her in her room when you saw me knock her out with that sleeping Jutsu.” Crystal said

Turning a brilliant shade of red, Crystal loses control of her bladder and bowels again and freezing in the bandaging of her scratches causes Lightningheart to say, “You ok Crystal?”

Shaking her head Crystal just grabs her bag and runs into the bathroom quickly locking the door. Letting Crystal be for a bit Lightningheart cleans up the mess Flaresong had made during her tantrum. Once he was done and Crystal had failed to come out of the bathroom Lightningheart, getting worried about his friend, walks to the door and hearing her sobs through the door says, “Crystal are you ok?”

“Of course I’m not Lightning. It’s been almost a month and I’m still messing my pants like a baby. I can’t deal with the embarrassment of having to carry this damn bag with me everywhere and with people knowing that I wear because of my constant soiling’s at the wrong time. I hate this. How am I supposed to be taken seriously and show my independence if I’m constantly crapping myself.” Crystal sobbed.

Just then Hinata walks in the front door saying, “Lightning, Flare mommies home.”

Not hearing the usual cry of mommy from her daughter Hinata decides to see if she is sleeping and rounds the corner to see Lightningheart talking through the closed bathroom door.

“Crystal, open the door please. I realize your upset about your condition but you can’t expect me to just stand by and watch you emotionally destroy yourself because you’re embarrassed about it. Can’t you realize that I’m just trying to help you? Of all the people in the village I am the most qualified. I mean look at me I’ve had to wear diapers my whole life. Don’t you think that sometimes I get embarrassed because of it?”

Seeing his mom walking towards them he flaps his hand silently asking her to back off. Ignoring this Hinata walks over to them and says, “Crystal dear, it’s Hinata. Can I come in?”

Despite her tone and phrasing Crystal realizes that Hinata was actually telling rather than asking her to open the door. Standing up Crystal walks over to the door and opens it. Giving her son a silent nudge out of the way Hinata walks in and closes the door behind her and kneels down to talk with Crystal. Knowing his mom would be able to smooth things out with Crystal Lightningheart goes to check on his sister who was awake and trying to climb over the safety bars on her bed.

Shutting the door to his sister's bedroom Lightningheart walks over to Flaresong and says, "Flare you are in big trouble you know?"

Freezing in her attempt to escape her bed Flaresong flops back down onto the mattress and says, "Big bwover when did you get home?"

"Oh about the time you were scratching and biting Crystal just because she was trying to change your diaper for you.

Turning a deep red from embarrassment Flaresong says, "I sowy big bwover."

"Don't tell me that, I know exactly what you did and you don't owe me the apology. I was in a good mood after my appointment and had bought a gift for you but you had to go and throw a tantrum and throw things, bite and scratch my best friend when she was trying to help you. You owe HER an apology and I bet mom is still going to punish you for your misbehavior. You know better than to act like that."

Tearing up Flaresong says, "I sowy, I sowy, I sowy, pwease don't wet mommy 'pank me. I pwomise to be good, just don't tell mommy."

"No flare I'm not going to tell mom what you did. You are. And she will decide how you're punished. I am disappointed in you as a big brother." Lightningheart said causing Flaresong to outright cry in sorrow.

Meanwhile back with Crystal and Hinata...

"Crystal it will be ok. You know that Lightning sees you like his sister and only wants to protect and help you. He knows more than anyone else in the village how hard it is to be stuck in diapers at your age." Hinata said sitting on the floor with Crystal and rubbing her back.

“I know Lady Hinata but it’s just so hard to talk to anyone let alone my best friend, and a boy at that, about this.” Crystal said wiping her eyes.

“Would it help for you to know that for a while in my teen years I had trouble controlling myself and had to wear them too? Though Naruto never knew about it.”

Looking up in shock at Hinata Crystal says, “You never...”

“Yes I did. I can’t explain how or why it started happening but at first it was just accidents while I slept. Then after a few months it started happening during the day too. So I started wearing full time to protect my clothes and to keep from embarrassing myself. This all started after I stopped being so shy and told Naruto how I felt about him. But believe me if I had let it get to me like you are now, and isolated myself from my friends, I would never have been able to become the ninja I am today. You just need to learn to rely on your friends for help, and accept it without question when they offer help. That’s what friends are for; they help you get through the tough times of your life just as you help them through theirs.” Hinata said looking Crystal in the eye.

“Thank you Lady Hinata...you’ve given me a lot to think about. I think I’ll be ok now.” Crystal said squirming because she still hadn’t changed yet.

“Well then I’ll let you get changed. But before I go, how did you get those scratches they look really bad?” Hinata said getting to her feet.

“Flare did it. While we were watching a movie the phone rang and Lightning answered it and found out that he lost track of time and was late for his appointment with Lady Sakura. I offered to stay here and watch Flare for him while he went to the appointment and at first

everything was fine but after she had an accident and pooped her diaper full she threw a tantrum and started screaming at me and throwing things. I finally caught her and she started scratching and biting me so I used a sleeping Ninjutsu on her to calm her down enough to clean her up.” Crystal said as she opened her bag.

“I’m sorry Flare misbehaved so badly. I’ll have a talk with her in a bit. But since those scratches and bites are so deep, why don’t you let me change you then finish doctoring those wounds?” Hinata said keeping the anger from her daughter’s actions out of her voice.

Not wanting to be a burden on anyone but realizing that Hinata was just offering to help her like a friend, and remembering what she had said not five minutes ago says, “If you don’t mind that would be nice.”

Back in the living room...

“Flaresong, do you have something you want to say to me?” Hinata said in a stern voice.

Turning around on the stool in the corner where Lightningheart had put her Flaresong looks at Hinata and says, “I was a bwad girl today mommy and I sowwy. I frew a tantwum again and hurt Cwystal. I sowwy I misbehwaved.”

“Well since you hurt Crystal while she was in charge I think it’s only fair to let her decide your punishment.” Hinata said with a tone of disapproval in her voice.

Turning to Crystal Flaresong says, “I sowwy I hurt you Cwystal. Pwease forgib me.”

“Come here Flare.” Crystal said holding her arms open

Sliding off her stool Flaresong slowly walks over to Crystal who picks her up and lays her across her lap. “I sowwy I sowwy pwease don’t ‘pank me. I pwomise neva to act wike dat again.”

“Flare this is for your own good. I understand that you are sorry for what you did but you still need to be punished for acting in such a way.” Crystal said as she brought her hand down on Flaresong’s bottom five times in a firm and slightly hard manner. Sitting Flaresong up she continues, “Now have you learned your lesson Flare?”

Sobbing hard Flaresong says, “Unhunh I sowwy I behwaved wike dat it was wong and I desewrved my ‘panking.”

“Then all is forgiven.” Crystal said Sitting Flaresong on the couch between her and Hinata.

“So Lightning how did your appointment go since you were a bit late for it?” Hinata asked as she put her arm around Flaresong.

“Well Lady Sakura said I am cleared to go back on missions again. I have full range of movement and only a little soreness. I was thinking that since I am medically cleared we could go out for dinner?”

“Well I know it’s been a pain for you being cooped up in the house since the Chunin exams but I was going to make your father’s favorite for supper. He called as I was walking home to say he was going to be home early again, speaking of which I need to start making the noodles if we’re going to have it. Crystal you are welcome to stay for dinner if you want.” Hinata said standing up to head to the kitchen.

“Thank you Lady Hinata. Is there anything I can do to help you prepare dinner?” Crystal asked standing up as well.

“No I’ll be fine dear. The hard part is prepping the noodles since I make them from scratch. You go ahead and relax. Play a game or something.” Hinata said tying an apron on.

“Hey Crystal want to play some videogames?” Lightningheart asked opening the drawer under the TV revealing a plethora of games and three different systems.

Walking over to see the selection Crystal sees that he has a copy of the newest game in her favorite game series, colossal crossover beat down 3, a wrestling game featuring characters from various comics and videogames. “Wow that game just came out in stores I can’t believe you were lucky enough to get a copy. I was in the store the day they released it and they ran out before I got to the front of the line.”

Hooking up the system and plugging two controllers in Lightningheart pops the game in and says, “This game completely blows the last one away, you can create your own fighter, moves, and entrances it’s awesome. If you want we can create your own character before we play.”

“That sounds cool; I would love to create a character. But I wanna see yours first.” Crystal says as Lightning navigates the menu screen to go to the creation menu. Half an hour later Crystal is beating Lightningheart soundly in the game using a multitude of high risk moves that seem to always connect causing a lot of damage to his character. As she gets his character stunned she presses a combination of buttons that causes her character to put his in a belly to back bearhug and then suplex him three times and bridge on the third one causing him to be defeated with a pinfall.

“Dang Crystal that’s six wins in a row, how are you beating me so easily?”

Lightningheart said looking at Crystal.

“I’m just that dang good. On the last game I didn’t play it on any difficulty except legend.”

“Damn no wonder I can’t beat you I only ever play on normal. I guess I need to practice and work my way up to legend.”

“Lightning watch your mouth.” Hinata snapped from the kitchen after hearing him swear.”

“Sorry momma.” Lightningheart said chastised

After a few more matches Crystal and Lightningheart decide to take a break when Naruto walks in the front door. “Hinata, Children I’m home.” Seeing that Lightningheart and Crystal were playing videogames in the living room Naruto walks over and sitting in his chair says, “Hello Crystal. How did your mission with Rock Lee go?”

“It was ok sir, though a little boring. How was your day?” Crystal said in a formal tone.

“Pretty much it was the same old stuff, reports, mission statements, and the like; though I was pleased to get that note from Lady Sakura about you Lightning. I have a surprise for you since she gave her permission for you to go on missions again.”

Perking up at this Lightningheart looks at his father and says, “Really? Is it something that I can share with Crystal and Shikamaru?”

“Actually yes, I got a request for a squad of ninja for a special top secret A ranked mission. Since you three are Chunin and the most powerful group of ninja the academy has ever seen I decided to give the mission to you and Kakashi sensei. You leave tomorrow afternoon.”

Naruto said causing Lightningheart to tackle him in a hug knocking his chair over.

Just as Naruto and Lightningheart get themselves untangled and stand up Hinata walks in saying, “Ok you two settle down. Lightning put the videogame up supper is ready. Crystal would you give me a hand setting the table?”

As Lightningheart unhooks the videogame system and puts it away Crystal walks into the kitchen and accepts a stack of bowls from Hinata and places them on the table. Going back to the cupboard she grabs the cups and Flaresong’s Sippy cup and sets them on the table as Hinata sets bowls of ramen with vegetables mixed in and soup on the table with pork beef and chicken in the broth.

Flaresong, after being set in her booster seat and seeing that dinner was ramen starts acting up saying, “I don’t want wamen its yukie. Can’t I have somefing else?”

“Flaresong, stop your fussing and eat your dinner. I’m not in the mood for your dinner tantrum tonight.” Hinata said sternly.

“But mommy I hate wamen. It doesn’t twaste good to me. Can’t I pwease just have a pwenut butter and jewy sanwich?” Flaresong wined.

“Flare, do you want another spanking on top of the one you got earlier, because you are really getting mom mad.” Lightningheart said nonchalantly.

“What’s this, Flare what did you do earlier to get a spanking?” Naruto said in a stern voice while staring at her.

“I frew a tantwum when Cwystal was watching me for big bwover when he went to da hopsicle to see wady Sakuwa; I frew fings at her, and bit and scwatched her. I sowwy I misbehwaved daddy, I’ll be gwood and eat.” Flaresong said hanging her head.

“Flaresong I’m surprised at you. You know better than to act like that. You’re lucky I didn’t see it or you would have gotten more than just a spanking. Now be still and eat your dinner.” Naruto said in a disappointed voice.

“So pop what’s this mission that you are sending me on?” Lightningheart asked after swallowing a big bite of ramen.

“Crystal could you do that trick you did when Hinata and I visited you in the hospital?” Naruto asked.

Nodding Crystal swallows the bite of food she just took and quickly preforms the white noise Jutsu.

Taking a sip of his wine Naruto says, “This mission is very dangerous. Your god father Gaara sent me word that there are whispers of a new group of renegade ninja, like the Akastuki, floating around his village and in villages where he has his spies. You, Crystal, Shikamaru, and Kakashi are going to meet up with a squad of Sand ninja at set of coordinates, that I gave Kakashi this afternoon, and aid them in their investigation. Doubtless you will end up in combat but if the four of you or any of the sand ninja can manage it both Gaara and I wish you to take at least one of them alive so we can question them. The last thing this world needs is another group

like the Akastuki running around stirring things up. But protect yourselves first, your lives are not worth one prisoner.”

Seeing the fear in his father’s eyes at the thought of another Akastuki group Lightningheart says, “Don’t worry pop. Crystal and I can take care of ourselves and with Shikamaru’s trap skills and Kakashi sensei’s experience and skill we will be fine. Believe it.”

Smirking at his son’s use of his old catch phrase Naruto says, “I don’t doubt that you can take care of yourself my boy just don’t get over confident.”

As they ate dinner a large storm blew in rattling the windows and shutters with high winds and loud cracks of thunder. Cradling the frightened Flaresong in her arms Hinata says, “Crystal I know you love lightning and thunder but I can’t in good conscience let you walk home in this. You’ll just have to stay the night.”

“butt...” Crystal started.

“No butts Crystal, Hinata is right. We can’t let you walk home in this. You could catch your death of a cold or worse. Just do us a favor and sleep here alright?” Naruto said putting a hand on her shoulder.

“I wasn’t going to argue staying here precisely. I was objecting because I don’t have any more...you know...*whispered* supplies.” Crystal said turning a violent shade of red.

Wrapping Crystal in a side hug Lightningheart says, “We’re about the same size Crystal you can just borrow some of mine if you need them.”

Blushing even harder Crystal remembers what Hinata had told her earlier and whispers, “Thanks Lightning...”

An hour later after cleaning up the dish's and putting the leftovers in the fridge Hinata says, "Well it is getting late and you will need to be up early tomorrow to get ready for your mission. Off to bed the both of you."

Walking to his bedroom Lightningheart says, "You can have the bed Crystal I'll take a sleeping bag on the floor."

As they enter his room Crystal loses control of her bladder again and says, "Damnit, why did it have to happen now." Feeling his own diaper swelling as his own bladder released Lightningheart shutting and locking his door leads Crystal over to his closet and opening it reveals that he had modified his closet to have some extra room for the full size changing table for larger people.

"Do you want to go first or should I?" Lightningheart said ignoring the shock on Crystals face.

"Wha...what do you mean do I want to go first?" Crystal asked nervously.

Taking that as a yes Lightningheart picks Crystal up and lays her on the table strapping her arms down so she couldn't stop him. Quickly removing Crystals pants he sees that her diaper is twice as big as it should be and removing it sees that she not only peed but also had unloaded into it. Grabbing the wipes he quickly cleans her off, with some difficulty as she was thrashing her legs fighting him, and eventually gets her changed into a clean and rather thick, diaper.

After throwing her soiled diaper and the wipes into the large diaper bin he releases Crystals arms only to be slapped with great vigor to her angry threat of, "Don't you ever do that

to me without my permission again. No matter what good intentions you might have, you never start removing a girl's clothing without explaining first what you're doing.”

“Is everything alright in there?” Hinata’s voice came through the door as she heard what Crystal said.

“We’re alright mother.” Lightningheart said before turning back to Crystal. “Look I’m just trying to get you used to wearing a diaper. If you don’t want my help FINE I’m done I was just trying to help my best friend who I see as a sister.” Lightningheart snapped finally at his wits end.

“Geez Lightning you don’t have to be so uptight about it. I didn’t mean that I wouldn’t accept your help. You should have just told me what you were going to do first. If you want I’ll change you to make up for slapping you. Just ask first next time alright?” Crystal said slightly hurt at the tone in his voice.

Nodding Lightningheart accepts Crystal’s apology and hops up onto the table. A minute later he hops down telling her, “Thanks Crystal. Now let’s get some sleep, mom and dad were right we have to get up early to prepare our supply bags and meet up with Kakashi sensei to get our final briefing before the mission.

Crawling into Lightningheart’s bed as he slides into his sleeping bag Crystal finds a pacifier under the pillow and sets it on the bedside table thinking it was Flaresong’s. Waiting until he heard Crystals soft snores Lightningheart grabs the pacifier off the table and pops it into his mouth.

Chapter 6

Halfway through the night the storm that had started at dinner intensified, and after going to the kitchen to get a glass of water Lightningheart hears Flaresong whimpering in fear at the loud constant cracks of thunder and decides to check on her. As he looks in on her he sees that she is trying to climb out of her bed and says, “Flare is the storm scarring you?”

Before she could answer a huge crack of thunder sounded right outside the house causing her to shriek in terror and dive back into bed under the blankets. Walking over to Flare he picks her up and after changing her into a clean diaper he pops her pacifier into her mouth and carrying her to his room lays down on the floor with her in his arms letting her curl up against him as he tries to calm her down.

An hour later Flaresong finally relaxed her death grip on his pajamas and falls asleep. Popping his own pacifier back into his mouth Lightningheart relaxes enough to fall asleep himself and fails to see that Crystal had woken up and watched the whole thing. Silently thinking to herself Crystal says, “So that was his pacifier...why would he suck on a pacifier? Is there more to his needing diapers than meets the eye? I wonder what it’s like...no don’t even think that Crystal you are not a baby you do not suck on pacifiers.” Laying back down Crystal turns her back to Lightningheart and Flaresong and falls asleep.

9:45 am...

Stretching like a giant cat Lightningheart yawns and says, “G’morning Crystal, Flare. Did ya sleep alright.”

Rolling over Flaresong does her best to shield her eyes from the sunlight and go back to sleep while Crystal doesn’t even respond. Sitting up Lightningheart sees that Crystal isn’t in his bed and figures that she must have woken up early and gone home to pack for the mission. After

removing his soiled diaper and throwing it away Lightningheart wraps a towel around himself and heads for his bathroom to take a shower. Right as he reaches for the doorknob Crystal comes out of the bathroom with a towel around her hair wearing the clothes she had on yesterday, and nearly knocks Lightningheart off his feet.

“Whoops, sorry about that Lightning, I hope you don’t mind but I borrowed some of your shampoo.” Crystal said.

“No that’s fine Crystal, I actually thought you had gone home already but I don’t mind.” Lightningheart replied.

“After we eat would you mind coming over to my house for a bit I have some questions I want to ask you.”

“Sure but can I get a shower first.” Lightningheart said with a slight chuckle.

“Oh yeah sure...” Crystal said turning a slight shade of pink from embarrassment.

As Lightningheart goes into the bathroom and gets cleaned up Crystal walks back into his bedroom and seeing that Flaresong was still asleep quietly gets one of Lightningheart’s diapers and changes into it. After a moments debate once she had it on she decides to throw the soiled one that was in her bag into the pail and put a couple of his into her bag just in case.

Ten minutes later Crystal is helping herself to a stack of pancakes as Lightningheart comes in with his mission bag and Flaresong and sitting her in her booster seat he ties her bib on her and puts a short stack of pancakes on her plate cutting them up for her. Once she was settled he sits down to eat his own breakfast. As they eat Lightningheart and Crystal talk about what she had been doing since the Chunin exams while Hinata listens intently eating her own breakfast.

After breakfast Lightningheart and Crystal did the dishes while Hinata took care of Flaresong. Once they had finished the dishes Lightningheart gives Hinata a hug and kiss goodbye and Flaresong a peck on the cheek saying, “You be good Flaresong and I might bring you a present from Godfather Gaara’s village.”

“Otay big bwover I be good for mommy. You be cwareful on your mission.” Flaresong said happily.

“I will Flare believe it. Bye mom, tell pop I’m sorry I overslept and didn’t get a chance to say goodbye before he went to his office.” Lightningheart said settling his pack on his shoulders.

“I will. And be careful dear your father would never forgive you if you or Crystal got hurt.”

“I’ll make you and pop proud momma. Now we gotta go Crystal needs to get home and pack before we have to meet up with Kakashi sensei.” Lightningheart said as he and Crystal left.

A few minutes later in Crystals apartment Crystal is doing her best to stuff as many of her diapers into her bag as she can and making no headway when Lightningheart says, “Crystal you’re going about this the wrong way. Here let me show you how I do it.”

Pulling a scroll out of his bag Lightningheart opens it up and writes a few commands on it then taking Crystals entire supply that she was trying to bring he sets them down and uses a chakra pulse from his hands to activate the scroll. Suddenly the diapers, wipes and powder disappear and he rolls the scroll up saying, “Now you have your entire supply that you will need in one convenient small space. All you have to do is concentrate on exactly what you need when you use the scroll and it will produce the exact things you need.”

“Thanks that will definitely help me save room. But how did you manage to make it so I can get only what I need and without blood? I thought storage jutsu released all the items that it was used to contain when the seal was released?” Crystal says stuffing the scroll into her bag.

“Well pop, and some of the other shinobi peers of his came up with an idea, after the last war, on fixing it so you could store massive amounts of things and be able to procure only what you need. It took them five years and they finally got it working when I was born. They don’t really want it getting out yet for some reason but when my...problem...became apparent pop decided that it would be best to teach me this skill so I could have my supplies on hand without it being obvious.”

“Oh, I see. Well I give your dad and the others props it is definitely a handy new jutsu. Can you imagine what Kakashi sensei and Shikamaru would have said if I turned up with my bag bulging, ready to explode, and full of diapers and wipes.” Crystal said turning a slight shade of red at the image she had just painted in her mind.

“You said had some questions you wanted to ask me. I assume you wanted to wait until you knew we wouldn’t be interrupted, so what’s on your mind.” Lightningheart asked.

After activating her White Noise Jutsu Crystal turns a bright red and says nervously, “Well...I was wondering...is...is it normal...or common to...get a rash from these?”

“Well...yes and no. Some people get a rash more easily than others when it comes to wearing these. I have a special healing jutsu I learned to clear it up whenever I start to get one if you want I can write it down for you so you can use your special skill to learn it.” Lightningheart said compassionately.

Not looking at him Crystal just says, “Thanks Lightning. My second question is, what were you doing sucking on a pacifier last night? I thought that pacifier I found in your bed belonged to Flare but after you woke up and brought her into the room to help her calm down and sleep, you put it into your mouth after she fell asleep.”

Blushing slightly himself Lightningheart says, “I...I just...sometimes...sometimes when I’m scared I suck on my pacifier and it helps calm me down.”

Not knowing what to say at this Crystal just nods her head and thinks.

Getting a little nervous about her silence Lightningheart asks, “Was there anything else you wanted to ask Crystal?”

Snapping out of her stupor Crystal says, “What...oh...no not that I can think of right now. Maybe we should just go meet with Shikamaru and Kakashi sensei at our usual pre mission meeting place.”

Locking her door behind her, Crystal and Lightningheart dash across the rooftops to get to the meeting point at the summit of the Hokage Mountain.

An hour later on top of the Hokage Mountain...

“Damn it why is Kakashi always late?” Crystal asked as she came back from changing again.

“I don’t know but I’m used to it. I never expect him to be on time. Of course that adds to his mysterious manner when he actually does show up. Relax Crystal he will be here shortly I can feel it.”

“Well I’ve never been described as Mysterious before but I can definitely get used to it.”

Kakashi said as he and Shikamaru walked up.

“Hey Crystal; Lightning glad to see your finally out of house arrest.” Shikamaru said in a joking manner.

“Ha, ha very funny Shikamaru. Did Kakashi sensei fill you in on our mission?”

Lightningheart replied

“No he said he wanted to tell all of us at once why do you know something?” Shikamaru asked cocking an eyebrow.

“Yeah, pop told Crystal and me last night at dinner. But he didn’t give us the coordinates for our rendezvous point he said only Kakashi sensei was entrusted with that information. Oh by the way Master Kakashi how do you like my RasenInferno, gives ya quite the rush don’t it?”

Lightningheart said excitedly.

“Actually I haven’t used it yet. I wanted to wait until I had a mission worthy of its power. And since you and Crystal know what we’re going to do you can fill in Shikamaru en route.”

Kakashi said dashing off to the north.

Keeping pace behind him Crystal, Lightningheart and Shikamaru take their usual positions as Lightningheart activates his Byakugan to keep an eye out while they run. As they dash across the canopy of the forest outside the village Shikamaru asks, “So what is this big secret? Kakashi sensei only said it was a special request made by Hokage Naruto and Kazekage Gaara.”

“We are going to meet up with a squad from the Village Hidden in the Sand and they are going to lead us to locations where there have been whispers of a new group of rogue ninja trying to pick up where the Akastuki left off. If we can manage it without risking our lives we are to take at least one suspect back alive. But our safety comes first Shikamaru, if it’s a question of you or them it better be them. I’m not going to tell your dad that you got severely injured or worse on your first mission as a Chunin.”

Six hours of running through trees later the group stops for a break. Checking his map and with the coordinates he had memorized yesterday Kakashi says, “We are about two miles from our rendezvous point.”

Gasping for air Lightningheart says, “Damn *gasp* I *gasp* I never thought *gasp* that I would get *gasp* so out of shape *gasp* in just *gasp* one month.”

Looking over at Lightningheart Kakashi says, “Crystal you and Lightning stay here Shikamaru and I will go ahead and check to see if our contacts are at the rendezvous.”

Straightening up Lightningheart says, “Bullshit...I am not so out of shape that I can’t make another two miles.”

Glaring at him Kakashi says, “True, but if you are attacked and are panting for breath like you are now how easily do you think the enemy will find you. Stay here and rest. You pushed yourself harder than you needed to as it is I should have stopped to rest us three hours ago.”

Knowing Kakashi was right Lightningheart says, “Fine but let’s agree on the code words for when you come back. Crystal put down the white noise jutsu you developed.”

After Crystal puts the White Noise Jutsu into effect the group quickly agrees to a spoken phrase for both sides. Kakashi or Shikamaru was to say, “The forests of the Leaf are quiet tonight.” To which Crystal would reply “But the heart of the leaf will rise to the call.”

About forty-five minutes after Kakashi and Shikamaru left Crystal is helping Lightningheart rub some burn cream into his back and says, “I think I hear them coming. But just to be safe let’s get out of sight and use some shadow clones to be sure.” After they both make a shadow clone Crystal and Lightningheart get out of sight and hide in the hollow of a fallen tree watching the clearing. As they see Kakashi and Shikamaru appear with their escort Lightningheart and Crystal creep out of the hollow and move closer straining to hear what the other say. Hearing the correct pass phrase the shadow clone of Lightningheart says, “Crystal and Lightning heard you coming and conjured us. They are hiding on the other side of the trees.” Then both shadow clones disappear.

Walking into the clearing Crystal and Lightningheart are surprised at who their contacts are. Shaking hands with the four Lightning says, Shorina, Gancha, Borgi, it’s nice to see you again. And Lord Kankuro as well, this is quite a surprise. I guess Godfather is serious if he is sending you here to help us.”

“Hello Lightningheart. I’m sorry I didn’t get a chance to greet you at the Chunin exams but I was there. You fought most impressively. And Crystal you did quite well yourself. Nobody has ever beaten Borgi and Widow, apart from myself; it is no wonder that you two were made Chunin. Well, now that introductions are out of the way let’s get down to business.” Kankuro said kneeling down drawing some diagrams in the dirt with a stick.

Starting at the x he continues, “This is our current location. There are four small villages nearby that have been the source of the rumors. What I intend to do is split us into four separate teams of two and send each one to a village. Since this is a joint op the teams will be one from each village. This not only ensures that both sides get the full info but also to better distribute skills. Kakashi and I will take the village that we believe is the most volatile spot of the information. Crystal you will go with Borgi and investigate the village to the east, Lightning you will go with Gancha and search the southern village on the border between our two territories, and nephew you will go with Shorina to the western village inside the forest itself, any questions?”

“Just one Master,” Borgi started.

“Yes, what is it.” Kankuro said looking at his best pupil.

“If we find anyone that might be linked, how many do you want taken prisoner? Obviously we can’t let all of the suspects go without first questioning them but I would like a nice number to work with so I know how much and which kinds of poison to use on my new puppet.”

“As many as you can take but don’t risk your or Crystals safety to get them. This goes for all of you don’t put yourself at risk just to take a prisoner. If you can do it safely, then by all means capture. But if it’s a question of whether or not you die, then you better use lethal force and survive.” Kankuro said seriously.

Before they broke up to leave Kankuro and his squad join hands in a circle as he says, “May the gods of the desert watch over us and guide us to our goals. And may they protect our

friends who have come to aid us in weeding out the evil that is threatening to take root in the sands that we call home.”

Four hours later...

“Dude what is your problem you keep flinching like you’re having some sort of seizure.” Gancha asked Lightning slightly worried.

“Sorry my Byakugan keeps revealing all sorts of secrecy or privacy Jutsu in place but most of them are very old. I keep looking to them to get a better view but nothing seems to be...LOOK OUT.” Lightningheart said tackling Gancha causing several Kunai to wizz past them and strike the dirt.

Looking at where the Kunai came from they saw a large figure wearing a black robe with red clouds on it. Laughing manically the figure dashes off away from them across the rooftops. Springing to their feet Gancha and Lightning race after the fleeting figure doing what they could to keep him in sight. After a few minutes of running it looks like they have the figure cornered and it says in an effeminate voice, “Oh very nice, ran me right into a corner you did. Of course I would have expected nothing less of the son of the nine tails. Too bad your father’s time is coming to an end. Tell him from Demona Uchiha, that the Akastuki are rising again and that our lord Madara’s plan will be seen to fruition. He will be taken as well as old eight tails and we will acquire the last two tailed beasts.” At this the figure attacked in a flurry of movement lashing out with several chained kunai.

Using his shadow clones to distract the enemy Lightningheart charges his RasenInferno as Gancha takes a large gulp from his gourd nodding to Lightningheart silently saying that if the RasenInferno missed he would cover him by launching his own fire jutsu.

Charging up behind his foe using a Genjutsu to keep himself hidden Lightningheart gets close enough and hits her in the back with the move yelling, “RASENINFERNO.”

When the flaming tornado disappeared a crystalline figure falls to the earth shattering into pieces. Walking over to the remains Lightningheart says in a questioning voice, “Glass? What the hell.”

“Damn it a sand clone I should have known they wouldn’t be stupid enough to allow their real body to be taken alive.” Gancha said angrily.

“Let’s get back to the rendezvous spot and set up camp the others will want to know what we found. I doubt that we are going to find anything else here today.” Lightningheart said silently cursing himself for not seeing that it was a clone that they were following.

Shortly after starting a small fire Gancha is roasting several lizard kabobs when Kakashi and Kankuro return looking none too happy. Sitting down with an audible *fwump* Kakashi says, “So what did you two find?” Before Either Gancha or Lightningheart could answer Crystal, Shikamaru, Shorina, and Borgi appear all looking gloomy.

“Well we got some bad news Kakashi sensei.” Lightningheart said. “But first I want to ask a question. What is the outfit of the Akastuki designed to look like.”

Raising an eyebrow at the question Kakashi answers, “A full body robe that had a cuff that covered the face from the nose down. It was black and had red clouds patterned on it. Tell me you didn’t fight an Actual Akastuki.”

“I think we did. She was wearing that specific robe and was able to disguise her sand clone from my Byakugan. I was completely fooled. She called herself Demona Uchiha, and said

that Madara's plan will come to fruition. We need to get word to Father and Killer Bee to let them know they are being hunted again." Lightningheart said causing Kakashi to look at him in shock. After writing something on a small scroll hastily Kakashi slices his thumb open with a kunai and quickly using several hand signs he uses a summoning jutsu to call forth a pug that wore a ninja headband.

"Pakkun I need you to deliver this message to the Hokage immediately speed over stealth." Kakashi said tying the scroll to Pakkun's collar.

"Right, just how bad is the situation Kakashi?" Pakkun asked.

"I would say orange level threat to the villages. Now go." Kakashi replied as he started writing a similar message on another scroll, and using another summoning technique he summons another dog and giving him the scroll sends him to Gaara.

After the Ninja hounds had left and the others had given their reports Kankuro says, "You all did well I'm glad nobody was hurt. Tomorrow we will change teams and locations so we can try to uncover any more information if we come up bone dry we can return to our villages and report in person to Gaara and Naruto. For now it's getting late and we need to rest. Let's have some dinner and turn in."

After eating dinner Lightningheart and Crystal volunteer to wash the dishes at the nearby stream. When they get to the stream Lightningheart asks, "So how was it teaming with Borgi?"

"He is really nice, he even promised to keep silent about my...you know...he found out when we were attacked the enemy had cut through my belt like Aquaria did you in the Chunin exams and my pants fell all the way down. We finished our battle and after a couple questions he

gave his word that he would not say anything. How was it for you and Gancha?” Crystal asked blushing slightly.

“Apart from a somewhat smug attitude he isn’t that bad a person either. He was really good at interrogating the spies of the sand while I listened. We didn’t get much that we didn’t already know but he is thorough. Damn it not now, I was having such a good day.” Lightningheart said.

Blushing herself at having just filled her own diaper Crystal whispers. “I’ll do you if you do me.”

Not realizing what she said Lightningheart says, “what?”

Knocking Lightningheart down Crystal gets a little revenge on him for the night before by instantly stripping him of his pants and soiled diaper. Realizing what was going on Lightningheart relaxes and says, “Ok you got your revenge. From now on we make sure the other knows what’s going on before we start.”

Fastening the tape on his diaper Crystal says, “Alright.” And removing her shorts lays down on the ground after using her scroll to make a diaper two wipes and a handful of powder appear on it. Changing Crystal as quickly as she had done for him Lightningheart digs a hole deep enough to fit both soiled diapers and buries them washing their hands in the stream the two finish the dishes and go back to camp. Seeing that Kakashi had taken first watch they quietly set the dishes by the banked fire and crawl into their sleeping bags.

The next afternoon...

“What do you know of the new Akastuki movement? Cooperate with us and you will be treated well, failure to do so will result in pain.” Lightningheart said holding a man against the outside wall of the village inside the forest.

“I swear I know nothing. Why do you think I have the information you seek. I am just a simple trapper nothing more.” The man said showing a great deal of fear.

“Because apart from his ocular Jutsu that allows him to see through many things including the small tells of a liar I used a special poison on you that I created that makes the victims skin change colors when they lie. Ingenious, no? Now we ask you again, what do you know of the new Akastuki movement.” Kankuro said

“I will tell you nothing.” The man said spitting in Lightningheart’s face.

“You were warned that you would suffer pain if you didn’t cooperate. Byakugan, Gentle Fist Style: Chakra Leach Strike.” Lightningheart said striking the chakra point in the man’s left leg leaching enough chakra from it to leave the leg numb.

Screaming in pain the man says, “GAAAAAAH. What the fuck did you just do? It feels like you just paralyzed my leg.”

“Oh did you like that. It’s a secret, and forbidden jutsu that only those of my clan can use. Now answer our question what do you know of the new Akastuki movement, fail to answer again and I will do the same thing to your right leg, followed by your arms, if you fail to answer after that I will drain whatever you have left and leave you a lifeless husk. I might add that either way I will know in the end. You see this jutsu not only steals the chakra of the victim but if it is

used lethally the user learns anything the victim knew. So you might as well do yourself a favor and talk.”

Seeing the look of seriousness in Lightningheart’s eyes the man says, “Alright. I will tell you everything I know just please don’t kill me. All I know is that there is talk of them building another army. For what purpose I know not.”

“We already know that what we want to know is where they might be hiding their recruitment areas.” Kankuro said angrily.

“I don’t know where they keep their main recruitment area but I heard...I heard where they will be holding a secret competition to find some possible talent. It is supposed to take place at coordinates 56.65/ 87.54 that is all I know I swear.” The man said frantically

“Thank you.” Lightningheart said as he used a palm strike to the forehead of the man knocking him out.

“You really wouldn’t have killed him would you Lightningheart?” Kankuro asked concerned.

“Nah the leaching isn’t a lethal move if used repeatedly it takes about 10% of the chakra each strike. If the target has just enough to chakra to stay alive it won’t work. It’s not even a forbidden jutsu of the clan, but it hurts like a mother fucker if you get hit by it.”

“Well he was the only person in the village that we could find that had any information guess we should go ahead and get back to camp. Just leave him he should be fine when he wakes up.” Kankuro said turning away.

“Lord Kankuro, would you mind if I made a quick pit stop?” Lightningheart asked.

“Again, how do you manage to complete your missions with that problem if you don’t mind my asking?” Kankuro said confused.

“Well unless were in heavy combat I generally take the recon and surveillance position. It allows me to be productive while still being able to take care of my “problem”. Not to mention my intelligence is equivalent to Master Shikamaru Sr. so I have a leg up when I strategize before sending my team in.” Lightningheart said as he stepped behind a large trunked tree to change.

A minute later Lightningheart comes back around the trunk and he and Kankuro dash back to their camp.

As Lightningheart prepares dinner Kankuro unfolds a map of the entire continent and attempts to find the coordinates that the man had given them. After a moment Kankuro finds the location and says, “This can’t be. Lightning take a look at this. The coordinates that guy gave us...they are in the middle of the ocean.”

“What’s in the middle of the ocean Master Kankuro?” Borgi said as he and Shikamaru came out of the trees.

“We found a person that had information and after a little...persuasion...he told us the coordinates of a possible tournament meant to find new members for this new Akastuki army.” Kankuro said scratching his head.

A minute later Kakashi, Crystal, Shorina and Gancha return from their own missions. During dinner the groups exchange the information that they had gathered. All of which pointed to the same thing that the man Kankuro and Lightningheart had interrogated. After sorting out the watch schedule Kakashi says, “Alright we will break up at dawn and report back to our

villages Kankuro, Gancha, Borgi, Shorina it was a pleasure working with you. You do your village and the Kazekage proud. Now let's turn in."

Taking position halfway up a tree Lightningheart activates his Byakugan at mid power to save Chakra and starts his turn at watch. After making sure she heard the soft rumblings of the other's snores Crystal quietly makes her way through the trees a short distance away and changes into a clean thicker diaper. After she was finished she climbed the tree where Lightningheart was sitting and sitting next to him says, "You alright Lightning, you seemed a bit distracted during the briefing?"

"Crystal, I'll be alright. I was just worrying about how bad things might get if we really are dealing with the Akastuki again. I mean the great ninja villages have barely recovered from the damage the last war caused. I just don't know. I guess you could say I'm getting a little scared." Lightningheart said quietly

"It's all going to work out Lightning, your father was the hero of the last war and you have inherited his skills. I believe in you. Here maybe this will help calm ya down." Crystal said holding out the pacifier she had swiped from his room while he was in the shower.

"Thanks Crystal. Now go get some sleep I'll wake you when it's time for your turn at watch." Lightningheart said gratefully.

"Alright, just try and relax Lightning alright." Crystal said as she started back down the tree.

"I will. Good night Crystal." Lightningheart said popping the pacifier into his mouth

"Good night."

Chapter 7

Waking up around 3:00 Lightningheart takes his bag into the trees and proceeds to change himself while using his Byakugan to keep an eye out for possible enemies. Once he had cleaned himself up and put on a fresh diaper Lightningheart went in search of Kankuro, who was on watch. Finding him by the stream splashing water into his face, Lightningheart carefully approaches him and says, “Lord Kankuro may I have a word?”

“Lightning, what are you doing up? Your second shift isn’t for another half hour yet.” Kankuro said startled.

“I woke up to change,” Lightningheart started. “I was wondering if I could make a request.”

“If I can help I will try. What do you wish of me?” Kankuro replied motioning for Lightningheart to take a seat next to him.

Sitting down next to Kankuro Lightningheart says, “Well correct me if I am wrong but you are the best puppet craftsman on the continent are you not?”

“I do make fine combat puppets. Why do you ask?” Kankuro queried.

“If I paid for the materials and labor time could you craft a non-combat toy puppet for my baby sister?” Lightningheart asked.

“Well I don’t see why not. Do you have a particular design in mind or would you want me to surprise you? And when would you need it?”

“I thought maybe a little girl design looking like her, here is a picture of her. As for when, I was thinking within a few days. I was going to accompany you back to the Sand Village. I was unable to come with mom and dad to honor the birth of your nephew to Kazekage Gaara so I thought I would do so now.” Lightningheart said smothering a yawn.

“Does Kakashi know of your plan?” Kankuro asked.

“Not at the moment. However I will be speaking with him as we break down camp.” Lightningheart replied.

“Well I can make the puppet quick enough. But I can’t let you accompany us back to the Sand if Kakashi does not agree.”

“Oh he will agree. My nindo, my ninja way, is that I never break my word once I give it. He knew this the moment he became my squad leader and took Crystal, Shikamaru and I as pupils. And I gave my word to my baby sister that I would bring her a present from the Sand Village before I left yesterday. I also sent a sealed note along with my parents to give to Kazekage Gaara when they came to visit him stating that I was regretful about not being able to visit with my family and that as soon as I was healed I would make a personal visit to make up for my absence.”

Talking for another thirty minutes Lightningheart discusses many things that Kankuro wanted to know, mainly things about his nephew Shikamaru Jr. Standing up Kankuro bids Lightningheart good night as he heads back to bed while Lightningheart takes over the watch. Climbing the same tree he had used earlier Lightningheart settles in and extends his Byakugan to full range allowing him to see better in the pitch blackness of the moonless night.

A few hours later as the group is breaking down camp...

“What do you mean you are going to accompany Kankuro and the Sand Squad back to their village?” Kakashi asked as he and Lightningheart fill in the latrines.

“That’s just what I mean Kakashi sensei. I am going to return with Kankuro and his squad back to the Sand Village. I gave my word to Kazekage Gaara that once I was healed I would visit to pay my respects to his newborn son since I was unable to do so with mom and dad when they went as I was still recovering. I also made a promise to Flare that I would bring her a gift from the Sand Village.” Lightningheart replied.

“You know that now that you’re a Chunin that you have to start filling out reports after every mission. You can’t just do as you wish...” Kakashi started

“Dad will have my report before you even get to the village I wrote it up while I was on watch and summoned one of the messenger toads to deliver it for me. The only thing actually stopping me from going is your permission. You know I would never slack off in my duties but you also know I never go back on my word once I give it.” Lightningheart said cutting Kakashi off.

“Very well, you’re right I know you wouldn’t slack off. You can go but I’m going to accompany you. Shikamaru and Crystal will be fine getting back to the village. I’ll summon some ninja hounds to guard them as they run back. Besides I need to pay my own respects to Gaara and his new son.” Kakashi said leaning on his shovel

“Thank you sensei, let’s finish breaking down camp so we can get moving the less time we actually have to spend in the desert heat without cover the better.” Lightningheart said tapping down the last bit of dirt with his shovel.

A few hours later Kankuro, his squad, Kakashi and Lightningheart are walking into the Kazekage’s office. “Lord Kazekage we have returned from our mission with vital information. And Kakashi of the Leaf with his top student Uzumaki Lightningheart have come to pay their respects and share information they were able to gather while they aided us in our mission.” Kankuro said.

“Very well Kankuro report.” Gaara said formally.

After about thirty minutes Gaara says, “This is grave news indeed. I will think about our next move in the meantime you are dismissed. Kakashi, Lightningheart, on behalf of my wife and our son I thank you for coming to show your respects to us and his birth. Feel free to enjoy the sights of the village. I will be busy for a few more hours yet but when I finish please feel free to stop by my home and I will treat with you properly.”

“It is an honor to visit your great village Godfather Gaara I look forward to meeting your wife and son.” Lightningheart said bowing respectfully to Gaara.

As they leave the office Kankuro shows them to his own home and getting as much detail about how Lightningheart wants the puppet to look proceeds to make it. As Kakashi and Lightningheart make their way to Gaara’s home they make a quick stop at a toy store to buy a couple stuffed animals to give to baby Gaara Jr.

Three days later back in the Village Hidden in the Leaf...

“That concludes my oral report Lord Hokage.” Lightningheart said delivering a verbal report to Naruto in his office before he went home to unload and relax from his journey.

“Very well Lightningheart. Your report is satisfactory. But next time return and give your report before you go on a personal errand. You may go.” Naruto said dismissing him.

Leaving his father’s office Lightningheart goes back to their home to put his mission bag up and to put his laundry into the wash before he goes to visit his mom and sister at the Academy. Arriving at the academy Lightningheart walks to the daycare room and knocking on the door gets the attention of the lady in charge of watching the toddlers, babies, and other children not old enough to start their ninja training whose parents were unable to watch them while they were at work.

“Yes how can I...Oh Lightningheart how are you doing. Are you here to pick up Flaresong?” The lady said realizing who it was she was talking too.

“Hello Marry, I will be taking Flare with me but I wanted to see how she was doing before I went to tell mom I was going to bring her home.”

“Well she has been kind of depressed since you went on your mission and didn’t come back with Crystal and Shikamaru Jr. She will be so excited to see you.” Marry said as the bell rang signaling the lunch period.

“I guess my timing is perfect. I might as well take her now and then take her to lunch after we check in with mom.” Lightningheart said following Marry into the room.

Looking up from her coloring book at the sound of the lunch bell Flaresong sees Lightningheart and with a screech of joy runs over and hugs his leg saying, “Big bwover I fought you fowgot about me. You was gone for so wong I started finking somfing happened to yoo.”

Kneeling down Lightningheart says, “Now Flare you know I would never leave you like that. I was just visiting godfather and paying my respects to him and his new son while I waited for your present to be finished. You have been a good girl while I was away haven’t you?”

“Unhunh I was a good girl, I even ate all my dinner wifout making a fwuss. So what did ya bwing me from da viwage in da sand?” Flaresong said excitedly.

“You will see when we get home Flare we have to go talk to mom first and then I was going to get us some lunch.” Lightningheart said accepting Flaresong’s diaper bag from Marry.

Taking Flaresong by the hand Lightningheart leads her from the room and walking a short distance to the lounge where the instructors and staff had their lunch knocks on the door causing his mom to look up from her book.

“Lightning, welcome back.” She started giving him a hug and kiss on the cheek.

“Hi mom, I thought I would check in with you before I go back to the house to unwind, Godfather Gaara says to say hi by the way.” Lightningheart said returning the hug.

“You know you’re in a bit of trouble with your dad for going there without checking in first right?” Hinata said sternly.

“I talked with him in his office when I got back. I explained everything and he said we would talk later then I gave him my oral report of the mission and came here to pick Flare up. So was she really a good girl while I was gone?”

“I tol ya I was bwig bwover why don ya bewive me?” Flaresong said indignantly interrupting Hinata before she could speak.

“Because you are still a little kid Flare and your definition of good could be different from a grownups. So mom was she good?” Lightningheart said picking Flaresong up.

“Actually she has been a perfect angle since you left dear, although a bit on the pouty side. She really missed you. Flare you going to tell Lightning what we started after he left for his mission? Or should mommy tell him.” Hinata said causing Flaresong to blush slightly.

“Mommy started potty twaining me big bwover. I not having as many accidents and I even got up wast night and made it to da potty.”

“Flare that’s great news, how are you doing so far today?” Lightningheart said in pride.

“I almost had an accident but I made it to da potty before you got here. Marwy was so pwod dat I made it she let me have fwirst pic of da toys at indapwendent pway time.” Flaresong said happily.

“Well if you keep doing well after lunch maybe big brother will get you an ice cream.” Hinata said causing Flaresong to cheer happily as Hinata slipped a 20 in his hands to pay for their lunch and ice cream.

Just then the bell rang signaling the end of lunch and Hinata gives Lightningheart and Flaresong a kiss saying, “Well I got to get back to class, my students are having a surprise quiz today over Genjutsu, take care sweeties.”

“Bye-bye mommy, twell you ‘tudents I said good wuck.” Flaresong said waving to Hinata.

“By mom see you when you get home.” Lightningheart said carrying Flaresong out of the academy.

Ten minutes later Lightningheart is sitting Flaresong down on a booster seat at their usual restaurant when a waiter walks over and takes their order. After the waiter leaves to fill the order Flaresong says “Big bwover I gots ta go potty.” Picking Flaresong up off the booster seat he leads her to the bathroom and lets her go inside alone and when she comes back out she says, “I did it big bwover I went potty all by myself.”

“That’s good Flare did you wash your hands?”

“I couldn’t weach da sink but a nice wady helped me by holding me up so I could do it I fanked her den came back out afta I dwied my hands.”

“Alright let’s go back to our table and eat lunch. But next time don’t accept help from somebody if you don’t know them if mom dad or I are not with you. Remember Flare never talk to strangers unless you are with me or one of our parents.” Lightningheart said leading Flaresong back to their table.

As Lightningheart sets Flaresong back into her chair she asks, “But why big bwover she was just being nice.”

“I’ll let mom and dad explain I don’t think I can do it well enough to make you understand well. Just trust and listen to big brother ok.” Lightningheart said nervously.

“Awite big bwover I will wisten to yoo.” Flaresong said as the waiter brought their food.

Thirty minutes later Flaresong says after finishing her fish-sticks and fries, “Big bwover I gots to go again.”

Having finished his own meal he picks flare up out of her booster seat and feeling his own diaper swell he takes her into the boys room and leads her into the handicap/family stall then turns his back to her after setting her on the toilet. Opening his storage scroll he causes one of his diapers, two wipes, and a scent killing bag to appear and proceeds to change himself. As he is pulling his pants back up, Flaresong hops off the toilet and says, “I done big bwover.”

Putting the scroll back into his backpack Lightningheart puts the bag with his soiled diaper into the trashcan in the stall for such items and leads Flaresong out and holds her up to the sink while she washes her hands.

Leaving a tip on the table Lightningheart pays the bill and giving Flaresong a piggyback ride takes her to the ice cream shop near their home.

As they get to the counter Lightningheart says, “Well Flare you were such a big girl today with me. You went potty two times without having an accident so I think you deserve two scoops. So what flavor do you want?”

“Oreo and chocowate wif chocowate chips on a waffle cown pwease.” Flaresong said looking at the lady behind the counter. As the lady scooped the ice cream into the cone Lightningheart looks at the other flavors and decides to get the same thing as Flaresong.

As they walk home enjoying their ice cream Flaresong asks Lightning a barrage of questions about what he did while on the mission, only a handful of which he could answer. As they walk in the front door Flaresong having finished her ice cream starts to cry. Hearing his sisters sobs Lightningheart looks down and says, “What’s wrong Flare, do you have an ice cream headache?”

Shaking her head Flare song sobs, “I sowwy big bwover I was doing so good and you even bought me an ice cream but I just didn’t fweel it coming. I swear big bwover.”

Picking up Flaresong Lightningheart says, “Flare it’s alright, you did great today you made it to the potty three times that I know of. It’s ok if you have an accident once in a while; at least you are able to be potty trained. I still have to wear diapers even though mommy and daddy tried potty training me. If you keep doing as good as you did today soon you won’t need your diapers anymore. Come on I’ll get you cleaned up and then we can play with your presents I got ya. That’s right big brother got you two presents when he was in the Village Hidden in the Sand.”

Several hours later Flare is playing with her new puppets on the floor in Lightningheart’s room, one that looked like her and another that looked like him, laughing up a storm as she role played many scenarios that ended with her saving her “helpless big brother” while Lightning was laying on his bed with his radio playing some classical music, reading a new book on strategy that he had picked up while in the sand village.

“Oh this is where you two were hiding, didn’t you hear me calling when I came in?”
Naruto said walking into the room.

“Daddy!” Flaresong squealed. “Look what big bwover got me in da sand viwage.”
Flaresong held up the puppets so Naruto could see them better.

“Oh my, these are very well made. Lightning how did you manage to afford such detailed puppets?” Naruto asked

“Well I asked Lord Kankuro if he would make them for me if I supplied the wood he needed, and paid for the time it took. He did both in the two and a half days we were in his village. He said the second one was free on the labor since they were gifts for Flaresong. He said it was nice making puppets for fun and joy rather than for combat once in a while so he gave me a fair price.” Lightningheart answered.

“Oh well that was nice of Kankuro. Flare, go put your new toys away and wash your hands it’s dinner time.” Naruto said standing up.

As Flare left the room Naruto closed the door and says, “Son just because you gave your word to Flare and Kazekage Gaara does not mean you can ignore protocol. You can’t just send in a hastily written note with your detailed report stating that you are going to do something before you return from a mission. If this is how you are going to behave on high rank missions then I might have to reconsider allowing you to go on them in future.”

“You know my nindo is to always keep my word, and unlike you I have never broken a word I have given.” Lightningheart said getting a bit defensive.

“What is that supposed to mean?” Naruto asked keeping his temper.

“Where’s Sasuke, I believe that you promised Lady Sakura that you would bring him back and make him see that his true home is here in the Leaf. Oh that’s right he died in the war didn’t he.” Lightning said starting to lose control of his emotions and tearing up.

Sitting on the bed next to Lightningheart Naruto says, “You’re right son. I did fail to keep my word. But there is always more than one way to keep it. I was unable to keep Sasuke from dying but I was able to get through to him a bit before he died. So I only failed in part of my

promise to Sakura. You could have returned here and given your reports to me personally then gone out with my blessing and Kakashi as a backup to get Flaresong's gift and pay your respects to Kazekage Gaara."

Seeing that he had hit a sensitive nerve Lightningheart says, "Father I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you by bringing up..."

Cutting his son off Naruto says, "Forget it. You had a point but I hope you saw the point I was trying to make as well. From now on if you have something you want to do that is not related to the mission you are on return here first give your report then you can go do what you wanted. You're a full-fledged ninja now and you have to start acting like one alright."

"Alright father I'm sorry I broke protocol." Lightningheart said giving his father a hug.

"I forgive you. Now let's go eat dinner. I'm starving." Naruto said returning the hug.

Chapter 8

In a secret base in the snowy northern mountains...

"My lord I just received word that the location of our tournament has been leaked by one of our new members. I have dealt with the scum personally but I am afraid that we might be flooded with shinobi from the Sand and Leaf quickly." A woman in a black cloak with red clouds said to the man sitting on a throne like chair.

"It is of no matter. All is going according to plan daughter. By the time the Leaf and Sand realize what I am up to it will be too late. I Uchiha Sasuke will realize my true goal by the autumn harvest. Then we will place our village as the newest and greatest ninja village in the world." Sasuke said drinking deeply from a goblet.

“But my lord I thought this tournament was to find more rogue shinobi to join our village to make us a global power like the big five.” The woman replied.

“Demona do you not trust me? I who single handedly fooled the world into thinking I was dead. I, who personally saw to the destruction of seven of the nine tailed beasts. There is no power in this world strong enough to defeat me. I have attained power absolute and will prove it by the autumn harvest in front of the world.” Sasuke said rising from his seat and making his way down the stairs to stand next to his daughter.

“My lord I meant no disrespect. I just thought...Forgive me I was stupid to question your plans.” Demona said abasing herself in front of Sasuke.

“I forgive you this time daughter. Now let us go and see what your mother has made for dinner.” Sasuke said placing a hand on her shoulder.

Back in the Village Hidden in the Leaf...

“What do you mean our informants are all dead?” Naruto asked angrily

“Forgive me my lord but after the mission you sent your son on we had some spies we had make new informants in the villages they had visited. All of the new informants were found this morning butchered in their homes. A powerful Ninjutsu and Genjutsu was employed to make any who came to their homes hear the person call through the door that they were sick and were not taking any visitors. It wasn’t until they missed three appointments to report that our spies went in and investigated the homes.” An Anbu said from behind his mask.

Rubbing his temples Naruto says, “Do you at least have any idea who might have been behind the murders?”

“We do sir.” Another Anbu member started. “On the walls of each house was a message written in the victim’s blood. It said, “The Uchiha clan lives. Seven of the tails have been killed.” Forgive me my lord but didn’t you say that Sasuke was killed in the last war? Are you certain that he really died? And what could it mean by seven of the tails have been killed.”

Glaring at the Anbu member Naruto says, “I held him in my own fucking arms as he died. Of course I’m sure. As for that last part, I have no idea but it does not sound good.”

“My lord I meant no disrespect.” Started the Anbu

“Forget it. This is very troubling news you bring me. Everyone get out. I need to think. You can pick up your new assignments from Sarah as well as your pay.” Naruto said turning his back to the group of Anbu.

Looking at Hokage Mountain Naruto thinks at the fourth Hokage, “What would you do old man. In my shoes what would you do if you were confronted with this information? You would probably hold a meeting with your most trusted people, and get their takes on the situation wouldn’t you? But isn’t that something that a weak leader would do? No, no it isn’t. A leader must know when to seek advice from others just like I am now. Talking to a stone face in a mountain to figure out what you would do.”

Sitting back down at his desk Naruto writes fifteen notes of a simple message all saying, “Come to the Hokage’s office for an urgent meeting. Time is critical.” After he finished the last note he summons his fastest messenger toad and gives him the sealed notes with instructions to deliver them to, Kakashi Hatake, Sakura Haruno, Hinata Hyuga-Uzumaki, Rock Lee, Might Guy, Kurenai Yui, Ino Yamanaka, Shikamaru Nara (Sr.), Temari Nara, Princess Tsunade,

Tenten, Neji Hyuga, Choji Akamichi, Shino Aburame, and Kiba Inuzaka with the instructions that he must be as swift as possible.

One hour later in Naruto's home...

"Lady Hinata I have an urgent message from you from the Hokage." The messenger toad said as Hinata was washing dishes after lunch. Drying her hands on a towel she takes the message and thanks the toad who immediately disappears as he heads to his next target. After reading the note Hinata frowns slightly and calls up to her son who was changing Flaresong after she had an accident, "Lightning, I have to go to your father's office, I don't know how long I will be so I am leaving some money for you to buy supper for you and Flare if I'm not back in time."

Fastening the last tape on Flares diaper he carries her downstairs quickly and giving his mom a hug says, "Alright mom, I'll take care of flare for you. I hadn't planned on anything but having Crystal and Shikamaru come over to watch some movies anyway. And don't worry if you're not home in time I'll make sure Flare gets to bed on time."

"Thanks Lightning I knew I could count on you. The money is on the board next to the phone." Hinata said giving Flare a kiss and returning her sons hug before she went out the door and started dashing across rooftops.

Fifteen minutes later Lightningheart is just finishing setting up the snacks and drinks when there was a knock on the door. Picking up Flaresong, Lightningheart walks to the door and opening it sees Crystal and Shikamaru Jr. standing there. "Hey guys come on in I just finished setting up the snacks."

“Lightning did your mom leave suddenly for the Hokage’s office?” Shikamaru said as he and Crystal walked in.

Closing the door behind them Lightningheart says, “Yeah she got a note by dads messenger toad and took off after telling me where she was going and leaving some money for dinner in case she didn’t come back. Why did your parents run off too?”

“Yeah as Crystal and I were leaving your dads’ toad got to my house and after delivering the notes to mom and pop they took off like bats out of the underworld. We even saw several other shinobi of our village running across the rooftops heading to his office. It was kind of freaky.”

“Well I’m sure that if it is something serious we will know soon enough. In the meantime let’s just sit back and relax with the movies we planned to watch today. You going to join us Flare?” Crystal said as she set her bag next to the couch.

“If big bwover says I can I wanted to. I neva gets to do stuffs wif you guys.” Flaresong said.

“Of course you get to watch with us Flare. Why would I say no? So which movie are we watching first Crystal?” Lightningheart said tickling Flaresong’s stomach getting her to giggle.

“Well I brought a selection but I wanted to watch this new movie I got first. It’s the new X-men movie. This one is said to follow the cannon story line for the origins of the team members.” Crystal said unwrapping the DVD box.

An hour and a half later Flaresong walks back from the bathroom to the couch and climbs on it sitting next to Lightningheart when a messenger toad appears. Pausing the movie

Lightningheart takes the note from the toad as it hands one to Shikamaru Jr. and Crystal as well. After reading the notes Lightningheart, Crystal and Shikamaru all frown and exchange them. Finding that each note said roughly the same thing Lightningheart resumes the movie saying, “Flare be a good girl and stay here Crystal Shikamaru and I need to discuss something in private.”

Leading the three to his room Lightningheart activates his Byakugan at full power and says, “Crystal put down your silencing jutsu.”

After Crystal had activated her White Noise Jutsu Shikamaru says, “This is bad. How could seven of the tails have been destroyed by an Uchiha? I thought your father said that Sasuke died in the war along with Madara, the last two known Uchiha clan members.”

“I know, I thought the same thing he constantly relives the memory of Sasuke dying in his arms. I don’t get it. However remember our first day on our last mission. When I fought that person dressed like an Akastuki member. She called herself Demona Uchiha. I never heard of her and I’ve scanned the clan archives secretly. There is no mention of a Demona in the Uchiha clan. Either we are dealing with his child or...” Lightningheart said before trailing off in thought.

“Or maybe he is using Orochimaru’s old skills and he took over the body of another person as his own before he “died.” Either way this is bad news. We might be on the brink of another war. Why did your dad have to tell us this now?” Shikamaru said rubbing his head.

“Because he knows that we are the future. We are the three most powerful shinobi in the village of our age. If a war is started who do you think will be appointed to lead our year mates?” Lightningheart said in a worried tone.

“Whatever may come we won’t do anybody any good if we worry ourselves. The best thing to do is just as father and the counsel said in their note. We have to keep calm and be prepared to move at a moment’s notice. Just a minute I’ll be right back.” Lightningheart said seeing that Flaresong had tried eavesdropping on their conversation.

Getting up he opens the door picks up Flaresong and takes her to her room. After shutting the door he scolds her for trying to eavesdrop on something she knew was supposed to be private and gives her three swats on her bottom in punishment. Then he puts her in her bed and tells her to take a nap while he finishes his meeting with Crystal and Shikamaru.

Entering his room again he closes the door and locks it saying, “Sorry about that. Flare has been getting into the habit of listening at doors. I know she couldn’t hear anything but she needed to learn her lesson anyway. Now where were we?”

“Well I was just saying to Crystal maybe the three of us should take a proactive step to prevent this war. We learned where their secret tournament was going to be held for recruitment purposes, so why don’t we go under cover as “rogues” of the leaf and try to infiltrate this new group?” Shikamaru Jr. said despite Crystal’s obvious discomfort with the plan.

“Shika I don’t think this is really a good idea. It is too dangerous for the three of us to do. This kind of task you’re talking about is Anbu level. We would never be able to pull it off alone.” Crystal said objecting.

“Shika, Crystal is right. But so are you. I suggest this. I will go to the location and act as our inside man. I will send reports by toad messenger to you two and you will take them to father. Of the three of us I stand the best chance at doing this despite my...problem. I can pack

for an extended journey if necessary but first we need to plan this out fully.” Lightningheart said drawing a gasp from Crystal and causing Shikamaru Jr. to stare at him gap mouthed.

Planning for another two hours the three agree that Lightningheart would be the one to take this mission on himself, and on scheduled days for him to send his reports in. After they finished planning Lightningheart woke flare up and took her, Crystal, and Shikamaru Jr. out to dinner with the money his mom left. On the way home he stopped at the drug store to get a refill of Sakura’s burn cream as well as six months’ worth of diapers and wipes for himself. Getting back to the house he puts Flaresong down for the night and using the new storage scroll skill put all of his diapers, wipes, and rash cream into it while asking Crystal to stay there to tell his mom and dad the plan. Giving Crystal and Shikamaru Jr. a hug goodbye he carves a slash through the leaf symbol on his headband signifying his “breaking” from the Leaf Village.

Two days later...

“It appears we have another contestant for our tournament. What’s your name kid?” A large shinobi with a sound headband with a slash through the symbol said as he picked up a pen to write.

“I am the shame of the Leaf, the ultimate betrayer of clan, I am Uzumaki Lightningheart. And I am here to win this tournament and join the Akastuki.” Lightningheart said in a menacing voice while glaring at the sound ninja

“Alright walk through those doors over there and when your name is called get into the ring. This is a no holds barred tournament and there is only one winner. Don’t fuck up or you will die understand?” The sound ninja said.

“Perfect I have been feeling a bit restrained, maybe letting out my full power will finally get me some respect. If I were you I would turn away anyone else who comes to register. I will kill all my enemies.” Lightningheart said in a tone that caused the sound ninja to swallow hard.

An hour later Lightningheart’s name was called and to his surprise Titiania formerly of the Village Hidden in the Waterfall. As they step into the ring Titiania says, “Why are you here? Shouldn’t you be back in the Leaf obeying your daddy? It matters not our fight at the Chunin exams was a fluke I will not fall for your tricks again. You disgraced me in front of my family. I was forced to leave my village in shame now I will have my revenge and your blood will coat my arms.”

As the gong rang signaling the fight’s start Titiania charges directly at Lightningheart. Waiting for her to get within arm’s length Lightningheart charges up his RasenInferno and dodging her wild haymaker slams the ball into her chest causing the flame tornado that erupted upon impact to launch her into the air as she spun around engulfed in flames suffering severe burns. Charging a second normal Rasengan Lightningheart waits for the tornado to dissipate and as she falls he slams it into her back sending her flying across the stadium to impact the wall so hard that she was imbedded in it. As the gong sounded to end the match Lightningheart walks back to his seat to apply a small amount of Sakura’s burn cream to his arm to ease the pain and heal the burn.

After this there was a mass withdraw of contestants who feared they might have to fight Lightningheart. An hour later he was approached by a ninja wearing the robes of the Akastuki.

“So we meet face to face this time. Why have you come here boy? I thought that after you faced my sand clone that you would want to avoid us.” Demona Uchiha said.

“You want to know why I came here. I came because I was tired of my father treating me like a little kid. Every day it’s the same old shit with him. He does not respect the power that I have or my intelligence and he is always talking down to me despite what I have done. I left the Leaf to find my place among people who respect power and those who wield it. If you really are an Uchiha then you know what I speak of.” Lightningheart said with a voice dead of emotion.

“Yes I am an Uchiha and I respect power. That move you used what do you call it?” Demona asked.

“It is the RasenInferno. I infused the Rasengan with fire chakra making it cause second degree burns on the victims’ entire body. As well as causing them severe damage from the fall. Do you like it?” Lightningheart said in a matter of fact voice.

“It is quite impressive. Not as impressive as my lords secret Jutsu’s but close. Come you have been chosen to join our village. The rest of this rabble cannot even hold a candle to you. Welcome to the Village of the Rogue.” Demona said clapping Lightningheart on the shoulder leading him to the boat that would take them to his new home.

Chapter 9

The next day Crystal had finished applying a convincing bruise makeup on her face around her eye and cut her cheek with a Kunai and after bandaging it proceeded through her preparations for the next phase of the plan. After lunchtime had Rolled around and Naruto and Hinata hadn’t come back from the Council meeting Crystal decides that it was time to interrupt the council to inform them of what she, Lightningheart, and Shikamaru Jr. had done. Calling Shikamaru Jr. at his home she tells him to quickly make himself look seriously beat up and to

meet her at the Hokage's office where the council was being held and then packs a diaper bag for Flaresong who was still a little upset that only Crystal was in the house after she had woken up.

Just before she leaves the house she taps Flaresong with a stronger version of her knock out Jutsu putting her into a sound sleep that she wouldn't wake up from for at least three hours. Upon reaching the meeting chamber Crystal tells the guards outside that she has urgent news for the council and that she needs to be allowed to speak with them immediately despite what their orders were.

"I'm sorry but we cannot let you inside. Lord Hokage Naruto has ordered they not be interrupted under any circumstances." The Anbu Guard said.

"Look I appreciate that it is a closed meeting and they don't want to be disturbed but I think they would reconsider in the light that Lightningheart Uzumaki, Lord Naruto and Lady Hinata's son, has deserted the village renouncing us." Crystal said causing the two Anbu members to step back in shock.

"One moment." The taller of the two Anbu said disappearing into the meeting chamber. Seconds later he reappears and ushers Crystal and Shikamaru Jr. inside. After taking their place next to Naruto and Hinata Crystal places the largest White Noise Jutsu she has ever done. Once it was placed Naruto says, "Crystal what did the Anbu guard mean when he said you had grave news about Lightningheart. What has happened since I sent you three a note last night?"

"Lord Hokage, Lady Hinata, forgive me but after we received your message last night Lightningheart, Shikamaru Jr. and I were discussing possible ramifications of events that might come as well as what happened on that A rank mission you sent our squad on. Despite my objections Lightningheart agreed with Shikamaru's idea that we should infiltrate the new

Akastuki organization. Though he took my concerns to heart and ordered us as our leader to stay here to act as his contacts. He agreed that it would be too dangerous to have all three of us go as it might cause extreme suspicion of how an entire squad went rogue.” Crystal said standing at attention causing mutters to erupt from the other council members including Shikamaru’s parents.

Slapping Crystal hard enough to leave a red imprint of her hand on Crystals face Hinata screams, “What do you mean that Lightningheart has gone to infiltrate this new Akastuki organization? Don’t you three know how dangerous that is? Damn it Crystal I thought you Lightning and Shikamaru Jr. had more sense than that.”

“I’m really sorry Lady Hinata I tried to talk him out of it or to at least wait for you and Lord Hokage Naruto to come home but he said that it would be better this way. He said you wouldn’t understand because you are his mother and wouldn’t be able to see the bigger picture.” Crystal said as tears filled her eyes from the pain in her face and shame she felt at how she had essentially dishonored Lady Hinata whom she admired and respected the most.

“I am extremely disappointed that you didn’t come to us with this the moment he left Crystal, but not as much as I am in my son’s hasty actions. Councilmembers I know my Son’s skill and speed. He will be too far away to easily track by now, so I put to the vote, do we trust him and his friends despite their youth and allow my son to continue his self-imposed mission. Or do we send a squad of Anbu to bring him back I will hear arguments for and against this before we decide. Starting with Kakashi Hatake.” Naruto said.

“I admit that they are very young still. And though they have only two years field experience I know their skills like a book. Lightningheart had the highest scores in the history of

our village in Espionage, Ninjutsu, Taijutsu, Spy coding, and military strategy, beating out Crystal in those fields by a significant margin who also has record level skills in these fields. While I fear for his safety I feel that in the end we would have sent a shinobi to try and infiltrate the organization in the end. And with his skills I believe that he is the most qualified one to do the job.” Kakashi said.

On and on the council members went saying their observations of Lightningheart, Crystal and Shikamaru Jr’s. skills and arguing the others points. The arguments continued for another eight hours before Naruto called for a break for dinner. Not understanding what was going on Flaresong had gotten upset at the arguing about her brother and after a quick word with Naruto Hinata takes Flaresong from Crystal saying, “I’m going to take her home you stay here until the meeting is adjourned.”

After dinner the arguments resumed for another twelve hours. Suddenly a cloud of smoke appears and a Messenger Toad hands a scroll to Crystal then disappears. Quickly unrolling the scroll Crystal read’s Lightningheart’s report and says, “Lord Hokage, Council members. I have just received the first report from Lightningheart on our agreed upon day. He says that he successfully infiltrated the new Akastuki organization. He has also included two pieces of grim news. First, he was forced to kill a possible Rogue shinobi from the Village hidden in the Waterfall. She was his first match opponent during the final round of the Chunin exams. Second and most disturbing, he says that Uchiha Sasuke is alive.”

“I guess there is no reason to discuss the option of whether or not we trust your plan anymore. It would be too dangerous to attempt an extraction at this point.” Kakashi said blandly.

“I agree. The first thing we must do is immediately announce that Lightningheart has become a rogue ninja. Secondly, since he is your immediate contact we need to place a cover story for why you would constantly be in my home now that he is gone. Crystal I am going to legally adopt you and bring you to live in my home while Lightningheart is on this mission. Whenever you receive a message from him you will report it to either myself or Hinata depending on the urgency of his news. To further add to your cover of why I would adopt you, when I announce that Lightning has gone Rogue I want you to play up an extreme breakdown of despair and distress. This will make people think I am doing it to help you come to terms and cope with his betrayal of our village. Third I am going to formally announce that while it is not your fault that he left you will be reprimanded for not reporting it immediately and demote you and Shikamaru Jr. back to Gennin level for six months. You will only be allowed to do missions that are local and do not leave the confines of the village for more than a five mile radius.”

Naruto said raising a few eyebrows around the table.

Later that day Naruto, standing in front of the majority of the village who had gathered at his mass summons uses a sound system he set up to deliver a grim message. “Citizens of the Village Hidden in the Leaves I have grim news. Earlier today I received intelligence that my son, Lightningheart Uzumaki has renounced our village and left us forever. Along with this intelligence were reports that he murdered a shinobi from the Waterfall village in cold blood. Because of his actions it is with a very heavy heart...It is with a very heavy heart that I must declare him a rogue ninja.”

“NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO.” Crystal screamed from the middle of the crowd drawing attention to herself. “How can you do that? He is your son. What proof do you have that he really defected? You can’t just assume he is rogue you can’t.” Crystal continued

screaming while tears streamed down her face. Collapsing to her knees Crystal wails her sorrow that her best friend and squad member had been declared rogue.

Screaming to nobody in particular Crystal says, “How could Lightningheart do this. He was like a brother to me. I just can’t believe he has gone rogue I just can’t.” A moment later Kakashi Hatake and Sakura Haruno appear at Crystals side and drag her away while she screams her sorrow yelling, “You bastard Lightningheart, how could you do this to us. I will never forgive you for it.”

Six hours later Sakura delivers a copy of her “official” diagnosis of Crystal’s mental state along with Crystal, to Naruto saying quietly after Crystal laid her White Noise Jutsu down, “I hope you know what you’re doing Naruto I hate the thought of what might happen if the truth gets out too soon.”

“Don’t worry Sakura I trust in my son, Crystal and Shikamaru Jr. And Shikamaru’s dad agrees that Lightning is the smartest strategist in the village so we just have to rely on them.” Naruto said taking the report to file later.

Turning to Crystal he says, “Nice job on your act earlier Crystal. Now if you are ready here is the paperwork for your adoption into my family. All you have to do is sign where it says adoptee and Lady Sakura can sign as a witness.”

After all the paperwork is signed Naruto says, “Hinata should just be starting dinner right now, Sakura would you “escort” Crystal to my house. And feel free to stay for dinner. Crystal the next couple weeks will be the hardest part for you. Whenever you are in the public eye whether you are alone, with Hinata, myself or the entire family, you have to continue to play up your depression at Lightningheart’s betrayal of us.”

Nodding Crystal says, "Alright papa I understand. It shouldn't be too hard. I mean look how convincing I was earlier. People really thought I was losing it. And good choice having Kakashi sensei and Lady Sakura add to the illusion by coming to drag me away to "get me some help" I wasn't expecting it."

"Alright then, I'll see you two later after I finish up a these letters to the other Kage's. They will need to know that we have declared Lightningheart as Rogue. Though I only trust Kazekage Gaara with the truth. Oh I received a message about an hour ago from our allies in the Village Hidden in the Waterfall. The ninja that Lightningheart had slain to infiltrate the Akastuki was just declared rogue herself. She attempted and failed to kill their lord, she escaped custody and has fled the region. I must inform them that she was slain yesterday."

"Just don't tell them who killed her papa say it was one of our Anbu members who was on a secret mission for us. I would also suggest that you send the letter in two days from now. This way we can say that the Anbu know from an updated entry in their bingo book that she was to be taken out if found." Crystal said as Naruto smiled.

"You are clever Crystal. Perhaps when this is over you might find yourself in a council position." Naruto said waving her and Sakura out.

After dispelling the White Noise Jutsu Crystal starts sobbing again resuming the mask that she had on when she had walked in.

Three days later Crystal, Hinata and Flaresong were out shopping for groceries and supplies and while they were in the Drugstore Crystal feels herself completely empty herself and says, "Momma I gotta go to the bathroom."

“Alright dear go ahead. I’ll be in the baby needs aisle to get some more diapers for Flare then I’ll be in looking in the aisle for your supplies when you’re done.”

After locking the family stall behind her and removing her soiled diaper Crystal sits on the toilet and starts sobbing audibly, drawing the attention of the other ladies that had walked in with her.

Knocking softly a woman in a purple dress with matching heels says, “Crystal, are you alright?”

Speaking through her sobs Crystal says, “Ma...matron G...Gladis...ih...is tha...that y...you?”

“Yes dear it’s me what’s wrong? Are you hurt?” Gladis the Matron of the Orphanage said through the door.

“I...I...I just...I just...feel so be...betrayed. Muh...my best frie...friend ra...ran away and...and left me...to...to deal...deal with this pro...problem on...on my...own.” Crystal said through realistic sobs.

“Sweetie, would you open the door and let me in? It is hard to help you through a door.” Gladis said earning approving nods from the other two women.

At first Crystal didn’t move but then shuffling forward enough to reach the lock she flips it back and sits back down on the toilet with her diaper still in view on the floor. Locking the door behind her Gladis turns around and sees the diaper. Kneeling down to get on eye level with Crystal Gladis says, “Sweetie how long have you needed those. Don’t tell me Lightningheart’s disappearance has anything to do with you wearing them.”

Shaking her head and wiping her eyes Crystal says, “During the final round of the Chunin Exams when me and Lightningheart faced each other I suffered a head injury rendering me incontinent. Then after Lightningheart found out he promised to help me adjust to them and now he up and runs away. How could my best friend do that to me, let alone his parents and sister? At least Mama Hinata and Papa Naruto were kind enough to formally adopt me and bring me into their home to help me. But...it is still so stressful needing them in the first place and with my pain over Lightning’s betrayal I...I can’t help but Cry whenever I use them. I wish I had never been born.”

“Come now dear you don’t mean that. There are plenty of people who love you for who you are regardless of your needs. I for one would feel very sad if you just disappeared. I understand how hard it is to lose someone you held close as a friend whether through betrayal or death it still hurts a lot. And I am sure that Lord Naruto, Lady Hinata and all your friends would feel just as heartbroken as you feel now if you vanished.” Gladis said hugging Crystal.

Sobbing hard into Gladis’s shoulder Crystal plays up her heartbreak and depression for a good five minutes while Gladis made soothing sounds and rubbed her back soothingly. Once Crystal started to calm down Gladis says, “Where are your supplies dear? The least I can do is help you get into a clean diaper.”

Pulling out the diaper and wipes she had brought along in case of an accident Crystal hands them to Gladis and removes her pants completely. Picking up Crystal under the knees and behind the shoulders Gladis lays Crystal on the changing table and swiftly cleans her up. After she placed the clean diaper on her Gladis picks up the soiled one off the floor and rolls the wipes up inside it then throws the whole thing away while Crystal struggles to get her pants back on.

After she got her pants on Crystal gives Gladis a hug thanking her for being so kind in her time of need and washes her hands before leaving the bathroom thinking, *damn I am a good actor if I do say so myself. Though it was kind of embarrassing letting my old matron clean me up and diaper me like she did when I was a baby.*

Walking down the Incontinence aisle Crystal sees Hinata spanking Flaresong on her exposed bottom saying, “You don’t act like that Flare. You know better than to throw things at people and you sure as sin do not cuss at your mother.”

Crying hard Flaresong says, “I sowwy momma I sowwy pwease stop ‘panking me.”

Giving Flaresong a final hard swat Hinata pulls Flaresong’s training pants back up and sits her back down in the cart to finish their shopping.

An hour later after they got home and Hinata had started cooking dinner Crystal receives the second report from Lightningheart and after decoding it goes downstairs to give the decoded letter to Hinata. After quickly reading it she says, “I will take this to your father immediately. The council might be called together to discuss this information so could you finish making dinner. I was making Shadow pork surprise with Ramen. I finished the noodles but the pork, vegetables and broth still need to cook. The cookbook is opened to the recipe, I was on step seven. And please take care of Flare while I’m gone if she acts up you can spank her if she needs it but don’t go overboard ok.”

“Ok momma I will finish cooking dinner. If the meeting goes too long don’t worry I will make sure Flare eats her dinner and gets to bed on time.” Crystal replied giving Hinata a hug.

Tying the apron on Crystal finishes chopping the vegetables according to the cook books instructions and sets them aside as she proceeded to cut the pork per the recipe. An hour later she finished cooking the pork and had a pot of broth on the stove with the meat and vegetables in it to keep them warm. Untying the apron Crystal hangs it on its hook and goes to check on Flaresong.

Finding Flaresong in her room playing with her puppets that looked like her and Lightning Crystal says, “Hey sis how you feeling?”

“Why yoo keep cawing me sis Cwystal, we not sistas?” Flaresong said keeping her back to Crystal.

“I know it is hard to understand but your momma and papa adopted me as a daughter. I am now a member of your family. We may not be related by blood but we are still sisters.” Crystal said trying to explain to Flaresong in a way she might understand.

“I wike you Cwystal but I don’t want a sista I want my big bwover back.” Flare said pouting.

“I miss brother Lightningheart too Flare. He was my best friend, don’t you think I hurt too because he ran away? I know it hurts a lot that he did this to us. But since we can’t have him back could you at least try to treat me like a big sister. I care for you as much as you deserve and more. You were always like a baby sister to me and now that I am part of the family you really are.” Crystal said turning Flaresong around to look her in the eyes.

“I’ll twy.” Flaresong said finally understanding that Crystal really cared for her.

“Thanks Flare. By the way dinner is ready but momma and papa are in a council meeting, so they left me in charge.” Crystal said picking Flaresong up and carrying her to the kitchen.

Sitting Flaresong into her booster seat Crystal puts a bowl in front of her filled with the broth and noodles and before Flaresong can even start objecting says, “No fussing about dinner Flare. I love you dearly but if you act up momma gave me permission to spank you.”

Placing a bowl down in front of her own seat Crystal gives the blessing over the food and proceeds eating while Flare just stares at her bowl refusing to eat. After ten minutes Crystal finishes her first bowl and refills it. Seeing that Flaresong had yet to even take a bite she says, “Flare this is your last warning. Eat your dinner or I’m going to spank you.”

“You won’t ‘pank me I won’t wike you any mowre if ya do.” Flaresong retorted pushing her bowl away.

“Well then I guess I am going to have to live with you not liking me.” Crystal said picking Flaresong up out of her booster seat and pulling down her training pants. Laying Flaresong across her lap Crystal swats her five times very firmly then pulls her training pants back up and sits her back in her seat saying, “Now eat your dinner or you’re getting another spanking, you are not getting anything else to eat. Momma and Papa are tired of your nightly misbehavior at dinner. And frankly after only living here three days I am not surprised.”

“I hate you. You are just a mean ‘tupid head. I wish big bwover neva met you.” Flaresong screamed at Crystal while sobbing at the soreness in her bottom.

“Flare I am going to count to three and if you don’t start eating your dinner I’m going to spank you again and this time it will be ten smacks.” Crystal warned. “One...Two...Thr...” she

said as Flare pulled her bowl closer and started spooning the broth up to her mouth. After finishing her bowl Flaresong pushes it away and pouts while Crystal has a third bowl. Finishing her third bowl Crystal stands up and takes Flaresong's bowl to the sink as well and then picks her up saying, "Alright little miss pouty pants bath time then bed."

"Pwut me down I don't need a baf." Flaresong said struggling in Crystals hold.

"Flare I'm warning you, stop now. You've already misbehaved more than you should have today. You are going to take a bath and then go straight to bed. " Crystal said in a stern voice.

"I said pwut me DOWN." Flaresong screamed kicking Crystal hard in the stomach causing her to empty her bladder.

Flipping Flaresong over Crystal gives her another ten swats slightly harder than her previous five while scolding her severely for her actions. After she finished she took Flare into the bathroom and ran the water for her bath while stripping her down. After thoroughly washing her and drying her off Crystal takes Flare back to her bedroom and puts her into a normal diaper then puts her full body pajamas on her and fastens two mittens over her hands to prevent her from taking it off.

Placing her in bed Crystal Pulls the bars on it up to the full height making it more like a crib than a bed ensuring that she couldn't get out while saying, "Now I have had it with your tantrums and misbehavior Flare you go to sleep right now. I don't want to hear another sound out of you for the rest of the night."

Turning off the light Crystal closes the door behind her and goes back into her room to change into a new diaper. After getting cleaned up and into a new diaper Crystal puts on her own pajamas and picks up the scroll she was studying from. Carefully reading the section she was on from the beginning Crystal learns how to use Shadow Clones to their full power and after practicing the skill itself creates six clones which she sends downstairs to do something and have only one come back after the others disintegrate.

“So what did we do downstairs?” The last Shadow Clone asked.

“You all played a round of rock paper scissors to see who would get to come back up here to check if I understood the lesson about Shadow Clones fully.” Crystal said

“You got it. Well that’s another scroll down time to go to the next one.” The clone said before disintegrating.

As Crystal starts reading the next scroll, one that dealt with different powerful lightning chakra Ninjutsu, she hears the front door open. Setting the scroll down, she quickly straps her Kunai pouch to her leg then she quietly makes her way through the hall using the shadows to hide while holding two Kunai at the ready. Seeing that Naruto and Hinata were the ones who came in Crystal puts her Kunai back in the pouch.

“Hi momma, hi papa, welcome home. Supper is on the stove on a low heat to keep it warm.” Crystal said giving them a hug.

Returning the hug Hinata and Naruto lead her into the kitchen and after filling a bowl each for themselves sit down and at Naruto’s nod Crystal puts down the her White Noise Jutsu.

After a few moments of silence while Naruto and Hinata continued eating Naruto says, “So how was Flare after Hinata left?”

Sighing Crystal says, “She tried her usual tantrum about dinner and forced me to spank her before she ate. Then I had to spank her again because she kicked me hard in the stomach when I was taking her for her bath. After that she stopped acting up but I am concerned that Lightning’s leaving has really cut her deep. I want to tell her the truth but we all know you can’t expect a toddler to keep their silence about things. I think it best that we keep her away from people who might say something about it when she is around. It might send her over the edge and cause her behavior to turn for the worse.”

Rubbing his neck Naruto says, “She has taken his being declared Rogue harder than I thought. Perhaps we should have Lady Sakura treat her with some therapy, though I doubt that will help considering her age.”

“All she needs is some time to get used to the situation. I know it will be rough on her but we need to keep treating her how we normally would otherwise she will think there is something more to what we are telling her. She may be a toddler papa but she is extremely intelligent. We just have to treat her like nothing secret is going on and she will eventually come to understand that just because Lightningheart is gone does not mean she is alone.” Crystal said yawning.

“Well then I guess there is nothing else to discuss. You can go to bed now sweetie if we need you we’ll come talk to you in your room.” Hinata said patting Crystal on the back.

A week later at the Rogue Village...

“You wanted to see me Lord Sasuke?” Lightningheart said kneeling down in front of Sasuke.

“Ahh yes Lightningheart. I thought you might like to know that your own father has turned his back from you. He officially declared you a Rogue ninja and that you were to be dealt with harshly if any of the Leaf’s allies are able to capture you.” Sasuke said bluntly trying to gauge Lightningheart’s reaction.

“It took him that long to make the decision. I figured after the “message” I left when I left the village would have caused the council to force him to do it sooner. It matters not I am done with those weak disrespectful fools. Now that you know I was truthful about my throwing my ties to the Leaf away will you allow me to train under your greatness to become the power I know I am destined to become? Consider me your weapon my lord and I will do all in my power to see your will be done.” Lightningheart said convincingly.

“Very well, I cannot deny that you are powerful. I saw that when you came here and some of the others jumped you. Your skills are formidable as they are. With some training from me you will become the second most powerful Ninja in the world. From this day forth you will be known as Lightningheart Demon of the Rogue. We start your training at dawn.” Sasuke said pulling a Kunai blade. Placing the blade on Lightningheart’s cheek he draws three inch line across on both sides ending under his eyes.

After slicing through both cheeks Sasuke wipes the blood across the leaf symbol on Lightningheart’s headband saying, “Rise Lightningheart, Demon of the Rogue. Let this blood prove your loyalty to the Rogue Village and by your deeds force the world to respect our power.”

Standing up Lightningheart says to the cheers of the other rogue shinobi gathered in the conference room, “With the blood on my band I completely renounce my ties to the land of my birth and pledge loyalty only to the Rouge Village. With my power I will bring glory to the Rogue and force the world to respect our power.”

Chapter 10

8:45 AM in the Rogue Village dormitory...

Two weeks after Lightningheart was officially accepted into the rogue he is in his room changing into a clean diaper and some comfortable pants forgoing his shirt, just after his morning training with Sasuke when he hears a knock on the door. Quickly fastening the tabs onto the front panel he yells, “Just a minute.”

After getting his pants back up and the soiled diaper into the garbage he opens the door to find Demona, wearing a floor length red silk dress with slits up the sides all the way to her knees, red heels and a dark red lipstick, standing there and says, “What is it Demona, can’t you see I’m trying to relax?”

With a smirk she leans in close and whispers, “Trying to relax, or changing your diaper?”

Following her eyes he sees that he didn’t tuck the top of his diaper down below his belt line and grabs her by the arm dragging her into his room. Shutting the door tight he says, “I don’t care if you know about my wearing them. If you want a reason I will even gladly give it to you. But I don’t give a damn if you are my Lords’ daughter; if you give me a hard time about them I will show you pain beyond pain. I will make you wish you had never been born.”

Chuckling Demona says, “Calm down love I wasn’t making fun or anything by what I said. I knew the day I brought you here that you wore them. And frankly I think you look cute in them, whether you need them or not. I just came by to let you know that father gave me a message he decided on after your training session.”

Rubbing his temples Lightningheart says, “What does our Lord wish of me? If it is something that can wait I would prefer to study some scrolls I borrowed from his library.”

“Oh you will have time to study the scrolls love. He wanted me to inform you that he has decided that you have been promoted in our village to the head of the training department for our other members. You will oversee their training every night from 8:00 to 10:00. You will have free reign on how you decide to train the others. You also are given the coveted duty of disciplinary master for anyone who fails in a task set for them by our Lord.” Demona said running her fingers through Lightningheart’s hair while she circled him.

Shivering all the way up his spine in pleasure at the way she was touching him he replies, “Well if that is our Lords wish then I will see it done. Is there anything else you want?”

Coming back around his front Demona plants a deep kiss on him and says, “Not at the moment love but I think I might come up with something for you to do for me later.”

At this she opens his door and walks out of the room swaying her hips in a slightly seductive manner.

Thinking about what had just happened Lightningheart closes the door and walks over to his bed to read the scroll on fire nature Ninjutsu that Sasuke had written himself while taking notes on specific skills he deemed useful to him.

8:00 in the training hall of the Rogue Village...

“Alright you worthless sacks of crap. Our Lord Sasuke has decreed that I take over for your last training master starting tonight. I don’t care what your previous instructor was like from now on you are mine. If you fuck up a Jutsu I will slice your nostrils, then cut your pretty little faces for each additional fuck up until your mothers wouldn’t recognize you. If I think you are not putting forth enough effort I will break your fingers one by one until you get the message. Piss me off and I just might rip a hole in you that will take a miracle to survive. Any questions?” Lightningheart said stalking in front of the group of 200 rogue shinobi.

Slowly a shinobi on the end of the front line raised his hand and seeing it Lightningheart hits him with a full powered Rasengan, causing him to fly into a wall back first leaving an indent saying, “Any other questions?”

When nobody else raised their hands Lightningheart says, “Good. Now down to business. First thing we are going to do is get an idea of where you all stand. I am going to assign each of you a number either one or two. All the ones will go to the north end of the hall and tie a black band around their arms. All the twos will go to the south side and tie a red band around your arm. When you are done you will line up in a single line on your side facing the opposing team. After everyone is ready I will give you the next instructions. Oh and you better move fast after I give you your number.”

After giving a number to all the shinobi Lightningheart says, “First round of this is going to be a war style battle. You will fight with all you have, trying to kill the opposite team members. If I think someone is not fighting to their fullest, or is attempting to avoid fighting a

friend, I will kill you myself. Only the strong deserve to be in this Village. I have no place for weaklings in my training camp.”

Sitting in a chair Lightningheart activates his Byakugan and yells, “BEGIN.”

As the battle raged Lightningheart watched and made mental notes of who the strongest people seemed to be. At points throughout the fight he would speed in behind the strongest members and some of the weaker ones, slitting their throats or using the Rasengan to send them flying into a wall headfirst effectively crushing their skulls. At 9:45 Lightningheart yells, “HOLD. This battle is over. All of you still standing come to me and stand in a line.”

As fifty shinobi lined up in front of him Lightningheart says in a dark and sinister tone, “Well more of you survived than I thought would. Congratulations. Red bands raise your hands.” counting fifteen reds he says, “Starting tomorrow you will start training under my assistant I have chosen. They will instruct you on how to be our new reconnaissance and infiltration ninja, give them reason to complain to me, and I will teach you the meaning of pain. The rest of you will begin training under me to become our main battle squad leaders. For now though I want you to dispose of the fallen. Take them to the walls and throw them into the sea. Dismissed.”

“Yes Master Lightningheart.” The shinobi said as they ran to dispose of the dead and dying shinobi.

Six hours later in the Uzumaki house...

Sitting in her bed reading a book about a young girl who wanted to be a warrior in a time when women were not allowed too, Crystal checks the clock again and sighs in worry, thinking the worst had happened and that Lightning had been discovered. Suddenly she is startled when a

messenger toad appears and holds out a scroll to Crystal saying, “Sorry I’m late I ran into a little snag as I was coming here and had to hide for a couple of hours before I could continue.”

“That’s alright at least I know now that Lightning didn’t forget to send his report.”

Crystal said taking the scroll from the messenger toad.

As the toad disappears Crystal decodes Lightningheart’s message and reading what he said turns slightly green at the details. Quickly and silently Crystal walks into her parents room and shaking Naruto awake says, “Papa, wake up you need to see this.”

Groaning Naruto looks at the clock and seeing it was three in the morning says, “Crystal sweetie what’s wrong?”

“Papa I just got the message I’ve been waiting up all night for you are going to want to see this.”

Turning on the bedside lamp Naruto takes the paper she was holding and reading the message says, “By the ancestors. I didn’t expect this. Crystal, do me a favor and go wake each of the council members I need to deliver this report a.s.a.p. Tell them to just come here I will make some tea.”

Hearing the last bit Hinata says, “Dear is it really necessary to wake the council up at this hour to discuss Lightning’s report.”

Taking the paper that Naruto held out to her Hinata reads it and turning pale herself says, “You are sure you didn’t mess up somewhere in the decoding Crystal?”

“Momma, Lightningheart Shikamaru Jr. and I came up with the code that we are using when we were still in the academy. We have been using it for over five years I am certain of my accuracy.” Crystal said swallowing a lump in her throat.

“Very well go get the council. I will make the tea and keep Flaresong quiet while they are here.”

An hour later a sleepy and slightly irritated council are sitting around a large table in the basement of the Uzumaki house. After Crystal had placed her White Noise Jutsu Lady Tsunade says, “Damn it Naruto couldn’t this have waited until we all woke up in a few hours?”

“I assure you honorable fifth that it couldn’t wait. Crystal finally received the report that she was supposed to get by ten last night an hour ago. We need to discuss our preparations for war. Lightningheart has been assigned as the head of the combat strategy and training for all of the shinobi of the Rogue Village. Sasuke is mounting an army and is planning to attack either us or one of our allies sometime within the year. To keep his cover Lightningheart has to train these men to his fullest. He did us a favor by killing off half of their strongest members that he had been assigned but he also had to kill off half of their weakest to cover his actions. By his hand or through his actions one hundred and fifty men are dead.” Naruto said causing everyone to blanch.

“That... that’s horrible, how could he murder so many people?” Tsunade said slowly.

“It is as Naruto said. He had to do it to keep his cover. No doubt Sasuke put him in this position to test his loyalty to the Rogue Village. However when this is over I wouldn’t be surprised if he needs therapy to come to terms with what he has done.” Kakashi said as Hinata came down the stairs with a fresh pot of tea.

Looking at Crystal Shikamaru says, “Dear are you 100% certain that you translated this message properly?”

“It is as I told mother and father when I gave them the message an hour ago sir. Lightning, your son and I have been working with this code since we started in the academy five years ago. I know this code inside and out I didn’t make any mistakes.” Crystal replied hugging herself tight still trying to shake off the shock of what Lightningheart had written.

“Neji, Tenten, Choji; how are your squads coming along with their training?” Naruto asked sipping his tea.

“Currently my squad are making leaps and bounds on their reconnaissance training my lord. They are almost the equivalent of the weakest Anbu squad.” Tenten said.

“My squad has begun training in setting traps in perfect camouflage and disarming bomb traps. They have been doing well.” Neji Hyuga answered in a quiet voice.

“My squad has begun their urban warfare training my lord. They have won sixty-nine out of seventy five battles so far against my previous squad who had a fifty percent victory rate against the Anbu squad I had commissioned three years ago.” Choji Akamichi replied downing his tea in one shot and pouring himself another glass.

“Good very good. I suggest you keep them on those and nothing else for now. Kiba, Might, Rock, how goes your squads?” Naruto said making plans in his head.

“My squad is making tremendous progress with tracking and Jungle warfare practice. They are almost as good with the hounds I gave them as Akamaru and I are with each other. And

they have lost only six out of eighty matches against the Anbu squad I've borrowed." Kiba Inuzaka said as he scratched Akamaru behind the ear.

"Lord Naruto, my squad is making great progress in their Taijutsu combat training. As you know I have no Ninjutsu or Genjutsu abilities so I focus on training their Taijutsu to their fullest. They are almost as good as I am. And I only ever lose in straight Taijutsu fights to Might Guy sensei." Rock Lee said smiling wide.

"Ah the power of youth I shouldn't be surprised by it after having you as a student Lee. As for my squad my lord I am happy to announce that they are making great progress in their Taijutsu, Espionage, and infiltration training. They have mastered their abilities of the transformation jutsu so well I doubt even Neji here could tell they were using it to disguise themselves." Might Guy said smiling as wide as Rock Lee was.

"Very well, Might, Rock, I suggest you two join efforts and jointly train your squads for a while. I understand that you love your Taijutsu since you are unable to do anything else Lee but we will need them to learn all they can so I want you to take over Might's squad for a while and build up their Taijutsu to be on par with your squad and Might I want you to take Lee's squad to build their Genjutsu and Ninjutsu. When you have them up to snuff on everything I would like you two to join Kiba and have all three of your squads train under Kiba's for tracking and jungle warfare. Shino, Temari, Ino how fare your squads?"

"I have started training my squad on how to read the movements of insects to understand the goings on in the forest. So far I am barely satisfied with their progress. I intend to push them in this and their use of the insects as comrades and tools to work stealth kills and missions." Shino Aburame said.

“My squad has been training in their urban warfare skills as well my lord. I am not as satisfied with their abilities as Choji is with his squad. Mine has had thirty battles and have only won ten. However they are making progress in their stealth killing abilities in an urban setting.” Temari said shaking her head.

“My squad as you know my lord is training to be part of the medical corps. So far I am uncertain of their progress as Lady Sakura has taken over their training along with her squad who are also in the medical corps training. However when she is satisfied I intend to bust their asses on emergency battle techniques for when they come under attack while treating wounded in the field.” Ino said with vigor.

“Alright. Temari I want you and your squad to start cooperatively training with Choji’s squad to get them up to snuff. When they are ready I will allow the Anbu squads your two teams have been borrowing to return to you to further their training. Shino I want you to keep going with their training how you see fit. We need assassin class shinobi if we are to survive another war. And using insects is a great way to do that as there are so many that are deadly to whatever they bite. Kurenai, Sakura how about your squads?”

“To answer Ino’s question both my squad and hers are making great progress in their Triage and field hospital skills. I estimate another three weeks before I take them into full blown medical ninjas training and not just emergency battlefield medics.” Sakura said calmly.

“My squad has been perfecting their assassination techniques and infiltration skills using different buildings in the village and a squad of the best Anbu members we have. They are up to eighty-nine successful infiltration and assassination missions out of ninety-six.” Kurenai said.

“Very well continue as you are. One final thing, I want a report on each of your squads progress every three days until the Autumn harvest. Needless to say we will need them at their absolute best before the end. I fear the worst because of Lightning’s latest report. May the ancestors help us all.” Naruto said quietly as he went over what the others said in his head.

As the others leave Naruto sits and drinks his tea waiting for the others to completely leave before saying to Crystal, “I know this is risky but with what you know from the information you haven’t told us, could one of my toads could get a message to Lightning without ousting him?”

Shocked that Naruto had figured out that she had left out bits and pieces that Lightning had meant for her and Shikamaru Jr. only she says, “I don’t think it would be wise papa why do you ask?”

“If you think it can be done I want him to get a message saying that we need him to, as covertly as possible, eliminate more ninja over the next six months and then to disappear from there and come back to us. I don’t like this situation were coming into and I would prefer to have his strength and inside intelligence back here with us personally. Preferably before Sasuke makes his move.” Naruto said with a deep worried look on his face.

“I’m not sure papa. When I receive his next report in a week I will ask the toad before it leaves. He said that he ran into a snag on his way here with this report which is why he was so late.” Crystal said nibbling her thumb as she felt herself fill her diaper.

“Alright sweetie I will trust you. If the toad can manage it make sure to get that message to him and to have him deliver the reply immediately. Now run along and get changed were going shopping today remember. This is supposed to be your first outing with the family since

Lightning left and we need you to continue to play your role convincingly.” Naruto said giving Crystal a kiss on the forehead and a pat on her bum making her squeak as she felt the poo squish slightly.

8:45 in the Rogue Village...

“My Lord, might your humble weapon ask a personal question?” Lightningheart said during a break in the training.

“What is it Lightningheart?” Sasuke said in an unconcerned nature.

“It is regarding Demona. I would like your permission to court her. I give you my word that I will continue to give 200% during our training and during the sessions with those maggots I am whipping into shape. I just have come to see that she respects me for who I really am and my power. Not even my so called “friends” in the Leaf truly respected me like your daughter dose.” Lightningheart said carefully.

“Why should I care what you do with her? I grant you that she is my daughter but I am more concerned with the status of our army than I am with what she does. So long as you keep your word that you will continue to give your all to your own training and to the training of your charges do with her as you will.” Sasuke said in a bland manner.

“My Lord, thank you. I will give my all to the Rogue and more. By the blood that runs in my veins, the blood of the Hyuga and the Hokage, I will bring those worthless maggots to a power they have never dreamed of and to the honor of calling themselves members of our village.” Lightningheart said bowing to Sasuke.

“Fine. Now let us see how many Fire jutsu you have learned from that scroll I lent you.”

Sasuke said resuming the training. After demonstrating three devastating variations on the Fireball Ninjutsu Lightningheart finishes with the hardest one that was in the scroll.

“Fire Style; Magma Armor Ninjutsu.” Slamming his fist into the floor he kicks up a lot of rocks that cover his body and start glowing a bright orange. Walking over to one of the pillars in the room Lightningheart places a hand on it flattening his palm and pushes his arm through to the other side demonstrating the heat of the armor. Walking back to Sasuke he cancels the Ninjutsu and starts panting from having expended an immense amount of Chakra to not only cast that jutsu but to protect himself from the heat of it.

“Impressive. You are the only one I know apart from myself who has been able to survive the magma armor. You may have the rest of the day to yourself. Apart from training those worthless maggots that is.” Sasuke said dismissing Lightningheart.

“Thank you my Lord. I am grateful.” Lightningheart said bowing again and making his way back to his room to change.

Ten minutes after he gets a clean diaper and his comfortable pants on Lightningheart plans on how to push his men to the breaking point again so he could have a reason to get rid of a few more. Sitting up at the sound of a knocking on his door he says, “Enter.”

As the door opened he sees that Demona is once again standing at his doorway, this time wearing a purple dress that came down to her knees, purple sneakers, a royal purple lipstick and her hair was tied back in a single ponytail reaching down to the top of her butt. Closing the door behind her Demona says, “So love, what are you up to today?”

“Demona looking lovely as ever come take a seat, there is something I was thinking about that I wanted to talk with you about.” Lightningheart said standing up offering her a seat in his chair or on the bed.

“Oh a gentleman and a powerful shinobi now that is a change.” Demona teased slightly as she took a seat on his bed.

Sitting down next to her Lightningheart says, “Ever since you kissed me yesterday I can hardly think about anything beyond you when I am not thinking about my training or working with those pathetic losers I am training.”

“I’m sorry did I overstep my bounds? Father and mother were never really ones to talk to me about things like that.” Demona said blushing deeply.

“On the contrary Demona, I actually enjoyed it. During the final break of my training session with Lord Sasuke I asked his permission to court you. He gave it. So if you would like, would you want to be my girlfriend?” Lightningheart said putting a finger under her chin to turn her face towards him.

Blushing harder Demona says, “I would like that. I always said that the person who becomes my boyfriend would have to be strong like papa but also have a side to them that papa never showed. I think you are the person I’ve been looking for.”

With his excellent hearing Lightningheart hears a faint hissing coming from the general direction of Demona’s legs. Blushing even deeper Demona starts to cry in sorrow as she quietly sobs, “Oh no now papa is going to beat me again. Why can’t I stop doing this?”

“Demona what’s wrong did you just have an accident?” Lightningheart asked worriedly.

Sobbing harder she just nods and says through her sobs, “I...I can’t... stop wetting myself...lie... like a baby... an... and every time I do... and papa finds out...he... he beats me... calling me...a... a weakling...an... and a ...a disgrace. I...I don’t want to get...bea... beaten anymore...buh.... but I can’t seem to...to get potty trained...P... Please don’t tell papa that I...ha... had another accident.”

Placing a finger under her chin to get her to look at him Lightningheart says, “Demona sweetheart I wouldn’t tell him if that is what he does to you for something you can’t help. I have never had control over my bladder or bowels. That is why I have to wear diapers. I don’t mind if you wear them. In fact it gives us something we have in common that we don’t have to be embarrassed about. Would you like me to help you change? I don’t mind helping if you want it and I can even transform my diapers to look like yours so you can convincingly hide the accident from your dad.”

Hugging Lightningheart tight around the neck Demona sobs her appreciation into his shoulder and thanks him. Laying Demona down on his bed Lightning slides her dress up to reveal her diaper and pulls out his storage scroll that held his supplies and opening it makes one diaper a handful of powder and two wipes appear. After unfastening her diaper he lowers the front panel and sees that she has a bit of a rash started just above her private parts. Lifting her legs into the air to wipe her clean Lightningheart notices several bruises on her buttocks that were both fresh and old and hisses in sympathy at the pain she must feel from the beatings that left those marks. After cleaning her up he pulls out a tube from his pocket and putting some on the tip of his fingers rubs it into her rash eliciting a slight moan of pleasure from her. Once he had thoroughly applied the rash cream he slips the clean diaper under her and after resettling it

applies the powder then pulls the front panel up between her legs and fastens the tapes snugly giving her a firm fit.

After rolling the wipes into the soiled diaper and throwing it away he says, “So what would you like to do my sweet. I have the day off with the exception of my training those losers later.”

Standing up and settling her dress Demona walks over to Lightningheart and gives him a passionate, and very wet from her tears, kiss. When she breaks away she asks in a calmer voice, “How about we go for a stroll around the village. I know a nice little place where we can get some good food. Then we can go someplace quiet and talk.”

Placing a finger under her chin Lightningheart raises Demona’s face just enough to kiss her again and after a long minute he breaks the kiss and offers his arm to her like a gentleman saying, “Shall we go then?”

Enjoying the walk to the restaurant that Demona suggested Lightningheart decides to let her order for them and pay the tab. While they ate what the restaurant called the couples platter Lightningheart and Demona took turns feeding each other selections from the plate including lobster cakes, beef fried shrimp, lemon glazed chicken and General Tso’s chicken. Shortly after leaving the restaurant Demona leads him to the highest place in the village to get a view of the afternoon sun glinting off the ice crystals of the mountains showering the landscape with rainbow light.

As they stared out at the landscape enjoying the view a black robed ninja appears next to them and says, “Forgive my intrusion Lady Demona, Master Lightningheart. But Lord Sasuke has ordered me to deliver this message to you. There are two rogues who failed severely in their

task and require your “attention” to ensure that they do not fail again. I have no idea what he means nor do I care. He says they are waiting in your second office. Again I’m sorry for interrupting your date.”

“Fine you delivered your message. Now get lost before you irritate me further.”

Lightningheart said scarring the ninja into flight.

Turning back to Demona Lightningheart says, “I’m sorry love but duty to the Rogue calls. If you wish to spend some time later I will be free tonight after I finish with training my pupils. I might even make it worth your while if you stay the night.”

“Oh my how can a girl refuse such a mysterious offer? Of course I want to spend more time with you my love. I’ll see you later then.” Demona said giving Lightningheart a kiss and a playful pat on his bum.

An hour later in Lightningheart’s second office...

Staring at the men who were hanging from their wrists on his wall facing it Lightningheart considers the tools he has and wanting to do his job properly to help his cover he says, “So it seems you have disappointed our Lord and now I have to punish you. Tell me what rank of mission did you screw up.”

“Master Lightningheart have mercy please we did our best but S ranks are beyond our skills were sorry.” The man pleaded in terror.

“S rank? My, my you really are screwed aren’t you? Usually failing in an S rank is an automatic death. But I have a better idea. I’m just going to torture you. If you survive. Then

perhaps our Lord will allow you to stay.” Lightningheart said pulling a Cat-o-nine tails out of the bin next to him.

Over the next hour and a half he proceeds to flog the man with the Cat-o-nine tails doing his best to ignore the screams of pain coming from him. seeing the man’s back in tattered ribbons Lightningheart puts down the Cat-o-nine tails and picks up a large paddle made of steel walks over to the woman and rips her clothes off saying, “Your punishment will hurt as much as your friends and last longer. I hope you appreciate that your punishment got put off as long as it did.”

After saying this he strikes her with a full force swing of the metal paddle across her buttocks repeatedly until it turns a dark red. After this he walks back to the barrel and pulls out a kendo stick and proceeds to strike her across the back. Once her back was red all over he takes a small break to rest his arms and decides to apply a few cuts on her with his Kunai and then pours salt and rubbing alcohol on the wounds causing her to scream in extreme pain and agony. Pausing long enough to drink some water he hears the woman’s sobs of pain and despair and he says, “Do you have something you wish to say my dear. You know that you deserved all you have gotten and more so for failing our Lord Sasuke.”

Sobbing through the pain the woman says, “P...please ha...have mercy...I...I swear...I swear I won’t...I won’t fail Lord Sasuke again...just please...sto...stop the...p...pain.”

Before he could answer the phone on his desk rings and answering it he says, “Discipline chamber...yes my lord...As you wish my Lord. Your will shall be done.”

Hanging up the phone Lightningheart walks back over to the woman and releasing her from the shackles says, “It appears our Lord has heard your pleas from the surveillance feed and has granted you a pardon my dear. Clean yourself up and get out of my office. Your friend here

is not so lucky and is to be whipped to death. You can leave or stay and watch either way your business with me is done.”

Walking back over to the bin Lightningheart pulls the Cat-o-nine tails back out and resumes whipping the man until he can see bone. Checking the man’s pulse in the artery of the neck he finds the man is still alive and resumes the whipping until he can see the entirety of the spine. Checking the man’s pulse a second time he doesn’t feel a pulse and checks the femoral artery to be sure. Getting no pulse there either he phones the medical team and once they arrive tells them to dispose of the body while he cleans up the whip and oils it to prevent damage to it.

After finishing cleaning up the whip and mess he goes through the training of his pupils in a haze and returning to his room at 10:30 finds Demona reclining on his bed wearing a lavender nightgown, with the diaper he put on her earlier to fool her dad, peeking out from the bottom.

Seeing the haunted look in his eyes she says as he shuts the door, “What’s wrong love you look like someone who has seen a ghost?”

“I did something I never thought I would have to do today. I believe it broke something inside me to do it. And, what scares me most, is I think I might have enjoyed doing it.” Lightningheart said in a haunted voice.

“Why don’t you strip down to nothing but your diaper and lay face down on the bed. I’ll give you a nice relaxing massage and you can tell me all about it if you feel that bad.”

Thinking that a massage might do the trick for him Lightningheart takes off his pants and shirt and lays face down on the bed. As Demona straddles him she pours some oil that she had

pulled out of her purse, that she had stashed between the bed and desk, onto her hands and rubbing them together she starts gently rubbing his back.

Groaning in pleasure at the massage Lightningheart says, “I don’t know if I should tell you what I had to do love. It might make you despise me.”

Increasing the pressure on his shoulders to get the knot out of them Demona says, “I doubt that love, I have seen many things since I was born and wouldn’t be surprised by anything papa would have made you do especially since he beats me on a regular basis just for wetting or even sometimes pooping myself. Come on love tell me you won’t be able to relax until you do.”

Sighing Lightningheart says, “I had to whip a man to death. But not before I had thoroughly flogged his female partner. It...it is not the same as killing someone in battle. I didn’t get the same feeling of separation as I do when I’m in a battle. I felt a strangeness when I finished whipping the man. I don’t know how to describe it. All I know is that it scares me.”

“You poor dear I don’t blame you for being a bit shaken maybe I will spend the night with you and make you feel better.” Demona said tickling him slightly as she massaged his lower back.

Laughing slightly Lightningheart says, “Alright if you insist but before we sleep let me return the favor and give you a nice massage.”

As she finished rubbing his back down Demona pulls off her nighty and switches places with Lightningheart handing him the bottle of massage oil. After giving her a lengthy massage Lightningheart pulls out his scroll and makes two diapers appear having soiled his halfway through massaging Demona and hearing her fill her own diaper completely at the same time.

After quickly changing each other and Lightningheart putting some more diaper rash cream on Demona causing her to moan in even more pleasure, Demona puts her nighty back on and slides under the sheets laying close to the wall as Lightningheart slides in beside her. Turning off the desk light Lightningheart gives Demona a kiss on the cheek and falls asleep within moments.

Chapter 11

2:00 AM in Lightninghearts room a week later...

Waking up with a scream Lightningheart throws the covers aside and falls out of his bed panting. Hearing a triple thud hitting his door he looks around to see that he had accidentally woken Demona and she had thrown some Kunai at the only entrance to his room despite her eye covers blinding her.

“What’s wrong love were you attacked?” Demona asked worried.

“I’m so sorry for waking you my sweet. I had another night terror.” Lightningheart said shaking in fear.

“Seriously, love you should get some help if you keep having these nightmares. Maybe momma will help you if we explain it to her. She is very good at psychological medicine.”

Demona said taking her eye cover off.

“I don’t know if it will help my sweet, these nightmares started after I came here. I keep seeing my old friends and somehow I am paralyzed in fear at them and they keep running me through with their powerful new skills. I am kind of worried that unless we get some actual warriors and not weak pieces of crap that Lord Sasuke’s war will end up being the end for us all.” Lightningheart said standing up as his diaper started sagging really bad.

Sliding out of the bed Demona walks over to Lightningheart in her nightgown with her own diaper sagging a bit and says, “Let’s get each other changed then go back to sleep. I’ll talk to momma in the morning.

Six hours later at the Uzumaki residence...

“Thanks for delivering this so quickly. Before you go can I ask you something?” Crystal asked taking a scroll from the toad messenger.

“Sure what’s up Crystal.” The Toad asked.

“Would you be able to return to Lightningheart discretely to give him a coded message without him summoning you directly to him?” Crystal asked.

“I could do that do you have the message ready or do you want it to be an oral message?” The toad replied confidently.

“I have it written up already just make sure he gets this while alone. This is a Super S ranked letter that he needs to see. Also when you give it to him get a verbal answer and immediately take it to papa Naruto as this was a request from him.” Crystal said pulling a scroll out of her desk and handing it to the toad.

“Right I’ll make sure he gets it don’t you worry. Take care of yourself Crystal you don’t look well.” The toad replied before disappearing.

After decoding the letter Crystal sees that there might be a snag in getting Lightningheart out of the Rogue Village intact. Rushing downstairs to Hinata who was making breakfast Crystal says, “Momma I got bad news, we might have trouble getting Lightning back in one piece.”

Turning around from the stove suddenly Hinata says, “What do you mean he hasn’t been discovered has he?”

“No he is still undetected but...he is involved with Sasuke’s daughter. He says he was doing it to try and get closer to Sasuke himself but he is starting to actually love her. He also says that if he does make it back that he wishes to have Lady Tsunade work with him on the trauma he is dealing with from what he has had to do. He is having severe nightmares resulting from his actions.” Crystal said handing the decoded note to Hinata so she could read it herself.

“By the ancestors he didn’t. Not my baby there is no way he could do this.” Hinata said seeing the bit about how he was forced to whip a man to death.

“Mommy is bweakfast weady yet. Why are yoo cwying mommy?” Flaresong said walking into the kitchen rubbing sleep from her eyes.

“It’s almost ready sweetie and I’m not crying from sadness I just got a bit of the smoke from the bacon in my eyes. Go with Crystal and she will get you cleaned up for breakfast. Crystal do you have any plans for later?” Hinata said rubbing her eyes and putting the letter in her pocket.

“Not really momma I was only planning on checking on Shika to see if he needed help training Neji’s squad in their trap skills but if you need my help instead I will help you all you need.” Crystal replied picking up Flaresong to take her for a quick bath.

“No I didn’t really have anything I needed you for, but remember to keep your cover while you are out around town.” Hinata said as she started preparing the mixture for pancakes.

Fifteen minutes later after Flaresong had her bath and was dressed in her pull up's and a nice pink dress Crystal carries her back to the kitchen and sets her in booster chair. After cutting up a small stack of pancakes for her and tying her bib on her to keep her dress clean, Crystal turns to her own plate and quickly eats a stack of pancakes drenched with syrup and a handful of bacon. After quickly washing her plate and quickly washing her face Crystal heads out to meet Shikamaru Jr.

An hour later in the forest to the east of the village...

"Crystal I didn't expect you to see you here with Shikamaru Jr. How are you feeling dear." Neji said placing a hand on her shoulder.

"I'm doing better I just came to help Shika set up some special bombs for your squad to disarm. They won't be lethal but they will prove to be nasty if they mess up." Crystal replied smiling.

"Crystal you weren't supposed to tell them that now they won't think that the bombs are real and only put forth a fraction of their effort." Shikamaru Jr. said scolding Crystal lightly knowing that she was playing up her mental state for Neji's squad despite his knowing she wasn't crazy from depression.

"I'm sorry Shika I didn't mean to give away the plan. We can still go with plan B to help them train." Crystal said hanging her head.

"That's alright Crystal we will still use our original plan to train them just don't go saying any more about our traps okay." Shikamaru Jr. said hugging Crystal.

“Alright you two go on out there and set up your traps. Once you’re done send up a green flare to signal the start of the exercise. You three start thinking about how you are going to disarm some of the traps you might face.” Neji said causing Crystal and Shikamaru Jr. to trot off into the forest.

Minutes later Shikamaru stops and starts setting up the first trap. A spiked log set to fall when a tripwire is activated. As he sets up the trip wire so that it is as invisible as he could make it he says, “So Crystal what’s the word on Lightning, you haven’t said much to me since his first message came telling of his successful infiltration.”

Setting up the log onto its platform Crystal tells Shikamaru Jr. about all that has happened since the last letter. After she finished with how he had been forced to whip a man to death her eyes started watering in sorrow at the atrocities that Lightningheart was being forced to do.

“No way. That is just...I don’t know but there is no way he is going to be the same after he gets out of there. If he comes back without some sort of trauma he is going to be lucky. Alright I’m done down here let’s move on to the next location.” Shikamaru Jr. said standing up.

After setting up the cover for the second trap which was your basic pit Crystal says, “Are you really going to just have this be a covered pit? It seems kind of...I don’t know...lame to rely on such an old trick. Also, when did you dig this hole?”

“Actually no I was just wanting to distract you by having you make the cover while I set up the real trap which will cause them to fall in. And to answer your question of when I dug the hole, I took all day yesterday to dig it. I had Gen, Asuma, and Broly give me a hand and I treated them to dinner for their help. So how is it living with Lightning’s parents? I still can’t believe you are now legally related to him because they adopted you.” Shikamaru Jr. said jumping down

from the tree he was in holding a very fine wire in his hands to set up the trip wire for the trap he set.

“I thought it would be weird at first but I actually like it and despite playing up my cover when were out find it fun. Though sometimes it is a pain when I have to watch Flaresong, she seems to have taken Lightning being declared rogue so bad that she has been acting up severely. She has been getting at least three spankings a day since he left. I think when he comes back she might calm down but you know we can’t tell her anything. She wouldn’t be able to keep her mouth shut.” Crystal said holding the stake for the trip wire in place so Shikamaru Jr. could fasten the wire to it properly.

“I might have a solution to her acting up that will do her some good. Have your mom bring her by my home tomorrow and I’ll try and help her.” Shikamaru Jr. said pushing the stake into the ground just right to make it a hair trip.

Moving to the third sight Crystal says, “So can I see the dummy bomb you made for this test? I’m sorry but I never really thought of you as being talented at tinkering.”

Pulling the bomb out of his bag Shikamaru Jr. shows it to Crystal. Gasping in shock at the sheer size of it, Crystal trips over her own two feet landing with a hard *thwap* despite flipping over and taking the fall properly dispersing the impact through her whole back and arms. Struggling to her feet Crystal feels herself completely void her bladder and says, “Just a moment Shika, I’ll be right back.”

Running off into the trees on the other side of the clearing Crystal changes her diaper and buries it in a quickly dug hole just deep enough to hold it. Once she returns Shikamaru Jr. says, “So still having trouble despite the swelling having gone down?”

“Yeah I have an appointment with Lady Sakura tomorrow to see if she can’t fix the damage herself. There is a risk though. Either the surgery goes well, or I regain about 75% of my bladder control and 100% of my bowel control making it so I don’t need as many supplies. Or it fails and I stay as I am. To tell the truth I’m kind of terrified about the surgery.” Crystal said shaking a little.

After connecting the final wire Shikamaru pulls out his flare gun and putting a green signal capsule inside it says, “Don’t worry Lady Sakura is the second most powerful medical ninja in the village, the only one better than her is Lady Tsunade. I am sure if she has trouble Tsunade will be right there to help.”

After pressing the button on the remote which started the timer on the bomb to start a countdown, the two make their way to the first trap to observe the team’s actions for each challenge. After reaching the first trap Shikamaru Jr. fires off the flare signaling the start of the test. After fifteen minutes they hear the movements of four shinobi running through the path.

Seeing them approach the first trap they see that the team notices the glint of the tripwire and after following the wire to its sources find the spiked log and disarm the trap efficiently. As the four resume their run to the bomb Shikamaru Jr. and Crystal quickly get to the second trap first.

Keeping an eye on the pit they stifle their laughter as the lead member of the squad jumps over the trip wire and lands solidly on the middle of the cover breaking through to land hard at the bottom of the twelve foot pit crying out in pain as his leg rolls under him.

Stopping in their tracks the other two members of the squad and Neji who was only observing the exercise look down into the pit to see how their team member was. Pulling a length

of rope out of her bag the taller of the two girls lowers it into the pit and after the boy wraps it around his waist starts backing up effectively pulling him out of the pit. As she backs up she accidentally steps on the hidden wire setting off the trap of a large log swing that flew down out of the tree striking her in the back launching her into the pit with her friend.

Biting her hand to keep from laughing at how unobservant the two were Crystal barely manages to keep silent as the smaller girl throws down another rope and uses a summoning jutsu to materialize a bear dog and tying the rope around its collar pulls out her two comrades. After treating their injuries quickly and efficiently the three resume their course heading right for Shikamaru Jr's bomb.

Following them to the bomb while keeping hidden the two make notes on how the team has done so far and what they can do to improve their skills in future. Watching the boy who approached the bomb the two see him remove a panel on the front to get to the wires that powered it. After sixteen minutes the boy has snipped all but two wires and is carefully trying to figure out which one to cut to completely disarm the bomb all the while the beeping of the bomb was going extremely fast and high pitched.

Snipping the black wire the boy flinches when the bomb makes a high pitched whistle before it shuts down. As the boy stands up and sighs a breath of relief Shikamaru Jr. presses a button on the remote causing the top of the bomb to pop off with a loud bang showering the group with confetti as a sign on a spring pops out saying "Good Job."

Laughing so hard she nearly fell out of the tree Crystal says, "Shikamaru that was so evil of you. Look you made all three of them wet themselves."

Laughing along with her Shikamaru Jr. says, “I know I am such a prick, but you wouldn’t believe that it was Neji who suggested it. It was such a shock that he suggested it that I couldn’t resist doing that. If only Lightning was here he would have really appreciated this kind of prank. Come on let’s go give them their evaluation.”

Landing by the group Shikamaru says, “You did very well on the first trap you three but you should be more aware of your surroundings. After your large friend here fell into the pit it would have been better to check around for a secondary trap before trying to extract him. As such you completely missed the trip wire I had placed ten feet from the hole that let loose the log that knocked both of you back down into it. That was a very good job using the summoning Jutsu to summon your bear dog dear I am impressed that you managed to succeed in a summoning. You have great potential. As for your disarming the bomb sir you did very well. I am sorry that I literally scared the piss out of all three of you but the prank was suggested by your sensei Neji Hyuga. Normally I wouldn’t have pranked you but this was such a shock that he suggested it that I couldn’t help but agree.”

“I’m sorry you three but I thought it would do you some good to get a shock like this. He was only supposed to set it off if you failed in one of the first two traps. Consider it your punishment for failing in one trap, instead of your usual three hundred laps around the village.” Neji said with a slight chuckle.

“Don’t feel bad though you three you did very well. Even Shikamaru here has failed a few times to find a trap while training. Heck he even got hit with a spiked log like the one we planted at the first trap when we were taking our Chunin exams. He got scratched by one of the spikes but they were poisoned with a special toxin that would paralyze anyone it infected. So

consider yourselves lucky because I put a similar toxin on those spikes myself.” Crystal said smiling at the three Gennin who were sulking with a rather large wet spot on their pants.

“Alright you three you are released for the rest of the morning, go get cleaned up and some lunch, then meet me at our other training ground and we will see how well you can set traps. Shikamaru Jr. here will be the one you have to fool.” Neji said dismissing his squad.

As the three Gennin run off to their homes to change their pants Crystal waves goodbye to Shikamaru Jr. and Neji as she heads to Naruto’s office to see if the toad had returned yet.

At the Hokage’s office minutes later...

Knocking on his office door since the secretary was on lunch break she waits for a moment when she hears Naruto say “Come in.”

Closing the door behind her Crystal sets the silencing Jutsu down and says, “Hi papa did you get your answer yet from Lightning?”

“Hello sweetie, no I haven’t gotten it yet. I take it that the toad said he could deliver it?” Naruto said standing up giving her a hug.

“Yup, after he delivered his report I asked him and he said he could do it and he could hide effectively if he wasn’t alone until he was. I had hoped that in the two hours I was helping Shikamaru Jr. with helping Neji’s squad of trap and bomb specialists that you might have gotten a reply. Did momma talk to you about the message since it wasn’t anything that the council should know?”

“She actually left about twenty minutes ago. I am worried about Lightning. He is most likely to come back mentally traumatized for the things he had to do. Though the way the letter

read I think that there is something more to this Demona than he says. I can't really put my finger on why, but I get a feeling that she will be helpful for him in the end." Naruto said turning around to look out over the village and at the Hokage mountain and his newly finished visage.

After a few long quiet minutes he says, "So what would you like to do for lunch sweetie. We can go anywhere you want to just you and me."

Shocked at the suddenness of the question Crystal says, "Umm why do you ask papa?"

Turning around Naruto looks at Crystal and says, "I just thought you might be a bit hungry and would want some lunch. You have been really helpful and a great daughter so I thought I would take you out as a treat. Or is it uncool to be seen with your new papa without your mother and sister along with us?"

"It's not that papa I was just taken back by the suddenness of the question. I didn't expect that since we were talking about Lightningheart and the mission. But if you really want to take me to lunch could we go to Ichiraku's I love their orange chicken and sesame pork ramen bowl." Crystal said grinding the tip of her toe into the rug shyly and blushing slightly as she filled her diaper again.

Coming around the desk Naruto says, "Of course we can go to Ichiraku's I haven't actually been to his stand in months he might have forgotten all about his favorite customer. But first let's get you cleaned up. I've seen you blush only when you fill your diaper so I know you need it."

Opening one of his desk drawers Naruto pulls out a diaper a couple wipes and some baby powder. Laying Crystal down on the floor he quickly removes her pants and soiled diaper and

cleans her up. After briskly yet efficiently applying the powder he quickly slides the clean one under her and pulls the flap up between her legs snugly. Reaching for the tapes on the back tab he quickly fastens them to the front panel and then helps Crystal up so she can put her pants back on as he rolls up the wipes into the soiled diaper and throws them into the waste bin. Once she had her pants on they both left to go to lunch.

Three hours later back with Neji's squad...

“There's the flare Shikamaru time to see how good their traps are I told them before you got here to set up three each, and to wait in hiding by the last one as a group.” Neji said leading Shikamaru into the woods.

“Alright let's see how good your guys are with setting traps. Hmm there is one right here already.” Shikamaru said stepping over the obvious tripwire right into perfectly disguised snare which is what he actually was talking about. As he flies up into the air he quickly unsheathes a Kunai and cuts the rope around his foot as six Kunai are launched from another trap to slam into the trunk of the tree right where he would have been.

“Very clever, hiding a trap on top of the trap and having a third trap to aid the second. I'm impressed. Do you know which student of yours set each trap or will I have to grade the traps one by one and ask them when we see them?” Shikamaru said cutting the last bit of the snare from his ankle.

“No idea. We will just have to see when we get there.” Neji said nodding in satisfaction that the first set of traps nearly got Shikamaru Jr.

Thirty minutes later Shikamaru Jr. stumbles into the clearing barely avoiding the Senbon darts that had been launched from the last trap.

“Alright you three that’s nine traps come on out.” Neji called out causing his three students to walk out of the trees opposite them.

“Very well done you three I am pleased with your traps, while I was able to find them all I set them off on purpose to see what would happen. Who set up the first three traps?” Shikamaru Jr. said kindly

Stepping forward the smaller girl says in a slightly scarred and highly nervous voice, “I did sir. Did I do a good job?”

“You did a wonderful job. I saw the tripwire for the first trap easily but the snare was hidden so well that I was caught in it, and the Kunai launcher trap was a nice touch. If I had been slower I might not have been here to give you your grade right now. I would be in the hospital. You get an A.” Shikamaru said ruffling her hair before turning to the others and saying, “So who set up the second set of traps?”

Stepping forward the boy says, “They were mine. I tried a variation of what you and miss Crystal did to us earlier for the first one.”

“Yes I know. You hid the tripwire for the log very well and it knocked me into the pit. Very nice double trap work there I am surprised you were able to dig it out so quickly. And then having a second log swing set up to knock me back into the pit was genius. A+. “

Turning to the last member Shikamaru Jr. says as he pulls one of the Senbon out of his thigh, “That leaves you. While you did manage to hide the tripwire of the Senbon trap I was too

quick to be hit by more than one dart. I suggest in future that you set up a wider spread for the launcher. However, using containment sutra's to keep me from leaving the ring of trees I had stepped into while poisonous vipers rained down on me was ingenious. Your grade is an A. Very good job all three of you. I am extremely pleased with your work today. Keep on practicing finding and disarming traps and bombs and you might be my equals in both setting and disarming really soon."

"Alright you three I am very pleased with your work today you are dismissed for the rest of the afternoon. Get some rest because tomorrow we are going to work hard on your finding and disarming skills." Neji said dismissing his students.

Turning to Shikamaru Neji says, "So any word from Lightning yet this week?"

"Yeah but it isn't good news." Shikamaru Jr. said before he explained what happened.

Shuddering himself at the details Neji says, "He is definitely going to need therapy when he returns. Nobody can do that and not have trauma after it unless they are insane to begin with."

Later that night in Lightningheart's room at the Rogue Village...

"Lightningheart, I love you. You are the most honorable person I have met in my life. We've been together for a week and you haven't tried to force me to go any farther than kissing and holding each other close. You even help me hide my accidents from papa for which I am eternally grateful he hasn't beaten me at all since we started dating." Demona said snuggling up close to him under the blankets.

"That is because I don't want to scare you off my little minx. I want to make sure that we are both ready before we move to that stage. And even if you are, which I can guess buy what

you said and how you are always rubbing my legs on the inside, I am not. I don't want to mess things up for us." Lightningheart said wrapping his arm close around her.

"Even so I feel like I can trust you with anything even with how I feel. You are my black knight." Demona teased as she ran her fingernails gently down Lightningheart's chest eliciting a shudder of pleasure.

"First of all love the phrase is knight in shining armor. Second I take it that you have something you want to say to me privately without other people to hear." Lightningheart said while silently activating his Byakugan to full power to see if there were any spying jutsu or equipment anywhere in the room as well as people trying to eavesdrop from behind the walls or door.

"I...I don't know if I should, papa might beat me unconscious and then have me revived to do it again and again until I am dead if he finds out I said it." Demona said nervously.

"There is no way he will find out. There are no listening/spying devices or jutsu in place and there is nobody trying to eavesdrop. I can see everything around this room for a hundred meters. And we are completely alone. Come on love tell me what is on your mind." Lightningheart said turning his head to give Demona the full weight of his gaze.

"Promise you won't tell papa?" She said shaking.

"You have my word my flower. Now what has you shaking like a long tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs?" he replied rubbing her back with his left hand.

"I don't like this place. I don't even know why papa is so fixated on his plan I've only been doing what he said out of fear. Fear that he would beat me again or kill me for not obeying

him immediately. It has been this bad since I turned two and still couldn't use the potty "like a big girl." If there was any way I could get out of here to someplace safe, someplace where I wouldn't have to hide my problem and get beaten severely when I am discovered. I don't know why but I think you would understand how I feel."

"This is disturbing my love, you would willingly turn your back on your father and the place you called home. I feel as if I should tell your father despite giving my word just for your own safety. You do realize how dangerous it would be to suddenly leave the village don't you? Your father would have me and his best trackers out looking for you within minutes probably even come himself. And I would hate to have to find you in my office for disciplinary measures if you were caught." Lightningheart said in a concerned voice feeling her tense up at the thought.

"Then come with me love. Every day you are here means another day you might have to do those terrible things to another person who failed or upset papa. Your nightmares are bad enough as it is I wouldn't want you to have them become permanent fixtures in your life. Not to mention you've been very lucky to hide your own diapers from papa for so long. I would hate to see what he would do to you if he found out. Not to mention to me because if you were discovered with them he might figure out that the reason I haven't shown up wet or pooped in a while would be because you were helping me hide them." Demona said as tears started to fill her eyes.

"I just don't know my love I severed all ties to my home when I left. I cannot go back there as a free man and everywhere we go we will be hunted like dogs I just can't allow you to put yourself in that kind of danger." Lightningheart replied sadly.

“I don’t care. I love you too much to want you to put yourself under papa’s eyes any longer. If he found out about your diapers and tortured you as bad as I think he would I could never live with the pain. Please say you will defect from here with me, please.” Demona said as the tears flowed down her cheeks in a river.

Wiping the tears from her eyes Lightningheart decides it was worth the risk and says, “Alright my love we will leave together. I have something I want to tell you. Something very secret and dangerous to know.”

Sitting up a little straighter Demona takes his hand and says as she, “I swear by the blood in my veins that I won’t reveal your secrets to anyone my love.”

“I am actually here to infiltrate and sabotage your father’s plans as best I can in six months to give my village and our allies time to prepare for the war that is to come. The men I killed on my first day as training master, half of them were the strongest of the group the other half were the weakest. This was to cover any suspicion there was about my motives for killing so many. I killed them because they, “weren’t giving their all” as I had instructed. And I would have let that man I whipped to death live if your father hadn’t called to tell me to finish him off and let his female companion go after the punishment I gave her.” Lightningheart whispered to her while running his hand down her side kneading her as he went causing her to purr in pleasure that he had confided in her.

“So is there any way for you to get a message to your village without being caught love. I really do want to defect with you back to the Leaf and live someplace where it’s not so cold year round and I won’t be beaten just for being different or having a problem. I love my dresses but I hate having to wear so many layers when we go around town to not only keep warm but also to

hide my bruises. And I know you really miss your family, whom I would be honored to meet.”

Demona said sliding her hand onto his inner thigh and rubbing him gently.

Just then Lightningheart hears the familiar poof sound from his messenger toad under his bed and says, “Come on out Gamatama, you can talk to me.”

Hopping out from under the bed Gamatama looks up and seeing Demona says, “Is it alright to speak in front of her boss?”

“Yes what’s wrong you weren’t due back here for at least a week?” Lightningheart said quietly.

Handing the scroll to Lightningheart Gamatama makes a few hand signs and says, “Toad Style; White Noise Jutsu.” And pointing at all the corners of the room he sends a bolt of chakra which spread to cover the entirety of the walls floor and ceiling before he says, “That is a Super S class note I was asked to deliver when I gave Crystal your latest Message. I was told to wait for a verbal reply.”

Sliding his legs out from under the covers and onto the floor Lightningheart opens the scroll and reads it quickly deciphering the message in his head then says, “Demona do you still want to go to the Leaf?”

“Of course I do, anywhere you go I will follow you. I love you so much that I could not bear to be separated from you for long.” She replied getting onto her knees and hugging him from behind with her Pink see through nighty in full view revealing her diaper underneath it.

“Hmm. There is a mission your father wanted me to take some of the squad on in three days. I think if we do it right we might be able to get you there. Gamatama return with the

message the fallen leaf shall sprout again in six days but will be felled by the hammer of the storm, he will have a second leaf on its stem that is to be left unharmed. Tell it to no one but Crystal.”

“The fallen leaf shall sprout again in six days but will be felled by the hammer of the storm, he will have a second leaf on its stem that is to be left unharmed. Got it boss, and nice catch on the beautiful girl there, you look perfect together, especially in your diapers.”

Gamatama said laughing as he disappeared.

Blushing hard at what Gamatama had said Demona wonders how he knew she was wearing a diaper and looking down remembers and mumbles, “Smart ass toad, he is lucky I didn’t rip his legs off and sauté them in butter.”

Lightningheart turning to Demona says, “This will be very dangerous for us to do. My best friend Crystal and I decided that if I was to return that we needed to make it look like I had died in battle against some shinobi. The message I gave Gamatama was the code we agreed on when I agreed to come home and have her and my other squad member and squad leader intercept us to “kill” me. After my last letter the second leaf will be clear to her so we need to prepare a second pill for you to swallow when they fight us. We will have to make it look like a convincing fight though so wear your Akastuki robe as I will. Fight them hard but don’t fight to kill alright my sweet.”

Sliding a couple fingers into his diaper to check to see if he was wet, which he was, she says, “Don’t worry about me my love I was daddies top ninja before you came I can be very good at any job given me. Before we go to sleep why don’t you let me change you? You’re completely soaked.”

Giving her a pat on the bum he replies, “Alright my Lilly blossom but then I will have to change you you’ve gone and pooped again.”

After getting each other cleaned up and changed they both use some hand sanitizer Lightningheart kept on his desk and after crawling back under the sheets snuggle together and fall asleep within moments.

Chapter 12

Five days later on the edge of the desert that the Village Hidden in the Sand calls home...

“Alright maggots this is your first mission as a squad do as I say and you just might survive.” Lightningheart said kneeling down to unfurl a map.

“Sir what exactly is our mission? You never said on the boat ride here.” One of the six squad members said, as the six of them kneeled down with him.

Glaring at the man Lightningheart replies, “We are going to kidnap Killer Bee as he crosses the desert to get to the land of fire where the Village Hidden in the Leaves resides. He is on a personal journey to visit my “father.” The reason he is here in the land of the Wind instead the land of Fire is because he was told by his brother the Raikage to come pay his respects to Kazekage Gaara and his new born son. He has been unable to make the journey until now due to constantly taking missions. When the Raikage found out he was traveling to visit my father he gave a direct order to do it. This mission is highly delicate and very dangerous. Now I know I have been a hard ass and a real demon in your training sessions but if I tell you maggots to run and get back to our village you do so. You are the strongest members of our village apart from

Demonia, Myself and obviously Lord Sasuke. We cannot afford to lose more of you at the moment. So I repeat if I say fight you fight if I say flee you get your asses out of there and back to the village understand?"

"Yes Master Lightningheart we understand." The Six squad members said as they got to their feet along with him.

"Demonia you have point, the rest of you arrowhead formation." Lightningheart said getting into position to Demonia's back right side.

As the group sets off across the desert they notice that the winds are strangely calm for being the open plane. After an hour of travel they come across an oasis and stop to take a small rest refilling their canteens and water bottles.

"Master Lightning look there." said one of the shorter squad members pointing to the horizon where the outline of a group of people were seen walking south.

Opening his Byakugan to its maximum Lightningheart sees that it is Killer Bee's caravan and says, "Alright boys and girls this is it, that is our target. You take out the guards I will handle Killer Bee. Attack formation Oni's head."

As they get close to the caravan the long range fighters of the group start throwing shuriken with deadly accuracy killing the "guards of the train." While Killer Bee turns to face off with Lightningheart who threw his robe wide open to reveal his new armor that Sasuke had given him. It looked like a full plate chest piece that was painted black and red to match the Akastuki robe pattern black plate leggings and black greaves. However they were made of a material that was several times lighter than steel while keeping the strength of it. Taking the gauntlets that

finished his new armament off his belt, Lightningheart slips them on quickly and lashes out at Killer Bee as he got within range striking his Sharkskin blade that he had won by defeating Kisame Hoshigaki in a battle to the death while he was protecting and training Naruto to control his Jinchuriki powers to their fullest.

“You, I figured you would try and come for me one day Lightningheart. After your betrayal of your village ya fool ya fool. I didn’t believe the reports until now`. I guess I know what to give my friend Naruto for his birthday. You’re coming with me back to your home and facing the music for your crimes, ya big fool.” Killer Bee said swinging his sword at Lightningheart who jumped back out of reach.

“Master Lightning these guards are just combat puppets they knew we were coming.” One of the Squad members yelled just before he was felled by the deadly slash of the puppet.

Charging up his RasenInferno Lightningheart slams it into Killer Bee’s sword setting off the tornado of flame which effectively destroyed the puppets. However Killer Bee had covered himself with a water shield preventing the fire from touching him.

As one of the Squad members snuck around to Killer Bees back side Lightningheart yells, “Get away from him he is mine to deal with you just make sure that we are not interrupted.”

Striking and retreating out of range with lightning speed Lightningheart fails to land a single blow on Killer Bee but also prevents him from landing a blow on himself. Their battle raged for a good hour when from out of nowhere Lightningheart hears, “RasenLightningJavelin.” And seeing the spear that Crystal had made of her Rasengan fly past him to land into the ground behind him yells, “RETREAT THE LEAF HAS SENT REINFORCEMENTS.”

Tackling Demona he slips one of the pills into her mouth and one into his right as the javelin exploded in a storm of lightning that struck them both, as well as half the squad, effectively killing everyone but Lightningheart and Demona. Swallowing the pills both Lightningheart and Demona slip into a near death state where their heartbeat were slowed down enough to make anyone think they were dead. As Killer Bee walks over to check them he finds no pulse and yells “Ya fool Lightningheart, you knew it was death if you came anywhere near the allies of the Leaf and now you are dead. Along with this poor girl you dragged into your mess.”

Hearing this the two remaining Akastuki members fled for all they were worth to get back to their village and deliver the bad news to Sasuke. Once the two were out of sight Crystal says, “Nice job on the act master Bee, we didn’t know you were part of the plan.”

“I didn’t know about this until this morning ya fool ya fool. Naruto had used one of his toads to let me know ya know. But if it was an act why are they not moving.” Killer Bee said.

“Oh they swallowed a couple pills that put them in a near death state just in case you didn’t get informed in time. I guess that Lightningheart didn’t know if you got the letter by the way you were fighting so he decided to play it safe and swallow his pill after giving one to Demona. They will wake up in about thirty minutes, in the meantime let’s get them out of the sun. The Hidden Sand Village is just over the ridge. We can take them straight to Gaara’s office where he can debrief them first and send out a note to papa Naruto.” Crystal said picking Lightningheart up like he didn’t weigh anything at all.

Picking up Demona Kakashi Hatake leads the way back to the Hidden Sand Village. An hour later inside Gaara’s office in the Village Hidden in the Sand, Lightningheart and Demona

come to and after being given some water to clear their throats and heads prepare themselves to be questioned.

“So Lightningheart, was your mission successful even remotely?” Gaara asked with his fingers intertwined on his desk.

“How...how did you know that it was a mission Lord Kazekage...I...I made sure that only Crystal, Shikamaru Jr. and my parents knew about it.” Lightningheart said in shock.

“Your father sent out notices to every ninja village declaring you a rogue ninja. He trusted me with the knowledge of your self imposed mission and the cover stories. So I ask you again were you successful even in a minute amount?” Gaara said in his usual bored tone

Placing her hand on him Demona catches his eye and nods at him silently saying she will spare him from having to tell the details by doing it herself. “Lord Kazekage. I am Demona Uchiha, daughter of Sasuke Uchiha, and Lightningheart’s girlfriend. Since he came to the Village of the Rogue I have watched him closely and protected him from being uncovered as a mole by eliminating my father’s best spies. Shortly after arriving he was given the duty of being the training master for our other ninja to get them into shape and also the disciplinary overseer.”

“So what does this have to do with my question?” Gaara asked starting to get annoyed with the evasion of the question.

“Forgive me Lord Kazekage I was giving you the background of what has happened before I gave you the answer. During the training sessions he has been overseeing he has effectively eliminated 90% of the people he was put in charge of by stating to my father the reason of them, being too weak or not putting forth their full effort. Father has always been a

cruel man and despised weakness and failure to the point where he would slay anyone who proved to fall into one of those categories. As such he turned a blind eye to Lightningheart killing so many of our men. He was also forced to do some terrible acts while he was the disciplinarian. Father has had him whip a man to death and torture others to the point where they begged for death and were left to live.”

Turning a bit pale at this Gaara swallows the lump in his throat and says, “I see...now what should we do with you young lady. We knew about Lightningheart but nothing was ever said about you. You claim to be the daughter of Uchiha and therefore pose a threat to us. Yet you aided my godson and therefore deserve some credit. For now we shall have to hold you both in one of our temporary prison cells for your own protection as my shinobi were not informed of the truth. Kakashi, Crystal, please escort them to the cells three flights down. I will send a note immediately to Hokage Naruto to inform him of their “capture” and get his orders for them. Master Killer Bee of the Kumogakure I am honored to finally meet the one who helped my friend Naruto gain control of his Jinchuriki powers completely, please come back here in a few hours and I will have my wife bring our new son to meet you. In the meantime feel free to tour the village on your own.”

“Very well godfather we shall await fathers order to you. Tell him I send my regards and that my companion has some important information for his ears alone.” Lightningheart said standing up with Demona as Kakashi and Crystal placed a pair of handcuffs on them.

The next day around lunch time...

Sitting on the solitary bed in the cell that he and Demona shared Lightningheart says, “So we did it. We made it back to a place I know safely and now just wait for word from my father to be allowed to go home. Are you feeling better now that we are away from Sasuke?”

Taking a bite of the sandwich she was given for lunch Demona says, “I guess so. I am not all certain we are safe just yet we still have to get to your home before I am but...it’s nice not having to worry about dad finding out about my diapers. For the first time in my life I can actually relax and feel good about myself, even if we are technically still prisoners. How do you feel? I mean I can only imagine how pissed your dad is that you took this mission upon yourself without his knowing first, so I would think you are nervous about how he will react when we get there but...”

Drinking the last of his milk Lightningheart says, “Yeah I am nervous about dad. Odds are that I am going to get the worst spanking of my life for doing this but maybe with the information we have he might let me off easy. Just out of curiosity...what made you come to like me in the first place? Don’t get me wrong love I am glad we are together and have a love as strong as ours but a guy just has to know what he did to attract a beautiful ladies eye.”

Pausing for a moment to think of how she could word her reply Demona takes another bite of her sandwich and then says, “Well at first I was supposed to keep an eye on you to make sure that you were serious about joining the Rogue Village. But then after I spied on you through a hole in your rooms wall and I saw you changing your diaper, I thought that you might be someone who understood what it was like to be in my shoes. After that I plugged all the spy holes to your room and prevented anyone else who meant to spy on you from getting any

information. It wasn't until the day I gave you papa's new orders for your jobs that I realized you were the person I have been looking for my whole life."

"Oh so that day wasn't the first time you saw me in it then. Well I guess I owe you for keeping the ones who meant to spy on me from catching me in that or from seeing me send my messages." Lightningheart said gently pushing Demona onto her stomach.

As he straddled her back Demona says, "Lightning what are you doing love...OOH."

Massaging her thoroughly and eliciting several moans of pleasure from it Lightningheart gets Demona to fall into a decent sleep as he works. Once he sees that she is completely out he gets off her back and walks over to the door to see if Crystal or Kakashi had returned and seeing Crystal standing outside with a slight blush on her face. "Any word yet from the Kazekage Crystal? It is starting to get annoying being cooped up in here."

"Kakashi sensei just went to check on that. You don't really love her do you? How could you love someone that would betray her father like that?" Crystal said not looking at Lightningheart.

"Are...are you jealous Crystal? I'm sorry if it upsets you that I am in love with her but yes I love Demona. I don't expect you to understand but I know that we were meant to be and if you knew what he did to her, and believe me I have seen the marks from his "treatment" you wouldn't see her betrayal of Sasuke so harshly. I intend to spend the rest of my life with her once this mess is over and done with and hope that you would be happy for us. I love you sis but not in the same way I have always seen you as a sister even though we were just friends and now after this plan has gone through we are siblings. It would just be too weird any other way for me. I'm sure you realize that too don't you?" Lightningheart said in a somewhat morose voice.

Biting her lip Crystal turns to look at Lightning finally and says, "I can't deny that I had hoped there might have been something between us, but at the same time I just "knew" it wouldn't be. Lately I have been seeing some of the girls we know in a different light and have just been too afraid to act on those feelings. I thought that...that if there was some spark of passion between us that maybe I was really normal and that those other feelings would go away. Though now that I am you know...stuck in the same "predicament" as you...I have stopped looking at people in general. I don't want to be hurt if someone I looked at that way found out about it and rejected me for it."

Reaching through the bars on the window Lightningheart brushes the tears that were starting down Crystals cheek and says, "Crystal you are normal. You cannot help but love the ones you love, be it boy, girl or both it does not matter. Anyone who would make you feel bad for loving the person or persons you do is not worth your time. As for your "predicament" you can't go around thinking that way, if you do it will be a long and lonely life. There are times when you need to take a risk and jump into the deep end without thinking. If there is someone you like tell him or her it don't matter. If you are rejected you can always come to me and cry on my shoulder. That's what brothers are for. But until you do just remember I am your loving brother and will do anything in my power to protect you."

Walking over to the two Demona says quietly, "Lightningheart is right dear. If I hadn't taken the risk I did when I showed him how I felt and told him about my plan to leave the Rogue Village and spill all of Sasuke's secrets I know to his enemies I would still be under his tyrannical thumb being beaten on a daily basis for not being able to control my bladder or bowels, and for not having an active Sharingan."

Looking at the both of them Crystal says, “Thank you Lightning, Demona, your both right. I just need to take the chance. Worst case I get rejected. Yes it would hurt for a while but then after the pain leaves I could always try again with the next person I see that way.”

“You three enjoying your little chat?” Kakashi said as he walked down the stairs towards the tree of them.

“Kakashi sensei! How long have you been listening?” Lightningheart said as he jumped out of shock.

“Long enough, and I am surprised with how much you have grown Lightning. It just seems like yesterday you were an annoying, hellion who liked his pranks, just like another Uzumaki I know. Now you’re talking like a man who has lived for decades and seen it all. I’m proud of you.” Kakashi said shocking the three.

“Thanks sensei. So did godfather get a reply yet?” Lightningheart said blushing slightly.

“Yes. But you will have to wait another hour or so. He has to wrap up the paperwork on this end before he can release you. Part of which is to send out notes to all of his Anbu squads to update their Bingo books to say that you were not really a rogue but a ploy. After that he will come down personally to see to your release and then you three, Killer Bee, and I will make our way back home to the Leaf.” Kakashi said nonchalantly.

Tugging on Lightningheart’s sleeve below the window Demona gets him to look at her and motioning toward both of their diapers indicates that she needed a change and that he must not have noticed his need as well. Nodding he says, “Kakashi sensei, Crystal...would it...would it be ok to get a little privacy for about five minutes. And I need my “special” scroll.”

Realizing what Lightningheart meant Crystal hands over her own “special” Scroll and drags a confused Kakashi off towards the stairs. Saying, “Let’s go get some lunch real quick I’ll treat Kakashi sensei.”

Opening the scroll on the floor next to the bed Lightningheart activates it causing two diapers, a small pile of wet wipes, two handfuls of baby powder, and a scent killing bag to appear. Laying Demona down on the bed he raises her dress high enough to reveal her extremely soaked diaper. Unfastening the tapes he sees she hadn’t messed and suggests she try sitting on the toilet for a couple minutes to be sure of not needing it. Doing as he suggested she sits on the toilet and not a minute later she feels herself release into it and takes the wipes Lightningheart handed her to clean herself up with. Once she was cleaned up she lays down on the diaper he had unfolded onto the bed and after having him resettle it lets him powder her fighting back a moan. After he pulls the front panel tight across her lower belly and fastens the tapes he helps her up and removes his pants so she can do the same for him.

Ten minutes later after they both had gotten cleaned up and stuffed the soiled diapers into the bag and tied it off Lightningheart and Demona are relaxing on the bed talking when Crystal comes back and says, “Everything alright in there you two?”

“Yeah were fine thanks Crystal.” Demona said blushing slightly as she got up and handed the scroll back to her.

“It’s alright I know it’s embarrassing having others find out about needing them. Though Kakashi knew because he was the one who carried your unconscious body here, he even knows about Lightningheart needing them but he is not really one for tact sometimes. He is constantly embarrassing Lightningheart with stories about when his dad was a Gennin under his tutelage.

Like the time he fell for the 1000 years of pain jutsu which is pretty much just getting goosed with a bit of chakra behind it.”

“Oh come on Crystal not you too I thought we all agreed not to tell embarrassing stories about dad.” Lightningheart said blushing hard as Demona cracked up laughing.

Late that night in the Village Hidden in the Leaves...

“Lightningheart! Welcome home son, I was so worried about you. Are you alright? Did Sasuke hurt you at all? Oh baby I’m just so glad your home I might even forget about punishing you for being so fool hardy as you were to do this without telling us first.” Hinata said wrapping Lightningheart in a tight hug crushing the air out of him while shedding tears as they stood in the Hokage’s office.

“Hinata dear let the boy breathe.” Naruto said fighting the urge to join the hug.

“I missed you too mama. I am alright physically, but I want to schedule an appointment to see Lady Sakura for some mental treatment as soon as possible.” Lightningheart said returning the hug with as much strength as he could shedding tears himself.

“I have already penciled you in as my first appointment in the morning Lightning. Now let’s get down to business. What do you have to report to the council about your recent excursion that wasn’t said in the messages Crystal gave us?” Sakura said smiling at him warmly showing her own relief that he was safe.

Taking a seat next to Demona Lightningheart tells the council of everything he learned while in the Rogue Village and of all the things that he was able to do to help the Leaf while there. He mentioned that apart from the one hundred and fifty murders he committed on his first

day as the training instructor as well as the man he was forced to whip to death that he was able to assassinate an additional one hundred ninjas in their sleep and dump their bodies over the wall into the sea without notice. He also mentioned his fear about his possible liking of what he did when he was forced to “discipline” those who failed or angered Sasuke, giving the full details of how he had tortured the “prisoners” to the point where the council had started to turn green in horror.

Seeing that he was starting to get really shaken by reliving the deeds he had done Demona says, “Lord Hokage, council members, if it is alright I would like to plead my case so that Lightningheart can compose himself so he can finish his report.”

“Very well Demona you may plead your case. We know that you are the daughter of Sasuke Uchiha and therefore are the heir to the Uchiha name. If your information proves useful and you swear to serve the village I will consider restoring the Uchiha land and money to you.” Naruto said causing mutters from the other council members.

Taking a deep breath Demona looks at her knees and says, “As you said I am the daughter of the one known as Sasuke. I have no feelings of connection towards this man because of his cruel and inhuman nature. When he first found out I had no control over my bladder and bowels he took it upon himself to beat me mercilessly every time I used one of my diapers. When it became apparent that my own Sharingan would not come out he increased his malevolence towards me to beating me every morning and night along with the beatings for my toilet issues. Despite this he still confided in me his plans as I was the most powerful Ninja the Rogue Village had apart from himself. One of his plans was to kidnap Killer Bee and use a special extraction jutsu on him to remove the 8 tailed demon to slay it in front of the world

proving his skill. He also planned on somehow taking you Lord Hokage and doing the same thing with Kurama, the 9 tailed fox inside of you.”

“Do you know what drove him to do this apart from proving his skill?” Kiba Inuzaka asked hiding his shock.

“No sir I don’t. I do know however that he had planned something big for after he had killed the 8 tails on the fall harvest. That he had planned to attack each of the big 5 Hidden villages starting with the one closest to ours. That would make it the Hidden Sand Village. And although I was in the prison for most of my time there I was able to read their security level and strength pretty well when we were taken down to the prison and when we left earlier today. I think at their current strength, they stand a fifty, fifty chance of successfully pushing Sasuke back but that is all dependent on whether or not he is able to get more people to go rogue and trained up by the fall harvest. I doubt the situation will change more than 5% in his favor though.” Demona said as she started to shake in fear.

“Very well Demona you can stop. Let Sakura take you to her office in the hospital to give you a full work up and then when you are done with that come back here. We will have our decision by then.” Tsunade said to the nods of the other council members.

Raising from her seat Demona walks over to Sakura and follows her out of the building. Once the doors to the council chamber had closed Shikamaru Nara Sr. said, “Alright Lightning tell us the truth. How much of what Demona said was true and how much was a lie?”

“Where should I begin? It is true that Sasuke is a cruel and sadistic person. When we first discovered our feelings for each other Demona confided in me her incontinence issue thinking it would be something we could bond on because I too am incontinent. After she had an accident

after telling me she broke down into a fit of tears so bad that she told me exactly how cruel he was to her over something she couldn't control. I offered to help her hide her accidents by changing her in my room and hiding the evidence in one of my sealing scrolls. When I changed her for the first time I saw that her buttocks were covered in fresh and old bruises so bad that I was amazed she could walk. After that she came to confide in me more and more things about Sasuke. She told me of his plans and after some very careful spy work I was able to discover that all she said to me was true. He had planned to kidnap Killer Bee and somehow get Father out in the open alone so as to rip the tailed beasts out of them and slay them proving his power.” Lightningheart said in a serious tone.

Taking a drink of water he continues, “I do have one thing that I don't agree with Demona on. As we are allies with the Sand I knew more about their ability than she did having lived in the Rogue Village her entire life. I would actually put their current chances of fending off Sasuke at 60%. While that is not much better I did my best to weaken Sasuke's army as much as possible while I was there. Though there is a plus side apart from my weakening his army. I have learned some new jutsu under his tutelage that nobody in the village will have seen. This gives us an edge if we aid the Sand when he attacks as they won't be expecting me to be alive and actually a double agent.”

“If that is all, we need to discuss how to prepare for the attacks that will start in four months.” Naruto said causing the council to go into a flurry of muttered speech and planning that lasted for hours.

The next morning after the council had ended and Naruto had sent out a mass summons to the public...

“Villagers of the Leaf I have Good news and bad. The Good news I am happy to say that my declaration of my son Lightningheart being a Rogue was in fact a mistake. Late last night he returned to us under the guard of a squad of Jonin that had managed to capture him and his companion as they were crossing the Desert of the Sand village our ally. After long interrogation we have discovered that the person who attacked Crystal and Shikamaru Junior causing them to think that he was defecting from the village was in fact a member of a new enemy to us and our allies. This Rogue Village is made up of the remnants of the families that the former Akastuki members had made while they were together. The perpetrator was able to do this because his allies had ambushed my son while he was off on a solo training mission outside the village and after subduing and capturing him took him back to their base to use as leverage to try and lure me outside the village alone.” Naruto started causing the people of the village to mutter amongst themselves.

“During his time in their holding cell he met a girl that was named Demona Uchiha, that’s right the one and only surviving member of the Uchiha clan. Before the last war they had taken “samples” of Sasuke’s genetic code and using forbidden jutsu started making offspring for him.” Naruto continued causing several people to gasp loud enough that combined it was audible up to where he was. “She is the only one that survived the full process but being not to their “standards” she was thrown into the detention center to do nothing more than menial labor and janitorial work. During the time there she came to know our son and formed a plan to cause a mass break out in which she and Lightningheart would escape and make their way back to us.”

“Because of her help with bringing our son back to us and the information we were able to gleam from her about this Rogue Village we have decided to restore the Uchiha titles, land and money to her. I know that most of you will find this strange and difficult to accept but I ask

you to give Demona a chance. Also due to the ordeals Lightningheart underwent during his captivity we have agreed to take him off active duty until he feels he is recovered enough.”

Naruto finished as he embraced his son in front of the crowd.

Chapter 13

Later that day after Lightningheart and Demona had woken up from a short nap to recover some energy Lightningheart introduces Demona to his little sister and makes up with her for being gone so long at the same time.

“Big bwover I knew ya wasn’t a bwad person. I told papa dat you wood neva go wogue on us wike he fought, but he just told me dat I was wong.” Flaresong said for the tenth time refusing to let go of Lightningheart’s leg.

“I know Flare I know. I’m sorry I worried you so much though. Can you do me a favor and let go of my leg though sis I was going to show Demona around the village.” Lightningheart said rubbing his sister’s hair.

“Onwy if ya take me wif ya I’s not wetting you out of mah sight again for a wong time.” Flaresong retorted.

Giving a helpless look to Demona Lightningheart silently asks if it was ok for Flaresong to come along. Trying to hide a smile and failing Demona just nods then bursts out laughing at how her powerful boyfriend could be reduced to helplessness by a toddler.

“Glad you find it so amusing love.” Lightningheart said as he grabbed Flaresong under her arms.

Picking her up Lightningheart sits Flaresong on her changing table and says, “Alright sis you can come but first I’m going to set some ground rules. First you will walk with us, you may be still in diapers in case of accidents but you are a big girl and can walk for yourself. Second we are going to Ichiraku’s for lunch, so if you go with us that is what you are getting to eat I am not stopping anywhere else and you will eat your full bowl or I will punish you. Third while I am going to pack a bag of supplies for you I know you are doing well with your potty training and you will tell me when you have to go as soon as you notice it. Finally you will behave or I will punish you on the spot understand?”

“Otay big bwover I pwomise to be good, I just wants ta be wif ya acause I missed ya so much.” Flaresong replied as Lightningheart changed her into a diaper instead of her training pants since the trip was going to be long and she would need the extra absorbency if she had an accident.

Half an hour later Lightningheart is showing Demona around the Ninja Academy where he learned the basics of the ninja’s life when he sees Crystal talking with a beautiful girl around their age near the Kunai range. She was built similar to Crystal but had strawberry blond hair that only came to the middle of her back, wide sapphire blue eyes, and a loose fitting dress of lavender. She was Athena Lee, Rock Lee’s eldest daughter.

Leading Demona towards his favorite spot a few yards away he notices Crystal and Athena give each other a hug and go their separate ways smiling. Picking up Flaresong Lightningheart says, “This tree despite only being about ten years old is over two hundred feet tall. Ino Yamanaka a year mate of my father helped grow this tree with some special acceleration jutsu and it is one of my most favorite spots in the whole village. Follow me up and I’ll show

you why.” Carrying Flaresong in his arms Lightningheart runs up the trunk of the tree to his and Crystal’s favorite perching spot. Reaching his branch he sits down on it and motions for Demona to sit on Crystal’s usual spot saying, “Take a look through here. From these branches you can see most of the village and in the early morning or at sunset the village is painted in a beautiful landscape by the sun it is really peaceful and I can’t think of any place in the village that would make me feel the same while keeping cool in the shade.”

“I can see what you mean love it is a great spot. What’s wrong Flare?” Demona said noticing Flaresong tightly closing her eyes and trying to hide her face in Lightningheart’s chest.

“I scawred can we pwease go back down big bwover swowy pwease?” Flaresong said wrapping her fingers tightly into Lightningheart’s shirt.

“Flare I didn’t know you were afraid of heights. Alright we can go back down, and then we’ll get you changed, you seem to have wet yourself in fear.” Lightningheart said wrapping his arms around Flaresong for extra support. After they reach the ground Lightningheart takes Flaresong to the bathroom to change her and himself having voided himself on the trip down. After coming out of the restroom Demona suggests that they go get some lunch and hearing a grumbling from both Flaresong and his own stomach at the suggestion Lightningheart agrees.

After a Ten minute walk they Arrive at Ichiraku’s and after introducing Ichiraku to Demona Lightningheart says, “Two large bowls of the special and a child size order of the special if you please Mr. Ichiraku.”

“Coming right up Lightning. You know I was so upset when your dad announced you had gone rogue that it affected my ramen. Let me tell ya it is a relief that you have been cleared.”

“Sorry that my disappearance affected your cooking, I would have been able to fight them off if I hadn’t been exhausted from training. Can you forgive my weakness?”

Lightningheart said playing up his cover story.

“There is no shame in losing a battle when you are outnumbered and exhausted. It is not weakness, just bad luck. Here you go two large bowls of the special and a child size bowl for your adorable little sister.” Ichiraku said causing Flaresong to blush lightly and Lightningheart to nod his appreciation at the understanding Ichiraku showed.

Halfway through their meal Crystal walks in and after making her order for a large bowl of Miso Pork with General Tso’s chicken added to it talks to Lightningheart and Demona.

“So Crystal that person you were telling me and Demona about yesterday, was it who I saw you talking with when I was giving Demona a tour of the academy?” Lightningheart said causing Crystal to blush.

“Yeah it was them.” Crystal said concentrating on her Ramen.

“So what do you plan on doing now sis? You going to meet them later for a date?” Lightningheart asked causing Crystal to blush harder.

“Stop teasing me Lightning or should I tell Demona what I used to call you when we were Flares age and the reason for it?” Crystal said before taking a mouthful of Ramen.

“I wasn’t trying to tease ya sis I was just curious. I’m happy that the person said yes to you.” Lightningheart said nervously as he finished his broth.

Putting her money on the counter Crystal pays for her lunch and says, "Alright then. I'll see ya at home later bro I got some errands to run and a small mission from papa that I gotta finish up. I just stopped here to recharge myself before I continued."

"Alright then see ya later sis." Lightningheart said finishing the rest of his ramen.

Looking over to Flaresong Lightningheart is stunned to see that she not only ate the full bowl of ramen but had somehow without his noticing ordered a second bowl and was halfway through it. "What the...Flare I am surprised. You never eat ramen and now I see you've eaten almost two bowls what gives?"

"I sowwy big bwover is I bad for asking for a swecond bowl? It was so yummy I couldn't stop." Flaresong said trying her best to shrink down in her seat fearing she was going to get a spanking.

"No, no Flare you're not a bad girl. You just surprised me is all, because you normally throw a fit when we have Ramen at home and refuse to eat until mom or dad spansks you. So does this mean you are going to stop making a fuss when momma makes Ramen at home now?" Lightningheart said calmly trying to get Flaresong to relax.

"Onwy if she makes it wike mista Ichiwaku, his wamen is soopa yummy." Flaresong said startling a laugh from Ichiraku and Demona.

"Believe me little one your momma makes better Ramen than I do. Would you like to know why?" Ichiraku said and at Flaresong's nod he continues, "It is because she is making it with love for you and your family. I make mine from years and years of practice and skill. Food

made with love for a loved one always has something that a restaurant could never have and therefore makes it better. Do you understand sweetie?"

"I fink so. But momma neva made anyfing dis yummy before. I don see how hers could be betta if you wamen is nummier." Flaresong said before she finished her bowl.

"You will understand in time sis but for now we need to get going. Thanks for the great meal Mr. Ichiraku keep the change." Lightningheart said leaving ten dollars more than the bill called for.

Continuing the tour of the village Lightningheart takes Demona to look at the Hokage Mountain and explain the history of what each Hokage had done for the village. As he stares at his father's and Grandfathers faces Lightningheart wonders if he would ever be as great as them when Kakashi causes the three of them to jump when he says, "So you really did pay attention to your village history lessons. I thought the instructors said you were sleeping most of those classes."

"Kakashi sensei how long have you been there?" Lightningheart said spinning around as he felt himself dribble a little into his diaper.

"Just long enough to hear you explain the last three faces on the mountain. I sometimes come here to think and didn't want to interrupt you while you were talking. So how does it feel to be back home?" Kakashi said in his usual bland tone.

"To tell the truth I'm nervous. The whole time we were walking around town as I showed Demona the village I was getting stared at a lot and a lot of people were pointing and whispering. I don't know if it was because of me or because of Demona but I didn't like it. I feel like a

stranger here more now than I did before I was captured.” Lightningheart said knowing he couldn’t reveal the truth in front of Flaresong.

“Give them time Lightning I know they will go back to treating you normally in a few weeks. You have to admit that being captured by the Akastuki and escaping with a new friend in tow is very strange. People are just wondering how powerful you two really are if you were able to escape there. But give them a few weeks and they will have something else to talk about. By the way Demona I have something for you.” Kakashi said pulling out a manila envelope with her name on it.

Taking the envelope from Kakashi Demona opens it to reveal a few documents and upending it a set of keys. Confused Demona says, “What...what is this Mr. Kakashi?”

“Remember last night when Hokage Naruto said that if your information proved useful and if you swore to serve our village he would consider restoring the Uchiha lands and money to you? Well these documents are the deeds to the Uchiha house and the bank account that has your money in it. The Keys are for the house. And since you are now officially a member of the Leaf Village, if you want to be considered a Ninja then since you were not trained in a recognized Ninja village you will need to take a test at the academy sometime in the next couple weeks. If you pass you will get your own headband signifying you are a Leaf Shinobi. Also although it is strange to have four younger members in a squad under a Jonin you will be given a place in my squad along with Lightningheart, Crystal and Shikamaru Jr. if you pass.” Kakashi said smiling behind his mask.

Overcome with emotion Demona just stares flabbergasted at Kakashi for a moment then with a great speed wraps him in a quick bearhug then turns to Lightning doing the same to him

saying, “Did you hear that love, not only am I now a member of the village but I will be in your squad when I pass the test at the academy.”

“Yes dear I heard. Kakashi sensei, will the test she has to take be essentially the same one I did to become a Gennin? Not necessarily the same questions but over the same material?” Lightningheart said hugging Demona back.

“Yes it will be over the same material. I suggest you help her get prepared for it before she takes the test. Well I gotta go there is some research I need to finish. See you later.” Kakashi said disappearing in a puff of smoke.

“Well Demona would you like to see your new home or do you want to stay the night at my home tonight and we both go prepare your house tomorrow?” Lightningheart said picking a yawning Flaresong up.

Sliding the papers and keys back into the envelope Demona says, “Let’s go back to your place for tonight, it’s almost dinner time isn’t it?”

Checking his watch Lightningheart says, “Mom will be just finishing up cooking dinner by the time we get back. Flare you go ahead and take a nap I’ll carry you home.”

A few minutes later as they get to the street where Lightningheart’s house is he asks, “So what do you think of the village so far love?”

“It is lovely, so much more here than in the Rogue Village. And it isn’t freezing like it was there. I love this place.” Demona said as she did a small twirl taking in the entire street and causing a passing couple to chuckle.

Walking in the front door Lightningheart says, “Mother we’re home, I’m going to get changed and change Flaresong then we’ll be down for dinner.”

“Alright dear, if Demona is still with you tell her she is welcome to stay the night and have dinner with us. I know your father got the paperwork pushed through earlier to restore her family house and finances but I figured she would want to spend at least one more day with us.” Hinata called back from the kitchen.

Once they get up to Flaresong’s room Lightningheart quickly changes her into a clean pair of her training pants after cleaning her up having soiled herself on the way home. Seeing she was still sleeping Lightningheart puts her in her crib for a bit while he and Demona go back to his room and, taking turns, get each other changed into a clean diaper.

After changing Demona pulls out a storage scroll that Lightningheart had helped her fill with some of her clothes and concentrating hard makes her favorite Black dress appear. Pulling off her midnight blue dress which she had worn since the morning of their “capture” she sets it aside and puts on the new one. The dress was a floor length dress with slits up to her knees on the side, had a golden inlay of phoenix’s and dragons dancing around each other. After settling the dress Demona puts her hair up in a bun with two large Senbon in it to hold it in place.

After changing and getting dressed Demona walks over to Flaresong’s room and picks her up out of bed to carry her downstairs with Lightningheart walking beside her. Once they get to the Kitchen Demona Puts Flaresong in her seat at the table and takes a stack of bowls from Hinata to help set the table while Lightningheart took the eating utensils to place at the seats. As Hinata sets the large bowl of soup in the middle of the table she asks, “So Demona how did you like the tour of the village?”

“I find your village very lovely. It is so big, and the people didn’t whisper and stare as much as I thought they would.” Demona said placing the cups and filling them with water.

“That’s nice to hear. I’m curious do you intend to take the test to become a ninja of the village?”

“I don’t know. Ever since I was a baby I was expected to be a ninja and to conform to Sasuke’s will. But here, I actually have a choice of what I want to be. I don’t know if I want to be a ninja. But at the same time I don’t know how to be anything but a ninja. It is confusing and kind of scary. Though Mr. Kakashi said if I pass the test I would be in his squad along with Lightning and Crystal which wouldn’t be so bad.”

“Love you can do whatever you want to. If you want to give up the ninja’s life I am fine with that. I wouldn’t love you any less if you did. There are all sorts of things you could be in this village if you didn’t want to be a ninja anymore.” Lightningheart said giving her a one armed hug.

Staring directly at him Demona says, “Thanks Lightning I knew you would understand...why are you staring at me like that?”

Realizing he had been staring at her eyes Lightningheart says, “Your eyes... they are different than how they were this morning.”

Quick as a flash Demona gets out of her seat and runs to the bathroom. Turning on the light she leans as close to the mirror and notices that her eyes actually had changed to a red shade and that a small black dot appeared outside of the pupil in a half Yin-Yang pattern. Overcome with fear, happiness, and confusion all at the same time Demona slumps to the floor and just

stares at her hands. After a minute she starts laughing hysterically eventually transitioning into tears and sobs.

Hearing the change from laughter to crying Lightningheart gets up and walks to the bathroom passing Naruto and Crystal on the way waving his hand silently saying he would take care of it. Once he reached the door Lightningheart sees Demona sitting on the floor face in her hands sobbing hard Sliding down next to her he wraps her in a hug saying, “It’s ok Demona I don’t mind if your eyes are different I love you any way you come. Calm down love please.”

Sobbing harder, Demona latches onto Lightningheart like a leach and cries her confusion and fear away into his shirt while he rubs her back in a soothing manner. After ten minutes Demona finally gets her sobs under control and says, “I don’t know why but my Sharingan has finally activated. After all those years under Sasuke’s abuse and neglect, fearing for my life at every turn I finally achieved the thing he wanted out of me most. I can’t understand it. Normally the Sharingan only reveals itself for the first time when the bearer is in a life or death situation. But, here I am, in a place where I am free to choose my own path. Not being beaten senseless by a father who doesn’t want a “weakling who can’t control her bladder or bowels for a daughter.” And it finally decides to show itself. I am so confused love I don’t know what I should do now that I have it.”

“If you don’t know what you should do then do nothing. Take all the time you want to figure out what you want love. Think on it like you have all the time in the world even when the time is short. Whatever you choose to do with this gift, and with your life here in the Leaf, I’ll support your choice.” Lightningheart said holding Demona close in a tight hug.

“I don’t deserve you love. You are just too good to me. Let’s go back to dinner I’m starving.” Demona said finally getting to her feet and wiping her eyes.

Chapter 14

Walking around town on her own Crystal makes her way to the Academy’s Kunai range where she had agreed to meet with Athena yesterday. Wearing a loose fitting green shirt, her usual camo colored shorts, her boots and a Kunai pouch on her leg Crystal decides to take a couple rounds of target practice since she didn’t see Athena anywhere in sight. After completely emptying her Kunai pouch into the target, all of which were grouped into and around the bulls’ eyes which were centered on the heart and eyes of the dummy targets. After retrieving her Kunai Crystal is walking back to the throwing line when she sees Athena walk around the side of the building carrying a picnic basket on one arm and her bag on the other.

Athena wearing an emerald green dress, emerald eardrops and green tennis shoes walks over and says, “Ready for our picnic?”

Walking over to Athena Crystal gives her a hug and takes the picnic basket saying, “Of course I am. Where would you like to set up, I don’t mind going somewhere besides here if you want?”

“I know a nice spot by the river near the village that is almost always deserted why don’t we go there. We can even do some swimming if we get hot.” Athena said in her musical voice.

After a short run through the trees Athena leads Crystal into a clearing that was large enough for them to set up away from the water but close enough so they didn’t have to go far if they wanted to swim. As Crystal lays out the blanket in the basket Athena digs a small fire pit

close by and lines it with stones she found near the water side. As she gets a small fire going in the pit Crystal says in a teasing voice, “Was there a reason you built a fire pit and started a fire in it or did you do it just for fun?”

“Well some of the stuff I brought needs to be warmed up so we need a fire. So what do you want to do first? Eat then swim or swim then eat?” Athena said making sure the fire was big enough to cook on yet not too big as to get away from the pit.

“I didn’t know we were going to swim so I didn’t bring my swim suit.” Crystal said nervously.

Stripping off her dress Athena says, “I didn’t either I like swimming in just my undies.” After this she jumps into the water and surfacing a yard out says. “Come on Crystal the water is nice and cool.”

Seeing that Crystal is nervous and not moving away from the blanket Athena swims back to the shore and walks over to her saying, “What’s wrong Crystal? Don’t you want to swim?”

Not looking at Athena Crystal says, “I do but...you see...I...I don’t have underwear because...because I...*whispered quietly* I wear diapers.”

“For fun or need?” Athena said bluntly causing Crystal to blush a shade of red she had never blushed before.

Not answering for a moment Crystal bites her thumb and trying to think of a way to explain it voids herself completely. “Damn it, why did it have to happen now. I’ll tell you why but give me a moment Athena.” Crystal said walking behind the tree’s where their latrine was. After getting cleaned up and into a new diaper Crystal buries the soiled one and then goes back

to Athena who was heating a pot over the fire. “Do you remember my match with Lightningheart during the Chunin exams?”

“Yes you were really impressive so was Lightning. Papa said that the two of you were his best students in Tai Jutsu and you made him proud with it that day. Why do you ask?”

“Well the reason I wear diapers is because of that fight. Remember how I got thrown into the wall headfirst being knocked out when my RasenLightningJavelin struck Lightning’s RasenInferno and they exploded? Well I suffered a severe brain injury from the impact with the wall rending me incontinent. After the swelling went down Lady Sakura tried to cure my need through medical Ninjutsu but her attempt to help me failed miserably. I am still incontinent. Though I have come to discover that when I’m alone I kind of enjoy the feeling of sitting around in nothing but my diaper and a shirt.”

“Oh my, I didn’t realize your injury was that bad. At least you are coping well with your condition. Don’t worry though I don’t mind that you need them. Could you grab my bag and give me the black jar in it?” Athena said sympathetically and trying to change the subject.

Not being fooled for a moment Crystal grabs the bag and opening it sees three large thick pink diapers with pictures of unicorns and pixies on it, with the jar next to them. Handing the Jar to Athena Crystal says, “So how about you?”

“Well...for me it’s both need and fun. I have no control whatsoever when I sleep, never did. So I wear them whenever I go to sleep to prevent a mess on the furniture or my clothes. The rest of the time I wear them because I like the feeling of them. Not to mention they make it easy to keep training longer without having to stop to go to the bathroom. I want to get as good as I can so I can become an instructor at the Academy. And before you ask, Yes momma and Papa

know that I wear them during the day for fun. They didn't really mind but they make me buy the ones I wear during the daytime out of my own money, whether it was my allowance or from the money I got from mission completions. My night time diapers are thicker and purple so they can keep track of the number of diapers I have for my bed wetting problem compared to my "fun" diapers." Athena said as she poured some of the liquid contents of the jar into the pot.

"So...do you do anything else besides wear them for fun, or is all you do just wear them?" Crystal said curiously as she pulled out a different scroll from her diaper storage one and making two bottles of cold soda appear out of it.

After giving the pot a good stir Athena ladles a scoop of the stuff up to her mouth and with a contented "hmmm" says, "What do you mean?"

"Well...when I was first diagnosed with permanent incontinence, I tried to do some research on how people with it react to needing diapers again and found that there is a therapeutic thing that some people do called age regression. They act like baby's or toddlers to help them relieve excessive stress. Do you...you know...act like a baby sometimes and do things like suck on pacifiers and drink from a bottle? Or play with baby toys?" Crystal said nervously.

"Oh you mean do I have baby time. Yeah sometimes when I'm feeling really bad I lock my door put on one of my pretty pink diapers and crawl around and act like a full blown baby for a while. It is kind of fun. Why, have you never tried it and are nervous about doing so?" Athena said finally dishing out the stew she had reheated and "improved."

Taking her bowl from Athena Crystal spoons some of it up to her mouth and humming in pleasure at the party of flavor she tasted says, "Well...in a way yes I am kind of curious but I am really apprehensive about it at the same time. Most of the research I found said that the

person regressing has a person, either their real parent, a close friend, or a therapist, act the role of a “mommy or daddy” and the one regressing would sometimes be forced to “go” on command or stay in a dirty diaper for a short time while the “parent” does something else. I don’t like the feeling of wearing a messy or wet diaper even when there is no choice in my wearing it.”

Finishing off her bowl in a great speed Athena fills it a second time and says, “Well if you want I can help you ease into trying regression out. I will play both a baby and parent role just in case you do use your diaper during it. And you would have a “playmate” who understands how to do things properly from both ends so you can truly experience it.”

Feeling a bit light headed after finishing her bowl Crystal says, “What...what did you put in the stew I feel a bit...*hiccups*...weird?”

“I snuck some of mom’s best Saki out to improve the stew. Are you ok I didn’t think I put that much in it?” Athena said seeing Crystal’s eyes start to un-focus.

Slowly Crystal gets to her feet like a puppet on strings and starts slurring challenges to the trees which she seemed to think were other people. Once she got close to the first tree she says, “Shooo...you think I’m *hic* weak hunh? Well take *hic* thishhh.” And she punches the tree so hard she knocks it over causing the birds that were living in it to take off in a ruckus of jeers at her for destroying their home.

Moments later Rock Lee appears in the clearing and seeing Crystal, who somehow lost her pants while stumbling around using Drunken Boxing on the trees, jumps in to control her to keep her from destroying more trees or hurting herself. After an hour Crystal starts to sober up and noticing Rock Lee standing there holding her arms against her sides says, “Ma...*hic* master Lee...what...what are you doing here?”

“It is a good thing I did come here Crystal for you see you have been using Drunken Boxing on the trees and have caused great damage to a few of them. I was searching for you both because my Claire, my wife, noticed that some of her prized Saki had been taken. When I heard the birds raising a ruckus a moment ago I thought I would take a chance to see if this is where you two were at. Please sit down Crystal you need to let the Alcohol clear your system completely before we talk further.” Rock Lee said before helping Crystal to sit down on the blanket.

Turning to Athena Rock Lee says, “Athena you know that your mothers Saki is off limits why did you purposefully steal it and endanger yourself and Crystal? And why are you sitting here in just your underwear?”

Knowing what was about to happen Athena tries her best to talk her way out of her punishment saying, “I’m sorry papa I didn’t mean to make Crystal sick. I only wanted to make the stew taste better. I didn’t think I added that much to it. As for being only in my undies I was swimming before we heated the stew up.”

Grabbing Athena by the arm Rock Lee pulls her across his lap and says, “For stealing alcohol from your mothers stash and for making your friend sick by causing her to consume it you have earned fifty smacks and further more I am going to use Diaper punishment on you for a month. You will use your “fun” diapers any time you have to go to the bathroom and you will come to me or your mother whenever you do to get one of us to change you. Furthermore you will not be allowed any clothes that hide the diaper while at home even when company is over. Which means no pants and only your short skirts will be allowed as they show off most of your diaper.”

“Papa no please I’m sorry, OW. I’m really sorry, OW.” Athena cried as Rock Lee proceeded to administer the spanking. A few minutes later Rock Lee lays Athena onto the blanket and removes her panties completely and pulls one of her diapers out of her bag and proceeds to diaper her very red and tender bottom. Once he was done he turns back to Crystal and checks on her seeing her cringing away from him in fear.

“I am not angry with you Crystal you did nothing wrong. Come here and let me change you. Your diaper is sagging really bad.” Rock Lee said in a comforting voice.

Looking down Crystal sees that she had indeed soiled her diaper to capacity and wonders where her pants had gone and seeing them a few feet away walks over to pick them up and pulls the scroll out of the holster she made to hang from her belt loop. Opening it up she sets it next to Rock Lee and causes the necessary supplies to appear and submits to a changing.

“There all clean, how is your head feeling Crystal?” Rock Lee asked as he buried the soiled diaper in the latrine.

Rubbing her temples to try and clear the headache she was now feeling Crystal says, “Apart from a splitting headache not too bad. I don’t think I will ever knowingly drink any alcohol if a small amount did this to me.”

“Wise decision Crystal but don’t knock it completely; I think if you wait until you’re older and a bit bigger you might be fine. I say that because of what you did with your Drunken Boxing. What Athena took from her mother’s stash was actually 90 proof. That’s a very potent liquor and even gives me trouble. Of course I never could hold my liquor. Now let’s tear down the picnic that you two were having and get you home. It is getting late and I’m sure you would like to just rest given the headache you have.” Rock Lee said as he filled in the fire pit.

Meanwhile over in the shopping district...

“Wow this living room set looks so nice, and it’s very comfortable too. What do you think love would it look good in my living room?” Demona said sitting down on the couch to test it out.

“It is a nice set but I think the pattern on this set over here might look better.” Lightningheart said motioning to a living room set of red leather that looked more comfortable than the one Demona was sitting on.

Walking over to the set Lightningheart was looking at Demona sits on the couch then the chair and loveseat testing them out and says, “Your right these would be perfect. Now I just need to find a good bed and were set on furniture.” Taking the sale slip from the floor model with her Demona and Lightningheart go check out the beds and after trying ten of them out pick a very large bed that was classified as super king size being as it was twice as large as a normal King sized bed. After getting three sets of sheets to go with it Demona looks at a dresser where she can keep her diapers and clothes easily and grabs a slip from it as well. Taking the slips for the bed and furniture set, the dresser, and the sheets to the register she asks, “Do you deliver purchases?”

“Yes we can deliver we just need the address and we even set up the furniture at no additional cost to the delivery price. Great here’s the address and time I will be there today.” Demona said paying for the purchase with cash that she had withdrawn from the bank earlier intending on making a large purchase. After paying for the furniture Demona and Lightning go to the grocery store a couple blocks away and purchase enough food to last her a month then make one final stop at the drugstore to buy six months of diapers, wipes, powder, and diaper rash cream having the store deliver the good to her house later. Going back to her home Demona and

Lightningheart quickly put the groceries away in the refrigerator and cupboards and just finish as the furniture delivery team arrived. Showing the men where the living room was as well as the Master bedroom she lets the men do their job and walks out back with Lightning to just sit back and relax by the Koi pond that was empty except for the random frog.

“I think I will take the test to be a leaf shinobi.” Demona said suddenly.

“Alright, I can help you study if you want or you can just borrow my old books and notes to study from. When do you want to take the test?” Lightningheart said rubbing her back.

“I’m not sure. How hard do you think the test will be?” she asked quietly

“Well you are a really advanced ninja Demona. I think the only part that you should really focus on is the history of the Leaf Village, I have no idea why those are always on the written test but they are. The practical I doubt you will have trouble in though I will give you my notes on any and all Jutsu they might test you on for that just in case.” Lightningheart said kneading Demona’s back lightly.

“Ma’am we just finished setting up the furniture if you would just sign here we will be on our way.” The head delivery man said holding a clipboard.

Signing her name Demona gives the man a large tip saying, “Split that evenly between the lot of ya, you did me a favor getting here and setting up so quickly.”

“Thank you ma’am.” The man said turning to walk out to the truck where his three comrades were waiting. Giving each of them ¼ of the money he had before driving off. Minutes later a small delivery truck rolled up to the house and a man pulled out two large boxes and a medium one and says, “Are you Demona Uchiha?”

“I am. Is this the stuff I bought at the pharmacy earlier?” Demona asked politely.

“Yes ma’am, sign here and I will be on my way.” The man said holding out a clipboard. Giving the man a tip for speedy delivery Demona signs the clipboard and with Lightningheart’s help takes her supplies up to her room to put them away. Once they finished she notices that during the whole thing both she and Lightningheart had completely filled their diapers and quickly get each other changed.

Going back down to the living room Demona says, “So what do you want to do now love?”

“Well while you were signing the paperwork I sent one of my shadow clones back to my house to get my books and stuff from when I was in the academy so I could help you study. Until he gets back though why don’t we just cuddle on the couch.” Lightningheart said pulling Demona into his arms and lays on the couch with her on top of him while stroking her hair and side. Twenty minutes later the shadow clone returns and setting the books on the table lets Lightningheart and Demona sleep as he dissipates.

The next night at the Rogue Village...

“WHAT DO YOU MEAN MY DAUGHTER AND LIGHTNINGHEART ARE DEAD. THOSE TWO HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH POWER TO KILL KILLER BEE WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE.” Sasuke yelled at the two men who had returned from the failed kidnapping mission.

“My lord I’m sorry we would have been able to beat Killer Bee if it was him alone but he had reinforcements waiting. The copy ninja Kakashi and a young girl with the same power level

as Lightningheart attacked right as we were about to defeat Bee and bring him to you. They overpowered us and we were lucky to escape ourselves.” Said the taller of the two survivors in fear as Sasuke walked down from his throne.

Using his Mangekyo Sharingan Sasuke sends both men into the Tsukuyomi torturing them for what they felt as six years but in reality was only a minute. When he let them out feeling his eyes start to weaken Sasuke walks up to both men and beheads them with his katana and says, “Let this be a warning to you all. If any of you should fail me in any way I will kill you. No more mercy. We will be increasing our shifts for training. And we will attack the Konohagakure in one month. Live or die we make our move so you better not fail. Now get the fuck out of my sight before I decide to kill you all.”

At this the room clears of the entire gathering of rogue. Going back to his bedchamber Sasuke does something he hadn’t done in a long time and cries saying to himself, “I shouldn’t have let her go on that mission. It’s all my fault. If only I had been a better father to her she would be alive today. I never should have treated her so badly. Oh Demona, why did you have to go and die on me like this, why?” Crying himself to sleep Sasuke dreams badly about the upcoming war.

Back in the Leaf Village...

“You’re doing great Demona you really are learning our history quickly.” Crystal said as she, Lightning, Athena, and Shikamaru Jr. helped her study for the upcoming test.

“Thanks you guys I appreciate it. I really didn’t expect anyone but Lightning to help.” Demona said in a heartfelt manner.

“After hearing what Crystal and Lightningheart said I felt you at least deserved a chance. I don’t care about a person’s lineage only how they treat others. So now that we’ve covered the history what do you want to work on Ninjutsu or Genjutsu?” Shikamaru Jr. said putting the history notes and books to the side.

“Let’s work on Ninjutsu. I just get this feeling like I am going to have trouble on that tomorrow.” Demona said nervously.

“It’s alright Demona, everyone gets nervous about the tests.” Crystal said patting Demona on the shoulder.

Six hours later Demona is bent over gasping having exhausted her Chakra working on different Ninjutsu that might be on the test. “Let’s call it for the night guys. Demona you should get some rest if you’re insisting on taking the test tomorrow.” Lightningheart said seeing Demona was exhausted and obviously in discomfort.

“See ya tomorrow Demona. Good luck on your exam.” Crystal and Athena said.

“You’ll do fine Demona just relax and picture the proctors in their undies if you get too nervous. It helped me a lot when I took my exam.” Shikamaru Jr. said following Crystal and Athena out.

Picking up the dishes Lightningheart takes them to the kitchen and sets them in the sink before going to Demona’s bedroom to help her change. After the two get changed into fresh diapers Demona asks, “Would you like to spend the night love?”

Knowing that Demona was just extremely nervous about the test in the morning Lightningheart says, “Sure just let me call mom and dad to let them know then I’ll give you a

massage to help you fall asleep. You need your rest love if you're going to pass the exam." A minute later after letting his mom know he was spending the night with Demona Lightningheart has her take off her dress and bra then lay face down on the bed. Straddling her back he starts gently kneading her starting at the lower back near her butt and working his way up to her shoulders eliciting small groans of pleasure from Demona.

Upon reaching her shoulders he feels a lot of tension there so he starts pressing harder and using his Byakugan presses the Chakra points there to make them open wider to promote healing causing the muscles to relax greatly. Hearing her snoring lightly Lightningheart gets off of Demona and pulls the comforter he gave her over her and slides under it with her falling asleep himself within moments.

Chapter 15

"Good morning, I take it you are Demona Uchiha." The woman in a black shirt and pants with a Leaf Village headband asked as Demona walked into a room at the Academy.

"Good morning ma'am. I am Demona I take it that this is the right place for me to take my exam to be a Leaf Village ninja?" Demona replied nervously.

"It is, please take a seat and we will explain the procedure." The lady said.

As Demona sits down in the desk and sets her bag beside her she takes out a pen and listens closely to the lady's explanation, "Alright Demona here's the rules. The exam is taken in two parts first will be a written exam. There will be twenty questions, ten of them are multiple choice five are true and false, and five short answer or essay questions. The second half of the exam will be a demonstration of your Taijutsu, Genjutsu and Ninjutsu. You will be rewarded

points on visual appearance and skill with each jutsu. Do you have any questions before we start?”

“Umm...I have one. You should have a note about my problem. If I need to “take care” of it would I be allowed to pause the time on the exam to do so?” Demona asked nervously.

Flipping through the paperwork that was given to the proctors the man sitting at the table finds the note in question and after reading it says as he hands the note to his female counterpart, “Yes, you will be allowed to pause the time on your exam if needed. But to ensure that you don’t cheat, and I’m not saying that you would, Proctor Janet will accompany you and assist you with it. Do you have any other questions?”

“No that was my only concern.” Demona said as Janet gave her an answer sheet and the exam.

“Alright then your time starts...now” Janet said flipping a large hourglass over which had enough sand to time two hours.

Reading each question thoroughly Demona smiles confidently as she answers them one by one happy with how much she remembered from her cram session the day before with the help of Lightningheart and his friends. After an hour had passed Demona feels a pain in her stomach as she voids herself completely and seeing the proctors had yet to look away from her raises her hand and says, “I need to pause for a bit for my problem.”

Setting the hourglass on its side Janet stands up and escorts Demona to the restroom and taking Demona’s bag gets the supplies out after locking the door and changes Demona quickly but thoroughly, much to both of their embarrassment. After Janet finished fastening the last tape

Demona says, “Thank you ma’am.” And stands up settling her dress back in place as they both wash their hands. Taking her seat as they return to the testing room Demona waits for Janet to put the Hourglass back up and resumes her test on the last five questions.

Getting to the final question Demona gawks at it reading, “There are 100 principles that Shinobi use to guide their lives and actions. Name four of them and what they mean to you.” Having gone over only twenty five the night before, before she got tired of the list Demona thinks hard about the ones she could remember. Starting with the 25th principle Demona writes, “The 25th principle states that a Ninja should suppress their emotions because they can lead to trouble when on a mission. This principle does not feel right to me because it is with our emotions that we are able to interact with other people on a daily basis and what separates humans from wild animals.” After this Demona lists the 1st principle of “Duty above oneself”, the 10th principle of, “Training oneself to surpass their limits”, and the 5th principle of, “Inner balance provides the path to your goal.”

Finishing her answer Demona puts down her pen and stands up taking the answer sheet and test to the proctor’s desk. “Alright Demona, do you know where the Gymnasium is?” Janet asked handing the test and answers to her partner to grade.

“Yes sir Lightningheart gave me a thorough tour of the academy two days ago.” Demona replied standing at attention.

“Alright then you have an hour to relax and eat some lunch then you need to go there for your practical.” Janet said dismissing Demona.

Walking to the Cafeteria Demona gets a tray and piles it up with everything the servers had and pays for it before looking around for a seat. Seeing an empty table near the vending

machines Demona sets her tray down and buys two cans of orange soda. As she eats her food some younger ninja start taking seats around her chatting away having just gotten out of class for lunch.

Doing her best to listen in without drawing attention to herself Demona flinches when one of the boys says, “Did you hear that girl Demona, the one that came to the village with the Hokage’s son when he escaped the Rogue Village, is being allowed to take the exam to become a ninja of the village? What is the Hokage playing at trusting her? She is an outsider and he should know better than to trust an outsider like that.”

“Billy, why do you have to be such a jerk all the time? Don’t you remember how bad it was for you when you first started here? Surrounded by people you didn’t know, so nervous you wet yourself in front of the class earning you a horrible nick name. Don’t you think Demona is feeling the same way. She was as much a prisoner as Lightningheart and helped him escape so she could get a chance to make a life for herself. Grow up and give her a chance you big dummy.”

Tearing up at the girls defense of her Demona plucks up her courage and says, “Thank you for that. You don’t know how much it means to me that you are willing to give me a chance and actually stand up for me even though you don’t know me.”

Turning to Demona the girl says, “It’s no problem. Billy has always been one to start conspiracy theories and trouble. I always believed in giving a person the benefit of the doubt even if they have a shady background. My name is Selene by the way.”

Shaking the offered hand Demona says, “It is a pleasure Selene. You don’t know how much of a change it is to find people like you having known nothing but cruelty and neglect from

where I used to live. I'm actually a really nervous living here, and I'm afraid that my nerves will affect my performance in my practical exam."

"So you really are being allowed to take the exam to become a Leaf ninja. Oh my name is Davis by the way." The boy on the other side of Selene said.

"Nice to meet you Davis, and yes I just got finished my written exam and sat down for some lunch when you guys joined me." Demona said polishing off the last of her lunch.

"Well good luck on your practical. And...sorry about being rude like I was, I just get really nervous when new things pop up like your being allowed to take the exam despite not being born in the Village." Billy said hanging his head.

Standing up to turn her tray in Demona says, "It's alright Billy I know exactly how you feel. Good luck with your studies."

After turning her tray over to the kitchen staff Demona makes her way to the bathroom to change again having emptied her bladder during her meal. After changing she makes her way to the gymnasium and enters it just as the Phys. Ed. class was let out. Taking a seat on one of the benches Demona waits for a couple minutes before Janet and her fellow proctor, and Rock Lee show up.

"Demona are you ready for your practical exam?" Janet asked

"Yes ma'am I am ready." Demona said standing up.

"Very well this part of the exam will be held in two phases. First is a Taijutsu only fight with master Rock Lee, our Academies best teacher in Taijutsu combat and a Ninjutsu/Genjutsu demonstration where you will be asked to demonstrate different abilities at random. For the first

part you will be given five minutes to score as many points against Master Lee as you can. You will be rewarded points based on accuracy, and strength of your blows as well as how well you manage to deflect, dodge or block his.

Taking her place Across from Rock Lee in the middle of the gym Demona bows to him and at the signal to begin Launches herself at Rock Lee matching his normal speed landing several blows and blocking most of his. Back and forth the two exchange blows neither gaining a real advantage and after five minutes had passed Demona bows to Rock Lee and says, “Thank you for the great sparring session Master Lee.”

“You’re welcome Demona you gave me a decent workout. Good luck with the second half of your Practical.” Rock Lee said exiting the gymnasium through the men’s locker room entrance.

“Ok Demona, show us your transformation, substitution and clone jutsu. For the Transformation turn yourself into either Janet or myself.” The male proctor said.

Turning herself into Janet Demona quickly uses the substitution Jutsu to switch places with her then after using it a second time to go back to where she had been standing makes six clones of herself with which she did a little dance from her favorite play.

“Very good, Demona now what... GAH...” The male proctor said as a sword erupted from his chest right through his heart. Standing up behind the male proctor Sasuke walks around him and says, “Demona I’m sorry I treated you so badly. Please come home with me and I will forget all about your running away. I never meant to be so evil towards you. Please come home sweetie, I promise I will try harder to accept you for who you are and not raise a hand against you ever again for your potty problem or your inactive Sharingan.”

Stunned that her father was able to get this far into the village without being detected Demona says, "Papa...how...how did you get here."

"That don't matter baby girl. All that matters is that I am sorry for doing what I have done to you and wish to start over." Sasuke said getting within arm's reach of her and holding his arms wide asking silently for a hug.

"Demona don't trust him...he only wants...*cough cough* he only wants to use you to destroy your new home." Lightningheart said stumbling into the room seriously injured and bleeding heavily.

"Papa you didn't. How could you hurt the man I love like that." Demona wept.

Wrapping his arms around her Sasuke said, "He was trying to brainwash you baby. He is the one who wanted to use you."

Heartbroken about what was going on Demona stealthily unsheathes a Kunai and stabs Sasuke in the heart with it saying, "This is my home now and no matter what I will protect it and its people. I will never forgive you for treating me the way you did or for hurting my boyfriend."

Running over to Lightningheart Demona quickly uses field medicine to try and Keep Lightningheart from dying and using her Sharingan to try and see his injuries better finds that there is no Chakra what so ever in his body and realizes that she is inside a very well made Genjutsu. Standing up Demona makes the hand signs necessary and says, "RELEASE" to free herself from it. Pressing the button on the stop watch Janet writes down the time and what had happened inside her Genjutsu and shows it to her partner who says, "Despite taking a long time to figure out the Genjutsu was in place you proved yourself loyal to the leaf and your ability to

break it. Adding this to your score from the Ninjutsu, Taijutsu and your written exam I am proud to say that you have become a Leaf Village Shinobi. Congratulations, Wear this headband with pride and honor.”

Taking the headband from the proctor Demona puts it on and says, “Thank you so much. It is an honor to be counted among the Leaf as not only a member now but also as a shinobi. I will not let this village down.”

With that Demona leaves the Academy and heads straight for Lightningheart’s house to tell him, Naruto, Crystal and Hinata the great news.

Chapter 16

In the forests that boarder the fire and wind nations a week later...

“I can’t believe this forest used to be part of a whole separate country. It’s scary to think how a war can wipe out an entire country leaving it for others to deal with isn’t it?” Crystal said as she, Athena and Rock Lee ran border patrol.

“Yes it is very sad. While most of the forests were left untouched many of the villages were so ruined and the population so diminished that the Lord of the River nation begged the fire nation to annex it for their protection.” Rock Lee said through their commlink as he was several hundred yards to Crystals right while Athena was the same distance to her left.

“Father, why did you insist on joining us on border patrol? Crystal and I are more than capable of protecting ourselves should the need arise and there hasn’t been any sign of the enemy since Lightningheart came back.” Athena asked as she kept her eyes on the surroundings.

“One, because you are still in deep trouble for stealing your mothers Sake, and two, because my temporary team is not going to be done with their training until we finish this patrol so I figured I would get some exercise and help if it was needed. Now let’s...hold position.” He said coming to a halt on a tree branch and using some binoculars to confirm what he saw.

“False alarm it was just an animal. Alright let’s head back to the village and report in.” Rock Lee said as he turned around. A couple hours later the three emerge from the forest on the edge of the Hidden Leaf Village and after reporting in to the patrol office split up. Rock Lee to go harry the Genin he was training for Might Guy and Crystal and Athena to go for a small lunch before Athena had to go home to help her mother with several chores and another spanking for having stolen the Sake.

As they ate Athena held Crystals hand under the table and after a bit asks, “Crystal... I know this is kind of personal...and feel free not to answer but...do you sometimes like...I dunno...regret not having known your real parents?”

Putting down her chopsticks Crystal goes quiet for a bit and says, “Honestly...I don’t know how I should feel. I mean on the one hand I never knew them so it’s kind of hard to think what it would have been like to know them. Yet I have a lot of my dad’s old things, including his love letters to mom from when he was dating her. And I know they are both hero’s. I saw their names on the memorial stone in the village where Kakashi took Lightning, Shika, and myself for our first ever training exercise. Yet after Papa Naruto and momma Hinata adopted me...it...it makes me feel strange and kind of ashamed that I feel for them like they are my real parents. You know because I never knew mine. Why do you ask?”

“I’m ashamed to admit it but sometimes I wish papa and momma were on that stone too...they are so strict with me at times I start thinking what it would be like to have never known them and grown up in the orphanage like you did...OH GOD I’m such a horrible daughter.” Athena said sobbing into her hands drawing the attention of a couple people from the next booth who quickly looked away after they notice that Crystal glared at them.

Hugging Athena Crystal whispers, “You are not a horrible daughter most kids have that thought, or similar ones, every now and then. Hell Lightning has confided to me that he had secretly wished that he and I had our places switched. He sometimes can’t stand living in the shadow of his father and mother. ..and you know after having been with them for nearly a month I kind of understand him now. It is hard to live up to your parents legacy when they are as renowned as the Hokage and Lady Hinata.”

Turning Athena’s face up to hers Crystal gets her to look her in the eyes and says, “Trust me. Not having parents is not as much fun as it seems. It’s actually more of a hell than it is freedom. You have to grow up quickly, there is no time for fun because you have to learn how to fend for yourself and manage things that adults normally take care of.”

Suddenly without warning Crystal kisses Athena on the lips in a firm, passionate, but brief kiss. Turning red Crystal breaks contact first and says, “I...I’m sorry.” Then she places her money on the table paying for her half of the food and the tip and runs out of the restaurant.

In the clearing near the memorial stone...

“Very good Demona you are learning how to control your Sharingan very quickly. I think we should stop for today so you do not over tax your eyes.” Kakashi said as Demona used her Sharingan to copy him as he did some jutsu with her.

“O...okay Kakashi sensei.” Demona said deactivating her Sharingan.

“That...was...cool. I have never seen two Sharingan holders work together before. Kakashi sensei you are awesome. Demona you looked great too.” Lightningheart said as he hugged his girlfriend and discretely checked her diaper thinking that the strain of learning 6 jutsu through the Sharingan would have caused Demona to mess herself as she had not been trained with it before.

Returning the hug Demona says, “Thanks sweetie but I owe all the credit to Kakashi sensei. He is nothing like...like he was described to me when I was a little girl. He is kind and strong. And it is very cool of him to teach me how to use my Sharingan.”

“Demona I appreciate the compliment but you deserve at least half of the credit. You worked hard today. Harder than Lightning, Crystal, or Shikamaru Jr. did on their first day under my lead. It is an honor teaching a young Kunoichi such as you how to harness her full power. Just promise that you will keep practicing and do your part for the village and I will be more than happy to help you learn all you can with your Sharingan.” Kakashi said placing a hand on her shoulder.

“I promise. Is there anything else we are going to do today sensei?” Demona said as she slid her hand around to check Lightningheart’s diaper.

“No I think we should call it a day. You don’t realize it yet but you burned a LOT of chakra off using the Sharingan today. You two love birds run along and go relax. Besides I have reports to fill out yet.” Kakashi said before disappearing with a puff of smoke.

“Well what does my beautiful demoness want to do now that we are free for the day?” Lightningheart said as he felt Demona press his diaper in the back to check for mess.

“I was thinking...would you like to play a special game with me at my place?” Demona said smiling mysteriously.

Taking Demona by the hand Lightningheart says, “Oh sounds interesting. What would my lovely girlfriend be planning?”

“That is for me to know and you to find out love. Now come on let’s go.” Demona says before running with Lightningheart in hand back to her place.

Thirty minutes later Demona and Lightning are locked in her room and she has him crawling on the floor like a baby wearing a powder blue bonnet and sucking on a blue pacifier. As he crawls around he does his best to play the game as Demona described it and going over to some of the safety blocks he sits down next to them and starts stacking them up while Demona squealed quietly at the adorable picture he made. Slightly embarrassed by this he looks at her with a sidelong glance then throws one of the blocks at her striking her on the forehead.

“Bad baby you don’t throw things at your “mommy” now I have to punish you.” Demona said walking over to him and taking his arm. Helping him into a standing position she leads him to the bed though he “tried” to escape knowing what she was about to do as she had laid down the rules clearly. Once she was sitting on the bed she pulls him across her lap and gives him five “hard” swats over his diaper which he barely felt while scolding him.

Pretending to cry Lightningheart says around his pacifier, “I sowwy I sowwy.”

When she had finished his “spanking” Demona lays him on the bed and says, “So. Now that you know how to play “baby time” what does my love think of it?”

Pulling the pacifier out of his mouth Lightningheart says, “I don’t know. I really didn’t do much but crawl around and play with blocks. Maybe if I was in the “parents” role I would enjoy it more but as the “baby” I was just bored. Of course it could be because I was the only “baby” at the time.”

“Oh...well...I only just learned the rules last night. I talked to Crystal and she said that Athena knew them as she did it a lot. I mean she knew I was having trouble getting used to not being scared about wearing and told me about it because Athena had shown her how to do this the other day when they were hanging out at Athena’s home. Athena was really kind and told me all about it. Do...do you want to try the parent role now or do something else for now?” Demona said blushing, thinking she had done something bad.

Sitting up and hugging Demona Lightningheart says, “I didn’t mean to upset you sweetheart I just couldn’t get into it this time. We can try again later I promise. Maybe if we had another “baby” to play the game too it would be more fun.”

Nodding Demona wipes her watering eyes and says, “Promise?”

Hugging Demona Lightningheart says, “I promise. If I have more fun as the parent and you have fun as the baby, we could make it a permanent routine for us. Now how about we get dressed and go have some dinner. Mom said you could come over tonight and were having steaks.”

Smiling a little Demona returns the hug and feeling herself soak her diaper says, "Alright but I think somebody needs a change first."

Laughing Lightningheart let go of the hug and pushed Demona down saying, "Then we must get her cleaned up and pick out a nice outfit for her don't we." Then he opens her dresser and gets a diaper and the other supplies out and sets them on the bed then goes back and picks out her red satin dress that had knee high slits on both sides allowing her freedom of movement.

As Lightningheart changed her, Demona giggled and squirmed a little acting like a cute toddler causing her smiles and giggles to be infectious and boost Lightninghearts spirit. As he wiped her clean of mess he tisks at the sign of her rash returning and says, "Dear me what is this. Sweetie have you been staying in your nappy while its wet longer than you have to?"

Blushing Demona says, "Sometimes. I have found that I like the feeling of a warm diaper once in a while."

Shaking his head Lightningheart slid the soiled diaper from under her and rolled the wipes up inside it then threw it away and goes back to her dresser to get the rash cream and powder saying, "Well that's fine love but you got a rash again. If you are going to do that you need to treat yourself for rashes before and after you do so."

Putting a fake pout on her face Demona says, "Alwight, I guess mah daddy knows what is bestest." Then she giggles at the look on his face. After applying the rash cream and powdering her Lightningheart fastens the diaper snugly in place and helps her up so she could get her dress on.

Two hours later after dinner Lightningheart is talking with Crystal in private in his room that he shared with her when he wasn't sleeping over at Demona's, while Demona is helping Hinata with the dishes and Naruto is giving Flaresong her nightly bath and says, "Sis I have a few questions about...um...well you told Demona about a thing that Athena taught you. Could you enlighten me on the "rules" and whatnot of "baby time"?"

Blushing Crystal says, "Well...Yeah but...tell me she didn't try and make YOU the baby your first time without someone there to help?"

Blushing harder than Crystal, Lightningheart just nods and is more embarrassed when she bursts out laughing, "It's not funny. I had no idea what the hell I was supposed to do and I didn't have fun at all. Demona is upset and thinks I won't do it again when I am willing to if I am taught how."

Getting herself under control Crystal says, "Alright I will teach you." And she spends the next two hours explaining both the "parent" and "child" roles of the game.

By the time she finished Lightningheart completely understood what to do and says, "Thanks sis. You are the best. If you need anything just let me know and I will help if I can."

Going back downstairs Lightningheart goes to the living room where Demona and Hinata are talking and laughing and he sits next to her giving her a kiss on the cheek not caring that his mom saw.

"Well you really do love her don't you son? I admit I was suspicious but if you really care for her like that then...I give my blessing full heartedly." Hinata said confusing Demona and Lightningheart for a moment before it clicked to both of them.

“MAMA, we are NOT going to do that yet. We want to stay as we are for now and just be together. We want to make sure we both have as much happiness as possible before...well you know. Before HE comes.” Lightningheart said blushing hard as Demona giggled.

Laughing herself Hinata says, “Oh you silly boy I was just teasing you. I do give my blessing if you CHOOSE to do anything but I also want you to decide on your own when you do something not because I said you could. I am worried about what is coming too.” Looking around she sees Crystal come in and says, “Sweetie can you do that “thing” you do so we can talk privately?”

Nodding Crystal puts down the white noise Jutsu and sits next to Hinata saying, “What’s wrong mama?”

Swallowing a lump in her throat Hinata says, “We do NOT want this getting out but we have reports stating that Sasuke is starting to move. If the spies we have sent are right he will be here in three weeks. Lightning...I am going to ask you a MASSIVE favor. One I have no right to ask but I want to anyway. This is a request from both your father and I.”

Visibly scared Lightningheart says as he starts to wet himself from fear and nerves, “Wha...what is it mommy?”

“Your father and I have been talking and we both agree that if Sasuke is after the Ninetails...that perhaps...perhaps it is best to change his vessel. Will you take up the mantle of the Jinchuriki? If you do Killer Bee is waiting here to take you to the same place your father went to gain full control over Kurama. The transfer will take a day. The trip will take a week and at least 5 days to gain full control over him like your father has, and another week to get back.”

“But...I don’t want dad to die. How can you ask me to let my own father die just to hide some stupid demon inside me?” Lightningheart said terrified at the request as tears start to well up in his eyes.

Getting up Hinata walks over to Lightning and kneels down in front of him placing both hand’s on his shoulders. “Sweetie we know it is a possibility that he MIGHT die during the transfer but that has not happened in most cases. The only one to truly die was your grandmother and that was because an evil Ninja disrupted the ritual. You also have to realize that when the war starts there is a possibility both your father and I COULD perish as well. We don’t want to leave you, Flare or Crystal but that is a huge possibility.”

Crying full out now Lightningheart says, “Bu...buh...but why does it have to be me. I never wanted to be a Jinchuriki. Look at the pain it caused papa when he was younger than me. I don’t understand.”

Coming into the room after having put Flaresong down for the night Naruto sees Lightningheart crying full out and hugging Hinata, as well as Demona and Crystal’s scared looks. Stepping through the white noise jutsu Naruto says, “So...I take it you told him our request?”

Looking up at his fathers’ voice Lightningheart runs over to him and starts softly pounding his fists on his chest saying, “You bastard why did you have to put this burden on me. I’m just barely an adult myself why did you have to go and put more on my shoulders than I have already.”

Hurt at Lightningheart’s inner pain Naruto ignores the swearing and strikes and just hugs his son tight. “I’m sorry son I’m so sorry. You know I would never ask if I wasn’t sure of its

necessity. Go on, let out all your pain and anguish I won't be angry. But please think about it tonight."

At this Demona, Crystal and Hinata all walked over and hugged Lightning and Naruto in a big comforting group hug letting him release all his fear and tension. Once he finally calmed down Lightningheart was in desperate need of a change and after Hinata had taken care of him they returned to the living room to talk calmly. After another hour Lightningheart says, "I...if I do this...I want you to promise that...I want you to promise that you will no longer treat me like a kid. If I do this you are admitting to my full adulthood and therefore waive any "parental rights" of child punishments of any kind. I can't be a Man, a savior of the village, and still be a kid."

"That is fair. I know we treated you as a little kid longer than you deserved son but you have to understand it was because your mother and I just wanted to "keep" our baby boy as long as possible. Just like any parent." Naruto said visibly relaxing a bit that Lightningheart had agreed.

"Yeah, but mom using that Genjutsu test to spank me and you spanking me after that was too much. You weren't spanked for doing your pranks when you were YOUNGER than me. But that is beside the point. Now what...what do I have to do to prepare for the transference ritual?" Lightningheart said showing he wanted to get to business but also have the last word on his being treated as an adult instead of a child.

"We will take you to the place that we have chosen to do it at in the morning. In the meantime Hinata and I need some rest. If you want to sleep at Demona's after walking her home

feel free. We will come get you in the morning.” Naruto said standing up and giving Lightingheart Crystal and Demona a hug before going to bed.

Chapter 17

Late that night...

“Are you fucking kidding me? You want me to leave you and take up host inside your son. HE ISN’T EVEN TOILET TRAINED.” Kurama bellowed at Naruto inside his mind as the two were discussing the plan.

“Calm down Kurama. I know he isn’t toilet trained but that is not his fault. He CAN’T be trained. That is both our and his mother’s bloodline’s fault. Our fault because of your taking host in me adding to my power, his mother’s because her clan is powerful as is. His body had to make up for the power reservoir somehow.” Naruto said calmly.

“Don’t you place his incontinence on me you twit! It is not my fault you couldn’t train him to be a powerful ninja and have control of his bodily functions.” Kurama yelled again.

“Well it is partially your fault and you can’t deny it. Look at how powerful I am having you reside in me. You bolster my chakra with your own making me one of the most powerful ninja’s in the world. Add to your bolstering with my father’s blood making me powerful, and therefor passing it on to him along with his mother’s bloodline which I may add I am happy he inherited her Kekkei Genki Dojutsu, and you have a recipe for a great ninja in the making.” Naruto replied.

“I know you are powerful, I have helped you become so. Of that there is no doubt. But you had to work hard to get my respect. I doubt some child who can’t even stop peeing and shitting his pants can ever do enough to gain my respect.” Kurama huffed.

“If you think I am powerful Kurama, then you listen to what my son can do. While it is painful to say it, it is also with great pride that I tell you that he has SURPASSED me in power and skill. If you want the best host possible to keep you from being destroyed or enslaved by the Uchiha’s for the plan of Madara then I suggest you calm down, pull your head out of your egotistical ass and listen to reason.” Naruto said.

“Fine why don’t you show me what he can do then? You know how to show memories to me here by having them appear on a wall of our room like a movie projector. DO IT.” Kurama said yelling the last getting angry but willing to see proof to what Naruto was claiming.

“Alright I will start from my personally training him as a toddler through to when he entered the academy and then show you all the reports I have read about him since he entered the academy and was placed with our old squad leader.” Naruto said bringing up his memories.

For the next several hours during the night Naruto showed him Lightningheart’s progress and achievements and around dawn Kurama says, “Very well. I will agree to give him a chance. But if he fails to gain my respect and pass the trial you had to go through to get my power then you must agree to take me back. I would rather have you than someone who cannot gain my respect.”

“If I am still alive then I will take you back if you chose to return to me.” Naruto agreed.

Later that day at the secret sight...

“Alright lightning are you ready? I know you are scared but it is for a good cause.”

Demona said hugging Lightning as his mother and father as well as the other ninja council members finished preparations for the ritual.

“Terrified love. If...if I don't make it will you do me a favor?” Lightningheart asked.

“Name it my love.” Demona said hugging him tight.

“Give this to lady Sakura it contains instructions and my last wishes. They involve you as well so you may read it but I ask you do not unless I perish.” Lightningheart asked showing just how scared he was by giving her a terrified but loving gaze.

“I know it won't come to that but if it makes you happy I will do it.” Demona said taking an Envelope from him before kissing him deeply.

“Lightningheart...it is time.” Hatake Kakashi said after Lightning and Demona finished their lovers embrace.

Nodding Lightningheart followed Kakashi through the ring of the gathered council and Anbu members, who were there for security reasons, and took his place on an altar next to his father taking a folded legged sitting position across from him. After removing his shirt as Naruto had done Lightning says, “Alright, let's do this.”

As one the council started chanting and making hand signs in unison as Naruto and Lightningheart sat there while Kakashi started tattooing Lightningheart's stomach with the sealing jutsu symbols that were on his father's stomach. Slowly at first but growing in intensity Naruto started to glow a deep red color much like that of blood as the spirit of Kurama the Nine Tailed fox Demon started to come to the surface. Once the intensity of it had completely blotted

out Naruto from vision the entirety of the spirit slammed into Lightningheart and Kakashi quickly placed the final symbol of the seal on Lightningheart forcing Kurama to stay inside Lightning. Screaming in great pain as Kurama's spirit fought his new host for control Lightningheart couldn't help but fill his diaper as he battled with Kurama for possession of his own body. After 9 long hours the glow around Lightningheart faded and he passed out from the pain as his body was quickly healed by the power of the Nine tails despite it having caused all the damage.

As the council broke up, their part being done, Hinata and Demona rush over to check on Lightningheart and Naruto. As Demona changed Lightningheart while Hinata tended her husband who somehow received a few gashes in his chest from the transference, Killer Bee jumped down from the tree he had been sitting in nearby and says, "Well that was interesting ya fool. Never realized it could be done with both the former host and the new one surviving ya know."

"It...It was not easy Bee. I...I do not want this getting out but I am greatly weakened by this. I...I do not think I will survive if I have to face him again." Naruto said gasping for breath his golden hair now totally white on the sides of his head causing him to have a blond stripe about two and a half inches wide down the middle while the rest was silvery grey.

"I can see that ya fool. Just do me a favor and try to stay alive while we are gone." Killer Bee said as Demona finished and slid Lightningheart's pants back up.

Picking up Lightning Demona slung him over her shoulder to carry him better and said, "Alright Master Bee lead the way, I am coming and there is nothing you can do to stop me."

“Alright ya fool but you got to do what your told. Where we are going is dangerous.”

Killer Bee said turning and starting off towards the coast for his boat.

One week later...

“Woah this place is huge. What am I supposed to do here?” Lightningheart said seeing the door to the Temple of the Jinchuriki.

“First you have to prove you are worthy of being a Jinchuriki Lightningheart ya fool. Stick your hand in this hole here. If you are worthy the door will open if not, well if you aren’t then you can kiss your right hand goodbye and will end up having him ripped out of you and sealed away in the temple. Unfortunately you not only lose your hand but also your life.” Killer Bee said emotionlessly.

Swallowing a lump in his throat Lightningheart looked at Demona for a moment then putting a look of determination on his face he shoves his hand into the hole and waits. At first nothing happens and sweating a bit out of nerves Lightningheart starts to worry then suddenly a loud click and some grinding is heard as the two massive doors swing inward.

“Well it seems you are worthy to try and contain your Tailed Beast and be given the ability to use his powers in peach with him.” Killer Bee said leading the way inside.

As they walked Lightningheart and Demona looked around and saw thousands of carvings and stone murals of the tailed beasts and were slightly overwhelmed by the magnificence though dulled and dirty sights. “So...what are we going to do here?” Demona said wondering.

“Well you will have to wait out here. Only the Jinchuriki and one guard is allowed in the room we have to go in. You might want to change now Lightning because once we start there is no stopping until you either succeed with the task or die.” Killer Bee said looking at Demona and Lightning.

“o...okay.” Lightningheart said leading Demona said walking around a pillar for some privacy.”

After a couple minutes they come back out and blushing a bit Lightning says, “Ready Master Bee.”

Nodding Killer Bee opened a door into a bright white room with no décor in it at all and motioned Lightningheart inside. Once they were out of sight Demona sat against the closest pillar and hugged her knees to her chest worried that something was going to go wrong.

Looking around the massive stark white room Lightningheart says, “What is this place?”

“This is a room made to contain the Tailed Beasts while their hosts vie for their power. What you have to do is fight him in here. Weaken him then force him to split his evil Chakra from his good and take only the good into yourself. When you do this you will have the power of the Nine Tails and his respect. Are you ready?”

“Wait I have to fight A demon on my own? That...HOW...” Lightningheart said scared witless.

“That...is for you to figure out.” Killer Bee said making hand signs and then chanting the incantation to release the Nine Tails temporarily so Lightningheart could do what was needed. In moments the blood red chakra enveloped Lightningheart again then flew from him to solidify

into a giant fox demon with nine tails. *“NOW WE SEE IF YOU ARE WORTHY MAGGOT.”* It yelled at him before launching an attack.

Jumping back Lightning thought quickly and making a few hand signs says, “Fire style; Magma Amor Ninjutsu.” Then slamming his fist into the ground Lightning kicks up rocks and debris from the shattered tiles around him and they swarm around his body leaving him covered with brightly red-orange colored stones like that of semisolid magma. “Alright let’s see if you can beat me with this on.” Lightningheart said charging Kurama. Every time the Nine tails tried to strike with physical attacks he recoiled back with a yelp from getting burned by the armor. His projectiles did nothing to help him damage Lightningheart either, as every time he missed more and more debris was added to the Magma Armor making it stronger. However he was no fool he could see that there was two great flaws to the armor. First, it took a great deal of chakra to protect the wearer from the heat. And secondly every time it got more added to it Lightningheart slowed down a fraction of a second as the weight was getting bigger.

“FOOL I KNOW YOUR WEAKNESSES IN THAT YOU CANNOT HOPE TO DEFEAT ME NOW.” Kurama screamed firing wildly around Lightningheart causing more and more debris to gather and pile onto the armor. Lightningheart seeing that he was going to be useless in the armor soon canceled the Jutsu. And the rocks fell away to cool on the ground.

“You haven’t beaten me yet Kurama. I have more than one trick up my sleeve.” Lightningheart said crossing his fingers in a + sign with both hands. “Shadow Style; Shadow Clone Jutsu.” He said causing one thousand clones to fill the space. Half of the clones charging up a Rasengan launched the primary attack while the other half waited with RasenInfernos.

“Give up Kurama there is no way in hell you will survive 500 rasengan at full power and 500 RasenInferno.” The clones yelled as one to keep him from knowing the true Lightningheart.

“We shall see about that.” He said charging up his own powerful Chakra ball, which cumulated in his mouth but was fed by beams from his tails. As the first wave charged him they were met head on with the blast and destroyed instantly. The second wave only half of them were able to survive and strike with the infernos before dissipating.

As the clones dissipated Lightningheart watched the cyclone of flame continue to spin and starts crying, “How can I beat something like that.”

“Do not fear. I will help you.” A voice said. Looking around Lightning saw no one at first then suddenly Naruto appeared beside him. But it isn’t the Naruto he knows. It is Naruto as he was when he Lightningheart was conceived years before. There was less grey in his hair and he didn’t look so hard. More like he did in the pictures Lightningheart had seen of him. “F...father? How...how did you get here...and why do you look younger?”

“I am not really your father Lightningheart. I am an embodiment of his love for you. I have always been with you right here. Along with your mother, my mother and father, and your mother’s family, I will be the one to help you tame Kurama. But you must act fast. To split his chakra you must use these.” Naruto said holding out a pair of hook chains to Lightning. “Throw these at him and pull. Use all your strength of will and body to pull the good out of him and then you must make him apart of yourself again. Once you have done this you can destroy the evil side until his next host is made.”

Taking the chains Lightningheart says, “Please...don’t leave me.” Though the apparition of Naruto was already fading, by the time it had gone Kurama was slammed down into the floor

as the last strength of the cyclone dissipated. Wiping his eyes Naruto turned back to Kurama and did as he was told holding the chains to either side of him he started spinning them in large arcs then when he felt the momentum was right he let them go. Screaming in pain Kurama tried to tear the chains from him but couldn't pull them out. He knew what they were and refused to give up lightly and fired blast after blast of small energy balls at Lightningheart who had picked up the ends of the chains and started pulling them with everything he had while dodging the blasts.

Slowly a white form of Kurama started to pull free of his red body and after what felt like an eternity Lightningheart had pulled it free completely pulling the chakra to him he welcomed it back to his body as the evil chakra tried desperately to pull it back and failed.

After the chakra finished collecting inside Lightningheart he opened his eyes and together with white Kurama destroyed the red chakra sending it away until the next host transfer. Falling back onto his butt Lightningheart winces as a large mass of waste was spread around him. He never knows when it happens during fights but he always hates when he messes his diaper. "Good thing I changed before coming in here." He said not knowing if Killer Bee was there or not.

Feeling himself being shaken and hearing Killer Bee's voice Lightning looked around and saw in the ceiling above him a large window like structure and Killer Bee shaking something saying, "Wake up boy you did it. Come on wake up."

Confused Lightningheart says, "But I am awake."

"Think boy if you were awake would you see me this far above you? Will yourself to the window like structure above you. Wake up." Killer Bee said.

“O...okay.” Lightningheart replied before thinking, “This is silly but here goes.” As he thought about moving up to that window he felt himself floating up and upon reaching it feels himself “drop” a few feet quickly as he comes to inside his body. “So...that was all in my head?”

“Yes boy it was all inside your mind. You succeeded. I watched the chakra around you change from red to white before dissipating. Now let’s get you out of here so you can get cleaned up and into a new diaper ya fool. Unless you want to walk around with that load smashed all over you.” Killer Bee replied before helping Lightning stand up and leave the room.

“Ugh I was hoping that part was just a dream.” Lightningheart said as they exited the room. After a good long embrace with Demona he whispers in here ear, “Sweetling can you help me change. I feel weak as a noodle right now.”

Smiling she kissed him and says, “I will always help you love.” Then she leads him around the pillar they used before and Helps him lay down and changes him. After changing him she rolls up the diaper and puts it in the trash bag with the two from before he went in along with the six she had used while she waited.

“H...how long was I in there?” he asked seeing the bag was pretty well filled.

“Two days love.” Demona said hugging him close and crying on his cheek. “I was worried so much I thought you were going to die in there.”

“Hey it’s me remember. I wouldn’t let something like this keep us apart. Not even death will stop me from being with you.” Lightningheart said hugging her back.

“Alright ya fool since you were able to beat him in less time that we thought it would take you have two choices. We stay here the rest of the day to rest. Eat sleep and all that. Then

we do a bit of training tomorrow to get you used to it. OR we go back tonight after you have eaten and gotten your strength back.” Killer Bee said from the other side of the pillar.

“Well...it would be best to take a day to train and test it out but I get this feeling we need to get back quickly.” Lightningheart said as he broke the hug and tried to get to his feet.

Two days later...

Looking out across the expanse before him Sasuke Uchiha stood on the bow of his ship and grinned evilly. “Bolsen, tell the armada that we land soon our time is now. Konohagakure will fall to the hands of the Akatsuki before the month is out.”

“Yes lord Sasuke.” The large man with just leather pants and a whip hanging from his waist said turning to bark orders to the crew of the ship at the head of an armada of ships loaded with rogue ninja.

Chapter 18

Somewhere between Konoha Village and the east coast of the fire nation...

“Lightning I know you’re nervous and sense the danger happening at home but you can’t fight if you are unable to focus due to a full diaper now hold still so I can change you.” Demona said reproachfully as she was attempting to change Lightningheart who had gone most of the morning without a change and was in desperate need of one.

Forcing himself to hold still Lightningheart says in a scared and lost tone, “Sorry Demona but after last night I can’t get the image out of my head of dad laying broken on the battle front. It was too real and I have this knot in my stomach that says it is going to come true.”

“Lightningheart ya fool ya fool I know how you feel, but you know as well as I that going into a battle without proper preparations and distracted is a sure way to get yourself killed.” Killer Bee said from the other side of the tree. He didn’t mind that Lightningheart and Demona needed and wore diapers but he couldn’t help but be slightly nauseated when he saw their diapers sagging. He didn’t want to find out what would happen if he accidentally saw their contents.

“I know master Bee but...” Lightningheart started.

SMACK “No buts Lightningheart now relax and clear your mind or do I have to spank you.” Demona said after giving him a firm swat on his exposed rear after she had cleansed the area.

“N...no...I’ll try and clear my mind.” Lightningheart said ashamed and a little embarrassed that his fiancé had just swatted him like a naughty child.

Finishing changing him quickly Demona checked herself and said, “You might as well change me too before we go. I want to be able to move freely once we get there.”

Nodding Lightningheart switched places with Demona and quickly changed her and after he was done, he quickly dug a hole deep enough to bury the two diapers while she rolled up the storage scroll and put it back in her bag. After burying the diapers and covering the hole with the soil the three took off at their top speed and after an hours run they came to a halt on top of Hokage Mountain and saw smoke rising from the outskirts of the village and that there was fighting going on near the smoke and outside the village walls. Using his Byakugan at full power Lightningheart quickly scanned the battle to get a grasp of the situation.

“The heaviest fighting is right at the wall where the Akastuki had created a massive breach in the village’s defenses. The village Genin and Chunin are holding their own there. There are several Akastuki assassins that I failed to take out inside the city fighting the Anbu. There is two Emergency hospitals set up inside the city and two near the back of the Akastuki lines. Where are you damn it where are you.” Lightningheart said not finding Sasuke or his father yet.

“So what’s the plan master Bee. Do we help with the main fighting or the Anbu?” Demona said staring down at the carnage of war below her paling.

“Demona you help with the main assault I will go assist the Anbu. I know you are capable and know the Akastuki assassin’s styles girl but the front lines need you more.” Killer Bee said holding up a hand to Demona as she opened her mouth to object to being sent alone to the front lines.

“No...NO...FATHERRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR.” Lightningheart yelled as his Byakugan finally found Naruto and Sasuke fighting on the far side of the village near the forest.

As he watched time seemed to slow down to less than a crawl, as if a single second lasted an eternity. For as he watched the fight he his heart fell, Sasuke grinning evilly stood behind Naruto and with the fluidity of water rushing down a river drove his arm which was laced with lightning, in a move known as Chidori, right through Naruto’s back. Arm protruding out of Naruto’s chest Sasuke held his heart in hand and crushed it within his fist.

Kurama seeing this happen through Lightningheart’s eyes felt his own pang of sorrow and despair and did something that even a hundred years later is talked bout with respect, fear, and awe. Kurama and Lightningheart combined together in a total possession so pure that it

manifested a giant white form of Kurama on the mountainside. The apparition of the white 9 tailed fox caused the fighting below to stop as both sides of the war gazed in awe and terror as the colossal beast Roared with fury causing the very trees of the leaf village forests to shake. Leaping off the mountain top with no care for his own safety, with not but anger, pain and vengeance in his heart, Lightningheart landed in the thick of the Akastuki horde. For a moment nothing happened but then the apparition of White Kurama faded to nothing more than a glow upon the skin of Lightningheart. Opening his eyes with a snap he started slaughtering them by the dozens, moving so fast that nobody could keep track Lightningheart dashed among the warriors tearing out throats, stabbing hearts, snapping necks, and disemboweling those that wore the black robes of the Akastuki. In a matter of two minutes he put to death every last warrior on the battle field that dared trespass upon his home. Looking up at the mountain he shouted to Demona and Killer Bee in a voice that shook the earth itself with the combined tones of Lightningheart and Kurama, *“YOU TWO, COME DOWN HERE AND ASSIST THE WOUNDED. I AM GOING AFTER SASUKE.”* Then he started off like a bolt of lightning.

Terrified at the power that was summoned by Lightningheart Killer Bee and Demona just stood on the mountainside as they watched as one by one the Akastuki were felled by a neigh invisible force that they both knew to be Lightningheart. When he looked up at them and yelled the two shook in terror at what had happened and started to make their way down the mountainside as quickly but as safely as they could.

Hearing the bellow of Lightningheart the Assassins inside the village shook as the air itself hummed with an unknown power and they tried to drop their weapons in surrender. Unfortunately for them the Anbu had been given orders before the war even reached the city that

there were to be no prisoners for any that made it inside the city. Quicker than a flash of lightning the Anbu members slew the Assassins then went to check the city for more danger.

When Demona and Killer Bee reached the ground and got to the battle field Crystal, limping from a gash in her leg that was hastily but firmly bandaged made her way over to them. “Killer Bee...Demona...what happened. Why are you here? I thought you were going to be gone at least another three days? How did Lightningheart manifest that apparition, no that can’t be right it was solid, like Kurama had really appeared.” She asked confused and scared.

“Lightningheart managed to finish the “special training” we had to go do in two days after we got there. We came back as fast as we could. Let me fix you up real quick, that bandage is not good enough.” Demona said giving Crystal a hug with tears flowing down her cheek. She knew what had caused Lightningheart and Kurama to fuse like they had but she couldn’t bring herself to say it, not yet.

“I’ll go start helping the others clean up and give a mercy stroke to those who are beyond medical help.” Killer Bee said with silent tears flowing down his face.

“DAMN IT I’M NOT A BABY. TELL ME WHATS GOING ON.” Crystal screamed at the two pushing Demona back enough to see her eyes. “What are you not telling me? Damn it Demona you know something and you have to tell me. What’s wrong with Lightning?”

“Nothing...it’s not Lightning that is the problem.” Demona said as the tears flowed from her face. How could she tell the first girl her age to treat her like a person and not “Sasuke’s child” That her adoptive father was gone.

“THEN WHO...No...no please no...” Crystal said then she had a horrible thought cross her mind, was she once again an orphan...would she be back to having no parents to care for her and love her. Or was it worse and her adopted sister who was killed “Please...not momma and papa...not Flaresong...”

“Hinata and Flaresong are alive as far as we know...but...Hokage Uzumaki...” Demona said unable to say the words herself.

Breaking down into a fit of tears Crystal and Demona held onto each other and cried for a bit. After a few minutes Crystal accepted Demona’s help and let her properly bandage the wound in her leg after which the two, eyes bloodshot, started searching the bodies on the field for survivors who could be saved and those who could not be and would prefer a mercy stroke to end their pain. As they worked the ones who were able to walk after a small patching up made their way back into the village to the emergency medical stations to get proper care.

In the clearing where Sasuke and Naruto had fought...

Arriving with a wind of power around him Lightningheart stopped ten feet from Sasuke who was still laughing at having killed Naruto. *“You...why the hell did you do this. He did nothing but give you his companionship, called you his friend, tried to help you become the best you could and still be good. YOU BASTARD.”*

“So it seems that this knucklehead was telling the truth after all. He said that you were alive and that he had passed Kurama to you. It also means that you lied to me, tricked me, and turned my daughter against me and helped her desert me and her people.” Sasuke said sneeringly.

“No Sasuke you caused your daughter to leave you of her own volition. She didn’t love you. She did not respect you. SHE FEARED YOU. You did nothing to her but abuse, ridicule and hurt her for things she could not control. She did her best to please you and still you treated her like scum. You are no father. Yes I lied about why I was in your village. But can you blame me, your own people were reckless and I found out about the location of your secret tournament as well as why you were amassing an army of Akastuki again. I knew if you were alive that it would fall to me and my friends to stop you. You want Kurama, you want to destroy the nine tailed demon and that of the Eight tails as well...then come. Let us settle this here and now you bastard. My name is Lightningheart Uzumaki, Son of Konoha’s Number 1 knucklehead ninja and one of the greatest Hokage it has ever had, Naruto Uzumaki. You killed my father. Prepare to DIE.”

“Brave words for a child and his pet. Let me show you why you are a fool to have come back to face me.” Sasuke said. Suddenly the air around him started to turn a blood red as a humanoid figure started to manifest out of and behind Sasuke. “Behold Susanoo the ultimate technique of the Mangekyo Sharingan. He is a guardian deity of power equal to that of a tailed beast.” Slowly the figure solidified around Sasuke and when it finished it was of a giant man standing ten feet tall. Inside the center of it Sasuke floated there and gave it the order to attack.

Lashing out with its massive fist the creature struck right for Lightningheart who dodged out of the way quickly and kept out of reach of the thing. *“I know of Susanoo from my father. He described it well and I know you cannot keep it manifested for longer than a few minutes as it not only drains your chakra but also your life Sasuke. If you think that creature will do you any good against Konoha’s second greatest son then you are mistaken.”* Lightningheart said channeling his chakra and preparing to give it to Kurama as the nine tails started to materialize around him

again but in a way different than before. Instead of the full manifestation only Lightningheart's mouth changed and he sprouted 9 demonic fox tails from his back. Opening his mouth wide LightningKurama roared so loud that those in the village helping with the cleanup of the battle field clapped their hands to their ears in pain.

In the emergency shelter inside Hokage mountain...

Deep inside the Hokage mountain in the shelter for the civilians, women and children Flaresong heard the roar and promptly wet her pull-up to capacity and clung to Hinata's leg saying, "Mommy what was that. I scared, I so scared I fink I over used my pull-up."

"I don't know sweetie I don't know, but it kind of sounds familiar to me somehow. Let go of my leg and we can get you cleaned up. There is a changing table over here fully stocked for when we have to evacuate and have babies and little girls and boys your size that still need diapers." Hinata said trying to pry Flaresong loose so she could change her. All around the two women and children were huddled together in fear and the younger children and babies bawled at the sound of the roar and proceeded to vacate their own tiny bladders and bowels. Laying Flaresong on the changing table Hinata quickly changes her into a thicker diaper that was on the table and then set her on the floor saying, "Go around and help try to keep the kids your age calm sweetie. I will help the mothers with their little ones."

Nodding Flaresong put on her best "everything will be okay" look and tried to get a bunch of the kids her age and even some of the older ones to follow her to the back of the room to play some games that were simple but would keep their minds off what was going on outside.

Back in the clearing...

Clapping his hands to his ears inside Susanoo Sasuke screamed in pain unable to block the sound causing his concentration on maintaining Susanoo to falter. As it did Lightningheart darted forward and burst through it like a knife passing through butter and in doing so tore Sasuke from its inside ending the summoning. Unfortunately the sheer power it took to knock Sasuke out of his Susanoo summoning was so great that it knocked Lightningheart back to his pure human form. The possession of Kurama was dispelled and the Nine tails retreated back inside Lightningheart weakened and drained. *"It is up to you now Lightningheart. I have stopped his use of Susanoo but it has cost me greatly. You both are on equal terms now. Ninja verses Ninja. Good luck."* Kurama said inside Lightningheart's head.

"You...Insolent little prick. How could you dispel my Susanoo so easily? You have no idea what you have done. Or now angry you have made me." Sasuke said getting to his feet with blood trickling from his eyes themselves.

"I have stopped one of the most dangerous men in the world from unleashing a power he can barely control upon my home. I think that says quite clearly I know what you are capable of Sasuke. It is down to you and me. No summoning's, no possessions. It is time we ended this once and for all. My only regret is that it will crush Lady Sakura all over again when I tell her you are well and truly dead. You are the last of the Akastuki, the second to last of one of the most powerful clans in the Leaf. Only your daughter remains and she is going to marry me when this is over." Lightningheart taunted getting back to his own feet and feeling his bladder let out half its contents.

For a moment the two stood staring at each other, then, at nearly the exact same time, they charged. Sasuke charging his Chidori, Lightningheart charging up the RasenInferno.

“CHIDORI.”

“RASENINFERNO.”

And lashing forward with their right hands the two collided their moves together.

Unfortunately for Sasuke he had never seen the RasenInferno and new not what he was in store for. Lightningheart however, learning from his mistake in the Chunin exams that seemed like an eternity ago, leapt back right as the moves collided and smiled viciously as the cyclone of flame erupted, launching Sasuke into the air. Panting heavily Lightningheart turned around and started to walk away thinking he had won. When he heard the cyclone dissipate he expected to hear the thud of Sasuke hitting the ground and when he didn't he reactivated his Byakugan and spun round at a high velocity using the gentle fist defense to knock away the paper bomb Kunai that Sasuke had thrown from the treetops. After they exploded Lightningheart stopped spinning and staring directly at Sasuke said, “So you survived my RasenInferno with minor burns. You are the first, but you will also be the last.”

Sasuke jumping down to the forest floor unsheathed his Katana and said, “You are powerful, more powerful than I would like to admit. You would have been a good servant and second in command but now I have to kill you. Goodbye Lightningheart, when you see your father in Hell tell him I said, “like a bitch.”” At this he started to charge Lightningheart again.

Lightningheart having little chakra left used it to use a forbidden technique that Master Lee had taught him during and opened two of the inner gates. Pulling out a kunai Lightningheart charged at Sasuke and at the same time the two leapt into the air. As they got close they both slashed at each other. Landing yards apart the two stay as they were in a kneeled position for a moment then get to their feet. It looked as if neither had hit the other. Suddenly Sasuke let out a

loud “GAH” as blood burst from his throat. Turning round Lightningheart walked over to Sasuke and placing a hand on his shoulder he leaned in close and says, “When you see my father at the cross roads to heaven and hell where you will both be judged. Tell him I said I’m sorry. And that Sasuke is the true bitch.” Then he shoved the Kunai into Sasuke’s back as hard as he could right below the neck at the spinal column effectively severing the spine.”

After Sasuke fell to the ground in a dead limp pile Lightningheart, heartbroken, walked over to Naruto’s body and collapsed to his knees. “I’m sorry father. I’m sorry I was late. I know you didn’t want to die on mom, Flare, Crystal and me. I know it’s not my fault but I can’t forgive myself for being late.” He said crying his heart out over Naruto’s body. Taking a storage scroll from his bag Lightningheart opened it up and from it made a few long pieces of twine and a tarp which he normally used for his tent and proceeded to wrap up Naruto inside it. Then standing up he picked up the body of his father and slowly made his way through the village to the stone that had the names of the fallen ninja of the Leaf on it.

Over on the battle field...

“Do you guys hear that?” Demona said to Crystal, Shikamaru Jr., and Gen Akamichi who were helping her search the fallen for survivors or leaf members to sort them from the Akastuki.

“Hear what? I don’t hear anything.” Gen said as he slowly moved along favoring his broken wrist.

“That’s the point. We should be hearing explosions or the roars of Susanoo and Kurama right now but...it’s as quiet as a graveyard.” Demona said stopping and looking towards where she last felt Lightningheart and Sasuke’s presence.

“Should we go check it out?” Shikamaru Jr. said picking up on Demona’s nerves.

“I know it will sound cold but we have to stay put and keep working. We have to make sure our job is done and no Akastuki survived and are playing dead till they can slip away.” Crystal said in a practical manner. “Either way we will know who won between them soon enough.” She finished as she stabbed an Akastuki in the throat to be sure of his death.

After a few hours the bodies on the field had been sorted through and after the dead of the Leaf had been identified they were taken to the mortuary to be prepared for funeral rites while the Akastuki were piled up outside the village and put to the torch. As the squads were helping to carry the fallen to the mortuary they heard whispers from each other, that Lightningheart was seen carrying someone to the Heroes memorial stone.

After another hour the ninja of the leaf trickled their way through the village making their way to the memorial stone. The first to arrive were the council members, Princess Tsunade, Shikamaru Nara Sr., Ino Yamanaka, Sakura Haruno, Hatake Kakashi, Rock Lee, and Might Guy.

As they approached Lightningheart he spun round startled and had a pair of Kunai in his hands ready to attack and upon seeing who it was he says, “I’m sorry...I was too late.” And tear filled his eyes afresh showing the pain he was in.

Seeing the pain in his eyes the council knew without a doubt that the body behind him had to be Naruto. “Lightningheart...were sorry for your loss. I hate to do this but since I am a former Hokage I will resume my duties as it. Temporarily of course until we of the council decide on a proper successor for your honored father.” Tsunade said wrapping Lightningheart in a hug. Dropping the Kunai Lightningheart broke down and started bawling like a child again as the rest of the council walked over tears flowing down their own cheeks and joined in the hug

letting Lightningheart know that he was not the only one who was hurting for the loss of one of Konoha's finest. Over the next few Hours the council stayed with Lightningheart and Naruto's body as more members of the village trickled into the clearing. Eventually Hinata and Flaresong had arrived and seeing her Lightningheart and Crystal ran over and stopped her and Flaresong from getting in view of the body.

"Lightning, Crystal, oh goodness I'm so relieved I thought you were...Where's your father?" Hinata said seeing the look on Lightning's face.

Leading her and Flaresong off away from the body with Crystal following Lightningheart says, "Mom...I...I was...I couldn't...pop's gone."

Stopping dead Hinata says, "No...no he can't be..." and tears started flowing down her face.

"Momma why you cwyng? Where daddy go?" Flaresong asked confused and not understanding what Lightningheart said.

"Mom why don't you take Flare home and try to explain to her? I will stay here with the village and tell them what happened and take your place with the council for their meetings." Crystal said seeing Lightningheart was unable to say anything else.

Nodding Hinata carried Flaresong home to the girls continuing questions of, "Where's papa?"

Once the ninja of the village had seen the wrapped body of Naruto and dispersed The entire council with Crystal as a stand in for Hinata and Lightningheart as a replacement voice for Naruto carried as a group Naruto's body to the mortuary to prepare him for his final journey then

they convened in the council chambers. “Alright we need to discuss who should become the 8th Hokage. I am not a young woman anymore and cannot deal with the stress of being the Hokage as I did years ago. So let’s hear some nominations, Shikamaru you first.” Tsunade said taking her seat in the Hokage’s chair while the rest of the group took their places around the table.

“While I hate that it is come to having to pick a Hokage so soon I Nominate Hatake Kakashi. He has the skills and knowledge to fit the roll easily enough.” Shikamaru said.

“I nominate Lady Hinata. She has great knowledge of the village, a good heart, power enough to do the job right and has respect amongst many of the village of our age and younger.” Temari said when Shikamaru finished.

“While I appreciate the nomination I wish to decline it. I am more suited for training the young Gennin and new Chunin than to be in the Hokage’s chair. That being said I nominate, Crystal.” Kakashi said stirring up whispers from the rest of the council.

“Master Kakashi I...Why me?” Crystal said touched but confused. “I mean I am only a fresh Chunin and very young. Wouldn’t it make more sense for someone older and more experienced to take the job?”

“I too wish to know your reasoning Sensei. You normally wouldn’t make a decision like this so rashly.” Lightningheart said looking shocked.

“Very well if you must know, I chose Crystal because I know you would have declined the position like I did Lightningheart. You two are the most skilled ninja ever to come out of the academy. You Lightningheart show too much of your father in your actions yet you still manage to make things work out for the best. You have great skill but you do not have the patience,

diplomatic, and analytic skills that Crystal has. Yes you were always the one to sit in the back lines to do spy work for our squad until the fighting began that is true but Crystal was the one who always come up with the best plans after you went in too early and saved the missions.” Kakashi said calmly looking at the two. “Furthermore, this village needs a leader who can relate to the new academy students, to those just made Gennin and those who sadly are without families now. Crystal knows what it is like to be all of those. I am sorry to put it this way but she would be a better leader than you for that reason alone.”

Nodding Lightningheart says, “You’re right. I second Kakashi’s choice. Crystal would be a great pick for Hokage.”

After hearing Kakashi’s reasoning the remaining members of the council agreed with him and when all was said and done Crystal was chosen as the 8th Hokage. The formal declaration and placement of Crystal as the next Hokage was scheduled for 3 months from that day. This would give her time to learn the important things of being Hokage from Princess Tsunade. The last thing decided by the council that night was who would serve as the Council for Crystal when the time came. A unanimous decision was reached to dismiss with sympathy Lady Hinata Hyuga-Uzumaki from the council so that she may better care for Flaresong, and to everyone’s surprise a few weeks later, when she revealed that she was with child again and had already chosen a name for her new child pending the gender. In her place Lightningheart would reside and Princess Tsunade who said she wanted out after Crystal took office declared that Demona should take her place.

Three days later a funeral was held for the fallen of the leaf as a whole and the day after a separate one was held for Naruto. Every last member of the village turned up dressed in their

best clothes. Asuma Yuhi with an eyepatch over his missing right eye stood next to his squad mates Gen Akamichi who had a cast on his broken wrist and Broly Yamanaka who's arm was in a sling and bandaged tight to help his dislocated shoulder heal and they cried for though none of them knew Naruto personally they respected him most. Not for his being Hokage but for how he had done so much for the village, and for being the father of their friends Lightningheart and Crystal.

Kakashi being one of the first in line to pay his respects left not a flower but a bowl of ramen on the Altar knowing Naruto would have appreciated the gesture and as he passed Hinata, Flaresong, Lightningheart and Crystal he gave each of them a hug. Others of the village left little trinkets and tokens they knew would have amused Naruto as well and when almost all of the village had gone Athena Lee walked up to the coffin and left not a trinket but a bouquet of flowers and then as she passed Crystal she hugged her the tightest and kissed her cheek sympathetically. When the only ones left were the Uzumaki family and Demona they stood there for a while and bowed to Naruto a final time before going home to mourn in private.

At the end of the week a congregation from the Hidden Sand Village arrived having gotten word of what had happened. At the head of the group was Garra with his brother Kankuro going right to the Hokage's office to check in they found Crystal and Tsunade there and offered their deepest condolences and asked permission to visit the grave and then the family of Naruto. Nodding Tsunade says, "That would be most welcome. I know he saw you as one of his closest friends Lord Kazekage. Crystal, why don't you show them to your father's resting place while I alert your mother of the guests?"

Sniffing a little to keep from crying Crystal bowed to Tsunade and showed the sand village ninja to Naruto's grave. "Thank you for coming Lord Kazekage. Papa would really appreciate it. He used to tell Lightningheart and me so much about you when we were growing up."

Placing a hand on her shoulder Garra says, "He was my first friend dear. I know it doesn't mean much as he was your adopted father and closer to you than he was to me but. I miss him very much as well."

Nodding Crystal kept her mouth shut, because should she have opened it she would have broken down and cried beyond help again. Getting to the grave she points them to it and takes up a station nearby out of ears reach to give them some privacy. When the four ninja had paid their final respects to Naruto Garra waved Crystal over and let her lead them to her home where Hinata had already brewed up tea. After a few hours in which the family and guests shared stories of Naruto and laughing not at him but at their memories of him Hinata gave Garra and Kankuro a well-earned hug and thanked them for coming. After which they left and went back to the sand village where they would hold their own mourning party for Naruto. After all, he had done a great service to the Sand and earned their love as much as the leaf had loved him.

Six years later...

"Papa, papa guess what...I got a perfect score on my test papa." A 5 year old boy with sleek black hair that was spiked back, wearing a red shirt and black pants that hid his pull-ups from view said running into the house holding a piece of paper with a gold star and a red 100 on it.

“That’s great sweetie. Let’s put that on the fridge next to your sister’s perfect test. You and Dana are doing us so proud Duncan.” Lightningheart said picking up his son and giving him a hug before walking to the kitchen where Demona was making the after school snack for Dana and Duncan.

“Did I hear right and my little super ninja get a perfect score?” She teased tickling him with her free hand as she stirred the pudding she was making.

Giggling Duncan says, “Unhunh and I did Grandma Hinata was super proud and said I can pick the game we got to play at free time.”

“PAPA, PAPA.” Came the high pitched squeal of Dana from the entrance of the house as she hastily took off her shoes then ran to find Lightningheart and Demona. Dana, Duncan’s twin sister, had long red hair instead of her brothers black and despite being so young she had already developed a Dojutsu that was very odd looking. Both her eyes were pure Grey but in the spot where color normally would go in each eye there were two black Yang symbols. After having tested the eyes powers out it had been discovered that the Hyuga and the Uchiha Kekkei Genkai had combined into a new Doijutsu that allowed the possessor both the powers of the Byakugan and the Sharingan. Nobody had named it yet as they had felt it was the honor of Dana to do so as she was the possessor of the first hybrid of its kind. What was interesting to everyone in the family was that Dana had developed both Dojutsu of the family but Duncan had not developed either one yet.

As she ran an unmistakable crinkling sound could be heard from under her pants as her diaper rustled loudly against the fabric of her clothing. Skidding to a halt Dana held up a piece of

paper which also had a gold star and a 100 on it. "I got a perfect score on my test." She said proudly.

Demona smiling stopped stirring the pudding and knelt down to hug her and gave her bottom a light patting to check if she needed a change and say, "That's my girl. Let's hang up your new perfect test on the fridge next to Duncan's test then and we can sit down for some pudding. After which we need to clean up and get ready to go visit Grandma. Your Auntie Crystal will be there too I bet she would be happy to hear you both did so well on your tests."

Blushing at having her diaper checked Dana says, "Okay mommy." And she held her test up to Lightningheart who put it on the fridge next to Duncan's and then set Duncan in his chair while Demona put her in her chair. After putting a bib on Dana and Duncan Demona spoons up a bowl of pudding for both of them.

"Momma we're big kids we don't need bibs." Duncan complained.

"True you are both big kids but I like how adorable you two look with your bibs and you do need them. I saw the stains on your shirt the other day that you tried to hide." Demona said laughing as she put the pudding bowls in front of the two with a spoon in each.

After handing a bowl to Lightningheart and taking one for herself Demona enjoyed the pudding with her family and when they had all finished she checked Duncan's Pull-up to see if he had had an accident and seeing it was damp enough to warrant changing it takes him to his room While Lightningheart took Dana to hers having seen her blush when she finished her pudding. After the two were changed into clean diapers, to which Duncan complained though he knew he always had to wear them at Hinata's because of how far it was between the two homes,

and a diaper bag had been packed for the two, Lightningheart and Demona sat the kids in the living room while they went to change each other and pack their own diaper bag.

An hour later in Hinata's home...

"Grandma!" Dana and Duncan exclaimed as they swarmed her and gave her a hug.

"Hello there dearies, did my precious little ones tell their mommy and daddy about the super good job they did on their test today?" Hinata said giving them a hug.

"Oh did widdle Dana and Duncan get a perfect score?" a female voice said as a young preteen girl came out from the hallway to the bedrooms. "Auntie Flaresong." The two screeched before tackling her to the floor and hugging her.

Laughing Flaresong says, "Alright, alright I give I give. So you both got perfect scores hunh. Well I guess that means I got to keep my end of our deal. What would you two like more a new story book or a new stuffed animal?"

"Umm...I don't know you can pick auntie Flaresong." Duncan said biting his thumb.

"I no want anything auntie just more hugs." Dana said giggling and snuggling up to Flaresong.

After a good snuggle the three got up and went to the living room to listen to another story about Naruto from Hinata and Lightningheart. While the two had obviously never met their grandfather they wanted to know all they could about him and were always trying to sneak off to stare at his face on Hokage Mountain.

After the story ended Dana said, "I think Auntie Crystal is very nervous about something really important to her. I think she wants to say it after she and Athena get here."

"What makes you say that sweetie?" Lightningheart said petting Dana's back.

"Iunno...at lunch I thought I saw her walking back and forth in front of me looking nervous but I know she wasn't at da school. Grandma said so when I asked her."

A moment later the front door opened, "Mother Flaresong I'm here. I hope it's okay but I brought Athena." Crystal called as she walked in to see everyone sitting in the living room.

Getting up Lightningheart walked over and gave Crystal a hug and a kiss on the cheek. "Hello sis. Come join us we were just telling Dana and Duncan another story about pop. Athena pleasure to see you as always." He added giving her a hug.

As Crystal got to the living room Duncan and Dana bowed to her respectfully then tackle hugged her giggling. "Aunti Crystal was you pacing your office earlier today with something important to you on your mind?" Dana said bluntly causing Crystal to look at her strangely.

"How did you know? You didn't skip school did you?" Crystal said reproachfully.

"Nuh unh I was in lunch eating and I coulda sworn you were pacing in front of me but grandma said you were in your main office." Dana said. "Though now dat I think about it my eyes were kinda itchy when I saw you doing that."

"Well I was pacing my office a few minutes before Athena showed up so we could come here but I hadn't been pacing before that, I was too busy with paperwork sweetie. Maybe your special eyes can see a short time in the future. You tell your mommy, daddy, me or grandma the instant you get that same feeling sweetie. We need to keep an eye on that just in case."

“Okay Auntie Crystal. So what were you nervous about...come on tell us.” Dana said bouncing happily on Crystals lap letting out loud crinkles from her diaper as she did.

“Well I was hoping to say it in front of everyone. Where is little bro Naruto at?” Crystal asked.

“I here big sis.” A little boy of 6, with the same hair color and style of Naruto and Hinata’s Byakugan eyes said coming out of his room rubbing his eyes having just woken up from a nap. As he walked it was clear he had a diaper on as the top of it was peeking out over the top of his shorts. Walking over to Hinata, Naruto Jr. crawled up into her lap and said, “So why was you nervous sissy?”

Blushing Crystal bit her lip and said with a glance at Athena, “Well...I...I wanted to ask something but...I don’t know what I would do if the answer is no.”

“Crystal if what you want to ask is what I *think* is what you want to ask you have my blessing.” Hinata said grinning.

Blushing even more Crystal says, “Well...thanks mom...umm...Athena...would...well we have been going out for 6 years now and...would you care to go to the next step...you know...would...would you marry me?”

“I was wondering when you would finally ask love. Yes, I’ll marry you.” Athena said giggling as Lightningheart put a wad of money in Hinata’s hand.

“Wait what was that? Did...did you two have a bet on this?” Crystal said looking indignantly at Lightningheart and Hinata.

“Actually Mom, Athena and I had a bet going. Mom bet you would do it before Athena’s birthday. I bet her it wouldn’t happen till after my birthday and Athena bet it would be a midwinter present.” Lightningheart said laughing.

“Dear we all knew you love Athena deeply and were having trouble getting up the courage to ask. If it will make you feel better I will use this to pay for your wedding dress.” Hinata said smiling.

“Yeah Auntie Crystal even we knew you was wanting to ask just by how you been acting near Athena when we was around.” Dana and Duncan said together while giggling.

“Well then I guess we got a wedding to plan don’t we?” Crystal said smiling and giving Athena a kiss on the cheek.

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