

The next morning, after putting up a small spell to guard the door, which was the same one used to keep Xander out, LimeX smiled and knocked on Chase's door before opening it. She had in her hand some breakfast as she sneered, "Good morning, light idiot." Chase woke up to see his breakfast being brought to him. But Chase wasn't going to just take the plate from her and start eating. Just in case it was one of his partner's nasty tricks, Chase picked up the magical magnifying glass on the dresser next to his bed and activated its power as a glowing green aura appeared around it. He used it to scan the food and check for whatever poison was in it. LimeX grinned at Chase's cautiousness; the breakfast was not poisoned or anything, it was just food. In his relief, Chase's magnifying glass stopped glowing as LimeX said, "I suggest once you finish that, you look at your window. There's a gift I'm leaving there."

As the darkblader shook the small box, Chase said with a bit of sarcasm, "Hmm, I wonder what kind of 'lovable' present you got me this time." It was probably something dangerous or possibly useful inside. But then again this was LimeX, a character who was unpredictable at times. Chase picked up a magic magnifying glass and held it over the box. The tool glowed bright green with magic and he used it to scan the inside of the box like an x-ray. There was an armband with a small crystal on it containing some Cure magic within it. He thought, *'Looks like everything's okay so far, but I can't let my guard down just yet.'*

So Chase carefully opened up the present and took out the armband and a note that read, *'Here, it's a small device I found. I've stored a Cure spell in there, but how long it will stay in there isn't in my knowledge. Still, next time simply rub the crystal. Oh, and be careful, the cure is drawn from my magic so if you use it too often it might not work. Maybe next time I won't have to save your ass.'* There was a winking face at the end of the note. Chase looked up to see LimeX grin before she closed the door and left. She was hoping that he would ignore the fact that she had called him to help yesterday. As she took up her post, she dispelled her small magic wall. She would make him pay for her kindness, but later.

Chase shook his head and murmured, "Sneaky obnoxious brat! But at least I'll forgive her for being helpful sometimes." He looked down at the armband and thought, *'Well this thing certainly looks useful, too bad I can't rely on it too much, because it's got LimeX written all over it.'*

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In Radiant Garden, Xander was scheming to return back to the Keyblade Temple and successfully snatch the scroll out of the place this time. But first, he needed to prepare himself for round two in case he had a run-in with the temple guards and he also needed an add-on for a boost in strength. He went to an accessory shop where the merchant greeted his customer with a friendly smile. He asked, "Good morning, sir! Can I interest you in anything today?"

Xander told him, "Yeah, I want the best Crimson Blood you got."

The merchant said, "Sure thing! One Crimson Blood ring coming up!" So, he turned to the drawers behind him that were sorted alphabetically to keep track of the types of rings. He opened the 'C' drawer

and looked for the rare Guardian ring until he found it. He gave it to Xander and said, "Here you go! That will be 7200 munny."

Xander made a sadistic smirk and said, "Hah! As if I would pay that much for one lousy ring!" He took off all of his white bangles until a monstrous darkness began to surround his body and his eyes started glowing red.

The merchant looked at his customer, or rather robber, in fear and asked, "Hey, what are you?" Before he could finish what he was saying, Xander summoned his keyblade and stabbed the man right into his chest, making him scream as he vaporized into particles of light that soon vanished afterward. All that was left of the merchant was a crystalline pink heart that floated upwards through the ceiling. The red-blondé snatched the heart and kept it; he will be making a heartless out of that one later.

The darkblader picked up the Crimson Blood ring and slid it onto his index finger. When the magical effects of the ring surged through him, he felt his muscles and body becoming hard like diamonds, but he was still flexible to move. Xander smirked at his enhancement and said, "Let's test this ring's power and see how well it does in helping me destroying those pesky temple guards." So, he created a corridor of darkness and went into it. He appeared in the flat grasslands, which was wide with lots of open spaces; a perfect training ground. Xander stretched his arm out and his hand channeled darkness. "Rise!" he commanded to the heartless coming out of the small circles on the ground. Once the shadow heartlesses were out, Xander told them, "Now take the forms of those brats from the Keyblade Temple so that I can see more of how they fight." The shadows started to reshape themselves into the form and likeness of Chase and LimeX. Their body physique and clothes were identical to the originals, but the differences between them were that the heartless versions of them were ebony black all over and their eyes were solid yellow. After the heartless had completed transformation, their master said, "Alright, now that we're all ready. Let's start brawling!" Xander charged towards the heartless clones just as they were running to attack him as well. The reddish-blondé cast his Slow spell to make time slow down and made the affected heartlesses move at the speed of a slug. Xander, the only one unaffected by his own spell, went to his opponents and knocked them separately away with the powerful swing of his keyblade for each one. The clones drifted through the air like rocks floating in outer space, flying slowly and gracefully. Xander went after the Anti-LimeX, who was still flying across the ground, and smacked Death's Revenge at her repeatedly as he intended to give her as much pain as possible. Then Anti-LimeX collapsed on the ground after Xander swung down at her. The heartless look-alike brought up her keyblade to block her enemy's next swing, but afterwards Xander's attacks kept hitting her as Anti-LimeX was no longer fast enough to block them until the spell on her would end.

While Xander had been pummeling the heartless girl, Anti-Chase had been charging his focus energy to do a shot-lock on Xander. Once he was fully charged, Anti-Chase shot-locked a Flame Salvo at his enemy, sending a number of fireballs flying towards him, but the speed was slow-motioned. Although the attack was coming from behind him, Xander sensed the energy and heat of the Flame Salvo. He waited for the right moment to move out of the way while he kept hitting Anti-LimeX. Once the fireballs were close enough, Xander dodged to the side and let the Flame Salvo hit and burn Anti-LimeX instead. The Slow

spell came to an end and everything went back to normal speed. Xander left the injured female heartless and went after his next opponent, the male.

Xander swung to attack him, but Anti-Chase blocked the attack with his black Kingdom Key. The two opponents parried each other's attacks for a while as Anti-LimeX heaved herself up and cast Cure to heal the wounds and burns she sustained from the men's attacks. At the end of their hit-and-block fight, Xander raised his leg and kicked Anti-Chase's stomach hard, knocking the humanoid heartless away from him and having him fall over on the ground. Anti-LimeX came up behind the burly man and struck him on his back. Xander yelled out an 'ouch' before he turned around and tried to hit her, but Anti-LimeX moved out of the way before she could get hit. As he took some swings at the evading Anti-LimeX, Anti-Chase got up and ran to strike Xander's back. The hit left an opening for an attack on him as Xander's attention was on the pain at this moment. Anti-LimeX did a couple of hits on him before she performed a heavy swing on him at the end of her combo.

Xander was knocked to the ground on his back and the two heartless proceeded to hit him with their keyblades. Xander managed to block Anti-LimeX's attack, but Anti-Chase's keyblade hit him on the chest and knocked a breath out of him. The heartless kept up their offense on their downed foe, while Xander was on the defense of trying to protect himself. He always manages to block one attack from one heartless, but the other heartless's attack hit him; sometimes he was lucky to block both attacks at once. Luckily, the power of the Crimson Blood ring he wore lessened the damage from the attacks. Seeing as there was no way he could get out like this, Xander quickly took off one of his white bangles and threw it to the side. His strength and speed were boosted and an aura of darkness blazed around Xander and forced the heartless to leap back out of the way so that they don't get caught harmed in the aura. Xander got up on his feet and smirked at the heartless as he said, "Playtime's over! Now we get serious and have some real fun!"

Xander dashed towards the defending Anti-Chase and slammed his keyblade into his. Xander attacked repeatedly, while Anti-Chase kept on blocking as he was given no chance at swinging his keyblade to attack. Anti-LimeX cast Thunder to send a lightning bolt down on Xander from the sky. The man sensed the magical spell coming at him and moved out of the way to dodge the lightning strike. Then Anti-Chase went for a thrust at Xander, but the man blocked the attack and began another battle of hits and blocks with him, where they tried to attack and block each other repeated. Xander got more hits on his heartless opponent than Anti-Chase did on Xander, thanks to the man's increased speed. Anti-LimeX went to try to attack Xander, but he quickly turned around swung at her, sending the heartless girl sliding backwards on her feet across ground and leaving cuts on her where the sharp teeth of Death's Revenge touched. While he did this, Xander has used his foot to trip Anti-Chase off his feet. The heartless boy fell on his bottom and Xander grabbed him up by the front of his shirt.

Anti-LimeX cast her Fire spell at Xander, but he quickly turned to face her and used Anti-Chase as a shield to take the attack for him. Then Xander threw the heartless man at her, but Anti-LimeX quickly dodged her flying teammate, who managed to an aerial recovery half-way there before he landed safely on his feet. Xander walked towards the heartless, who ran at him until they were close enough to

each other to begin hitting each other with keyblades. Xander tried to whack Anti-LimeX, but the heartless girl avoided the hit. Then Anti-Chase hit Xander on his chest and did an uppercut on his head. Anti-LimeX created a corridor of darkness behind Xander and cast Fire at him. Xander got hit by the fireball, which left a burning sting on his torso. A moment after the girl's attack, Anti-Chase tried to push Xander into the corridor with a Round Blitz attack, but the man, having went through this before, blocked the attack and grinned as he said, "Not this time, punk! Why don't you think of something new instead of that old trick?"

So Xander pushed Anti-Chase's keyblade away before he kicked Anti-Chase in the groin, causing the male heartless to stumble over in pain. Anti-LimeX went to attack Xander with a downward swing, but he parried the attack and tried to counter with his own. He missed and Anti-LimeX swung at him. Xander lifted his free arm to block the heartless's attack which hit one of his bangles and knocked it off his arm. Xander became faster and stronger as a result. He grinned sneeringly and taunted, "Nice going, idiot! You made this battle a lot harder for you." Then he swiftly slashed Death's Revenge on Anti-LimeX, who didn't react in time to block his attack, and followed up with a combo of slashes on her. Anti-Chase forced himself to get up and save his friend. He jumped and came down at him with an Air Spiral attack, but Xander blocked the attack while he punched Anti-LimeX hard in the face. He uppercutted Anti-Chase and then Anti-LimeX to send them flying into the air. Afterwards he cast his spell, "Slow!"

Then Xander jumped into the air and spun around with his keyblade hitting both heartlesses with an Aerial Sweep technique. The heartlesses were separated from each other as they fell slowly with grace across the air until they landed roughly on the ground. Anti-LimeX lifted her keyblade up and Xander predicted that she was about to heal herself with a Cure spell. He could not have that, so he went after her first as he fell fast towards her with Death's Revenge swinging to knock her keyblade down to prevent the spell from being cast. Then she swung down at her repeatedly to injure her so much as that she won't be able to have enough strength to move. Anti-Chase saw his partner getting beat up and heaved himself up and walked towards Xander to try to rescue Anti-LimeX. While moving, he was charging up his focus energy so that he could hit Xander with a Flame Salvo. When he got close enough, he fired away the Shotlock attack. But unfortunately, Xander saw the fireballs coming at him slowly. He picked up Anti-LimeX and threw her at Anti-Chase. The heartlesses collided with each other and fell on the ground while Xander deflected the fireballs with his keyblade. Then he leaped high towards his foes and thrust his keyblade down next to them before he shouted, "Stun Impact!"

The red dome appeared around the heartlesses and shocked them with a zapping blast. The attack left them too hurt and too paralyzed to move. Xander stood over Anti-Chase and said, "Game over, kids! Now any last words before I send you to oblivion. Oh wait, that's right! You can't talk! So, let's get this over with quickly." He proceeded to thrust down his keyblade into Anti-Chase's heart, but then he stopped and smirked as he said, "Just kidding! I'd never kill off my own henchmen if they have any value. Heck, I'm going to need you guys later. So, scram and get your asses back to the Realm of Darkness!" So, he cast a banishing spell on the heartlesses and sent them back to their home. So now that Xander knew the temple guards' moves, their techniques, their strengths, and their weaknesses and how to defeat them in battle, raiding the temple was going to be much easier this time. But first he

needed to take a break and rest so that he can be a full strength for when he raided the Keyblade Temple for the scroll. Xander said, "I'll probably go to a bar and get me some booze." He created a corridor of darkness and went into to go to another world.

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After he had a drink and a meal as well as being fully rested, Xander came out of the corridor of darkness and arrived at the woods where the Keyblade Temple was nearby. He didn't see Lime-X or Chase at the temple entrance this time, but that barrier from before was still blocking the entrance. He thought, *'Guess I'll have to find another way around, since that brat's barrier is blocking the way.'* So Xander walked around the temple and looked for a weak wall to break through so that he could get in the easy way. He tapped at the walls with his keyblade until he finally found the weakest spot on the wall. With a triumphant crooked grin, he thought, *'Bingo! There's the secret entrance! Now let's get inside and go tomb raider on this temple.'* So Xander used all his strength to strike his keyblade at the wall, which broke a hole into it to let the muscular man in. Xander walked into the temple through the hole he created and started to search for the scroll.

Meanwhile inside his room, Chase heard a loud sound just now, which sounded like a wall being broken down. He said to himself, "Whatever happened just now, it sounded a lot like trouble. I better go and stop whoever managed to sneak around LimeX's barrier now, before they see the scroll." Then Chase quickly left his room to go and stop the intruder.

Xander came into a room with paintings all over the walls. These paintings were depicting pictures of people fighting each other with their keyblades and spells. In the center of the wall that was behind the pedestal with the scroll on top was a large picture of the X-blade and Kingdom Hearts. But Xander was more interested in the scroll itself, so he went over to the pedestal and picked up the scroll. As he read it, the scroll told him how to create portals, like what Chase & LimeX do. Xander frowned and thought, *'Big whoop! I already know how to make portals of my own; they're called corridors of darkness. Tell me something I don't know.'* He skipped the portal section and went to another one that said that the only way to create the X-blade was to bring about an all-out war between both the forces of light and darkness at the sacred place known as the Keyblade Sanctuary, where the keyblades were said to have originated. Once the X-blade was made, its master can use it to unlock Kingdom Hearts and gain total control over the entire universe. An evil grin formed on Xander's face as he took the closed the scroll and said, "Sweet, so that's how you make an X-blade. Not only do I get to watch an all-out gorefest and steal the X-blade, but I can get Kingdom Hearts as well. Boy, that X-blade is something. I mean really something!"

Then a threatening stern voice behind himself, "So you're the one who broke into the temple, didn't you?"

"Huh? Who's there?" Xander asked before he turned around and saw Chase standing at the other end of the room with his Kingdom Key in hand. Xander smirked, "Oh it's you, the guy from the other day. So

pal, where's your friend, LimeX? Isn't she here with you? I'd think you better call her quick, if you don't want to die."

Chase said, "LimeX, isn't here right now as she's currently out. But that doesn't mean I can't handle you on my own. After that battle yesterday, I've learned all your tactics and came up with ways to beat you in case you've ever showed your face here again. And since you've found out the secrets of the scroll, I'm afraid I can't let you out of here alive. Someone has to put you out of this world for good, before you bring about a huge catastrophe for us all."

Xander said with his usual confident grin, "A fight to the death, huh? Fine, if it's a fight you want, it's a fight you'll get! Let's go, femboy!" He got into his fighting stance. Like usually, Xander was the first to attack. He charged towards Chase until he got near enough to try swinging his keyblade across the boy's neck. Fortunately, Chase watched Xander's movements carefully and perfectly predicted when he was going to strike. So as Xander tried to attack Chase's neck, the temple guard used his quick reaction time to duck below the swinging keyblade before he whacked his Kingdom Key onto Xander's stomach. "Ggh!" the intruder grunted through clenched teeth. The Crimson Blood ring reduced the damage and prevented his breath from getting forced out of him. Then Chase quickly swung his keyblade upwards to hit Xander from that same spot to bottom of his chin before he used Round Blitz to strike the man's chest and send him flying into the painted wall. When Xander crashed into the wall, a few pieces of the wall came off from where he hit and clouds of dust started to appear around him. While the dust was clearing away, Chase ran towards Xander and tried to thrust his keyblade into his heart. But the muscular reddish-blond man blocked the attack with Death's Revenge before he swiped his leg behind Chase's feet to get the temple guard to trip.

Chase got tripped and he fell onto his bottom. Then Xander quickly got up and tried to thrust the sharp tip of his black keyblade at Chase. The temple guard managed to block the attack with his keyblade, but then Xander pushed and slid his keyblade over Chase's weapon. Death's Revenge touched the boy's face and left a cut across his cheek. Then Chase uppercutted Xander's keyblade with his and got up as he tried to do a horizontal slash on Xander. But the man dodged by hopping backwards before he leapt back towards him as he tried to swing at him. Chase blocked the attack again as he tried to kick at Xander's shin. The intruder moved his leg out of the way before he got hit. Then he kicked his foot into Chase's shin and made the silverette clench his teeth in pain.

Chase swung to attack Xander, but the man blocked it and Xander said, "You know, it's funny how you say you know every one of my moves. Well guess what? I know all of yours, too! And I've been practicing to take you guys down! So don't think that I'm the same as last time! I hope you have some new tricks to surprise me, because you're going to need them!" Then he pushed back Chase's keyblade and then tried to swipe at his throat, but the temple guard hopped back away from the attack. Then Chase spun around quickly with his swinging keyblade as he was doing a Round Blitz attack on Xander. But the enemy blocked the attack before he grabbed the Kingdom Key and pulled Chase towards Death's Revenge, which he used to slash the teeth part onto Chase's chest to draw blood and leave a few rips on tank top until it hooked onto it. Then Xander lifted up Chase before he flung the temple

guard hard into the rusty wall. Chase's skull hit the wall and suffered a bruise there before he slumped to the ground. His head felt like it was on fire with a hard throbbing ache hurting him.

Xander ran over to Chase and tried to kick him, but the silverette quickly rolled to the side to dodge the foot. But doing so had put pressure on his chest wound and brought pain to him. Chase got up and looked to the armband that LimeX had given him earlier before she left a quarter an hour ago to go kill a random person. He touched the crystal and cried, "Cure!" The magic spell healed his injury and wound so that the pains would cease. Chase dodged Xander's next attack and let the black keyblade hit the pillar instead. Tiny chinks broke off the stony pillar where Death's Revenge cut into it. Xander thrust at Chase, who jumped over him out of the way and came down with an Air Spiral attack. The keyblade hit Xander's back a few times from the top of his head to the bottom like a gear hitting him with each of its teeth. Xander quickly rotated and swung his keyblade into Chase's side right after he has just ended his technique. Then he kicked Chase hard into the wall, forcing a breath out of the temple guard's lungs.

Blood was oozing out of Chase's side and the Cure armband wasn't fully recharged yet for him to use on his wound. So, Chase had to cope with his wound until then. He got into guarding stance and paced around Xander, keeping his eyes sharp on him as he waited for the right moment to attack and counter or guard against attacks from the enemy. Xander also got into fighting stance and walked facing his foe. The two walked around in a circle as they stared each other down and waited for the other to make their move. Xander tried to goad Chase into attacking him, "Come on, boy. Do something already! Don't keep me waiting. I just might end up escaping with the scroll in hand."

Chase didn't fall for Xander's trick as he told, "You may try to run away now, but the only way out is through me. You'll be surprised at how fast I can get to you before you even make it out of here."

Xander said, "Oh that's right. You can use the portal to warp yourself in front of me. Well guess what, I got my own portals too." He summoned a corridor of darkness behind himself and said, "See this portal? It's a lot different from yours. You can see the world you're going to, but with mine, you can't because the darkness blocks the view. It sure makes a perfect getaway at a time like this. I bet you won't even know where I've gone once I step through this portal. Well, it's been nice fighting you, but I've got to run, adios sucker!"

As Xander turned to go into the corridor of darkness, Chase sprinted towards him in desperation to stop him. "No!" he yelled. Chase had to stop Xander from going into the corridor before it was too late. Chase went to strike at Xander's side in an attempt knock him away from the dark portal. But the raider, who had used this ruse to get Chase back into action, quickly stopped walking and used his keyblade to guard against the attack. Chase knocked away Death's Revenge before he hit the red-blond away from the closing corridor of darkness with a Round Blitz attack. Then Chase hit him down to the floor with the downward swing of the Kingdom Key. The silverette stood over Xander and aimed his keyblade down at his back, more particularly the head. He charged lots of energy into it before he yelled, "Shot-lock!" At his command, multiple fireballs fired out of the keyblade and rained down on Xander. The balls hit him and floor; bombarding the man with burns and creating a huge cloud of dust to shroud him. Chase

backed away and watched the dust cloud in front of him as he waited for it to clear away or for Xander to come at and strike him, which he would dodge or block. The former happened as the dust cloud dissipated with a wounded Xander groaning.

Despite the fiery pain, Xander got up and laughed nonchalantly in amusement. "That was quite an assault, boy! Too bad it wasn't enough to kill me."

Chase gritted his teeth grimly and wondered, *'What?! How did he survive? All the shots from the Flame Salvo attack this close should have killed him, or at least incapacitated him. How did he manage to brush it off like that?'*

Xander took off two of his bangles and said, "I'm done toying with you. Now let's finish this up right now!" Then he cast his signature spell, "Slow!" The whole time-continuum slowed down and Chase's speed was reduced. Then Xander charged towards Chase at a speed that the temple guard could barely keep up with. It looked like Xander was going too fast for him, because Chase being affected by the spell. The red-blond grabbed the silverette and threw him hard into one of the pillars, destroying it in the process and hurting Chase badly. Then Xander ran towards the temple guard and grabbed him by the scruff of his vest-like jacket. This time, he jumped into the air and kicked down Chase into the floor, creating a crater where the young adult boy landed. Xander fell down next to him and once again threw Chase into the pedestal, which broke into pieces upon the crash. The temple guard groaned and painfully tried to touch the crystal on the armband for the Cure spell. But unfortunately, Death's Revenge stabbed and broke the crystal, thus releasing all the magic kept within it. Chase's heart sank with dread as he now had nothing to heal himself with. Xander smirked mockingly and said, "Oops! I broke your healing armband. I guess you're just going to have to make without it!"

Then the muscular man hooked his keyblade's teeth roughly into the jacket as it broke through the clothing's barrier and scratched the skin in the process. He hoisted up Chase before he threw again against the wall. The wall was damaged a little and bits of blood were painted on it as well. Chase collapsed onto the floor before he stretched his arm out and struggled to create a portal to his fellow temple guard. "LimeX... help..." he murmured hoarsely. Chase was not only losing this fight, but he was badly bruised and his body hurting with agony from all the rough tossing by Xander. He knew it was likely impossible for himself to win against Xander without help from his snarky partner.

As soon as the portal was half-way complete, something sharp pierced into Chase's back and he yelped out in pain. Xander sneered, "What's the matter, punk-ass?! I thought you said you can handle me on your own. Don't be a hypocrite!" Then he pulled out his keyblade and held Chase down as he started slashing him repeatedly. Each swipe of Death's Revenge caused Chase to scream out in pain. Xander grinned in sadistic amusement; he loved making his warrior foes suffer every moment of pain. The screams were like a beautiful melody to his ears and the smell of blood was very sweet to his nose. After many slashings later, Xander picked up the bleeding man and threw him high up into the ceiling. The impact broke out a hole through the roof as a result and Chase fell beside it. Xander looked at the damage he has done to the temple's interior and said, "Damn! This place is way too fragile for its own



good. I might as well take this place down along with my prey." Then he jumped up through the hole like a rocket into the sky. He took off his fourth bangle and his body became enshrouded in huge darkness. His green eyes glowed red through his shades and he came down towards the temple with his keyblade in thrust position.

Xander crashed through the roof and came down onto the floor, where Death's Revenge sank down into the musty pavement. Then a violent power started to shake the whole building and it began break down into ruins. The roof broke apart and Chase fell down along with the broken debris. "I... failed..." Chase whispered through his fall before he finally died from blood loss.

After the destruction was over, Xander pulled out his keyblade walked over to the dead silverette lying face down beneath the debris. Xander smirked devilishly with triumph and said to Chase, "Looks like I win this time! That was really fun match we had between us, but in the end, you've got beaten, pummeled, bruised, and painfully trashed." Xander took out the scroll and held it in his hand. "Now I'd be best waltzing away before your friend sees this mess I did to you and your temple. See you in Hell, boy! Say "hi" to all of my demon friends for me, okay?" he said before he laughed maliciously. After finding his bangles and putting them back on, Xander summoned the corridor of darkness and walked right into it.