

The apprentices were now back in Radiant Garden. Glacies turned to the spiky-haired boy next to her and said, "What a day! I'd never thought we would have to chase after LimeX again. Last time was when she was controlled by Etutu, but this time it looks like she has her own agenda. I wonder what it could be?"

Zephyr looked down and shook his head, "I wish I knew. She's just so mysterious."

Both teens sighed quietly before the bluenette said, "Well anyway, we should be getting home now. We aren't going to wake up early if we stick around any longer. Goodbye Zephyr and Hitomi, I'll see you tomorrow morning!"

The boy waved back at her, "Sure thing, meet me at my house before we go pick up Hitomi?"

"Of course," Glacies replied. Then they went off on their separate ways home through the slightly snowing streets. But then on Glacies's way, she came across a women's store and saw a slim & silky red dress on display with matching heeled open-toed dress shoes. The girl peered through the window to see other different types of clothes as well as shampoos, lotions, purses, shoes, jewelry, and perfumes inside the store. Feeling tempted to go inside and search right away, she thought, *'It's the month for Christmas, right? I should be looking for a gift for mom. I wonder if she would like something from that store.'* But as soon as she tried to touch the door handle, she withdrew her hand away and thought, *'No wait, Chase said that we have to go to bed now. I probably shouldn't waste any time doing window shopping.'* But then she felt compelled to do it as she thought, *'But maybe if I just do it really quickly, then it wouldn't be really wasting anytime. Let's just do it now.'* Then the bluenette went inside the store.

Glacies looked at all the clothes in the store from dresses to shirts, pants to skirts, and scarfs to hats until she saw a blue dress with snow leopard-like trims. She said to herself, "Wow, that looks pretty. Maybe I should buy that one when sale time comes." But before she could touch it, she saw another dress, which was purple with a sparkling silver chest. Both dresses look so good that the girl was having hard time thinking which one she should pick. She thought, *'Oh gee, this is a tough choice. I don't which one to get.'* Oh well she had plenty of day to think about it. She left the clothing section and went to the perfume section where she saw a Midnight Fantasy perfume, a round dark purple perfume bottle with tiny diamonds spaced out on it. She thought to get that for her mother as well. Glacies walked out the store and suddenly felt compelled to go out and shop for gifts for Zephyr, Hitomi and other people she could think of. She told herself, *'No no no, Glacies! You just spent like 5 minutes in the store, you don't really have time to go out and find more gifts, do you?'* But then she quickly changed her mind as a small grin formed on her face and she thought, *'Well I still got a lot of time, but I'll make this quick.'*

Glacies went over to the oriental gift store first and found a set of bell wind chimes and a jade eastern dragon figurine for Master Leohart. Then she transformed her keyblade into a glider and flew over to the toy store, All for Fun and Fun for All, where her mother was the owner of the store. Glacies thought to get a toy train for Kumo and a stuffed doll for Hitomi before she flew off to the bookstore where she

found 5 comic books for Zephyr. Since she found Halloween Academy to be pretty good, the girl thought to get Sakura that. She was about to go get something for Chase, but then Glacies felt a pinge of guilt for wasting too much time shopping, when she should be in bed by now. She thought, *'I'm wasted enough time, I better go home now or I'll be too tired tomorrow to fight LimeX.'* So she rode all the way home, where she hasted herself upstairs, quickly brushed her teeth, and went to her room. She changed into pajamas and forced herself to sleep in bed. But despite being in bed and having eyes closed, Glacies was still awake as her body was not used to sleeping this early before 10:00. She twitched in her bed as she wanted to burn off energy to move about. She thought with frustration, *'Ugh! Sleeping this early is hard! How am I supposed to go to bed, if I feel like I have more things to do?'*

While struggling to sleep, Glacies started having random thoughts pop into her head about Christmas. *'What am I going to get Chase for Christmas? Should I get him a guitar? That'll would be nice, but it sounds a bit expensive. Would a pair of socks suffice? No, that's too lame! A mug? Nope, not good enough! Ugh, this is too hard! I don't know what he would be interested in. I'll probably think of something later.'* Then she thought about LimeX, *'LimeX; I don't think I should give her anything after what she's done today. And I'm sure Santa wouldn't have her on the nice list either. Hmmm, maybe I'll just give her a lump of coal.'* Glacies giggled at the thought before thinking of Juliet. *'Now for Juliet, should I give her something or not? I don't really know her that much and she doesn't seem too keen to be friends with lightbladers. Maybe I'll just hold off for now.'* After a lot of thinking, which included gifts for Nemo, Touketsu, Jack and Zero as well, Glacies finally went to sleep.

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Diablos finally reached his home, which was a rundown house in the woods. The dark purple-haired boy went inside and sat on the couch where he grabbed up a novel and started reading a violent story in it. In the story, there was a horse chase going on with a gang of cowboy outlaws trying to flee from the enemies in the opposing gang. They cast spells at each other as their misaimed spells damaged the objects and people around them. Diablos laid back on the couch with his feet propped up to the edge and his crossed arms behind his head on the cushion. Once he was done reading, the boy tossed the book away and went to sleep on the couch. It would have been more appropriate to sleep on the bed, but he did not care anyway.

Suddenly, the door was kicked open by LimeX as she and Thage entered the apartment, disturbing the boy out of his sleep. The girl snorted and said, "This place is worse than the last one. Screw it! We're robbing a bank and getting an apartment in a ritzy part of town." Pausing she glanced around the apartment and chuckled, "You have a keyblade and you're living like this!? My, even the lightbladers have better living conditions than this."

Diablos snorted in contempt and retorted, "You got a problem with the way I live? And why are you acting like I'm the only one with a keyblade? Everybody in this city has one, fool." He did not choose to live in this place because he wanted to; he lived here because it was a good hideout from the guards. But if nobody around here in this world had keyblades, except for him, then maybe he would not be

living in this place.

LimeX ignored him and turned her eyes to something on the ground, "Why look at this book here." She tapped it with her blade. "I bet it wouldn't survive a single flame attack, probably burn away even under a simple candle flame."

Thage summoned her keyblade and pointed it towards the sub-standard book. She smirked, "That can be easily arranged... What say you?"

The boy warned her, "You try doing anything to my book and you'll be a world of hurt." He was ready to summon his keyblade and do some ass-kicking, should his novel get destroyed. He has handled more than a couple of prissy girls before, so how hard can these two be?

LimeX raised an eyebrow, "Wow, you're threatening me?" She chuckled and looked towards Thage. She paused for a moment before she smiled, "I got an idea." She paused and made a portal, directly behind Chase. Sending a weak Fire attack through it, she left it open before smirking to Thage and saying, "Run." Pausing on her way out, she pointed to the novel and destroyed it with another Fire spell before dashing away. Her laughter was loud and malicious.

Thage ran after LimeX, also laughing; it was soft and innocent. *'Serves that boy right for being so mean to me!'*

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Kumo ran inside the double doors to the castle first as he made his way to his room. As Chase was about to go in as well, a fireball hit him in the back and made him yelp. He turned around to get a look at his assailant, but only to find a portal behind him. "LimeX!" the man murmured bitterly as he knew the portal belong to only her or her cohort.

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Diablos bared his teeth and growled at the LimeX, who destroyed the book and fled. He was about to go after them and teach them a lesson when Chase dashed through the portal with keyblade in hand and saw him. The man demanded, "You there, where is LimeX?"

The boy answered in an annoyed tone, "LimeX? I don't know any twerp by that name."

Chase told him in a serious tone, "She was here, wasn't she? The girl with black hair and wearing a cloak. This is urgent! I need to find her now before she kills more people."

The anger ebbed out of Diablos and turned into snide amusement as he sneered, "Ooh, you're trying to be a hero, ain't ya? Well here's what I got to say to people like you; I don't like heroes and you know

why? Because you're just doing crazy things like that to get attention. You might as well forget about being vigilante, because you're only asking to get your head snapped in half and those people's lives aren't worth your dirt! So why the hell do you give a crap about them, I don't!"

Chase growled at the boy's inconsiderate apathy for human life and yelled, "So you'd rather let a killer get away with murder and massacre? Where's your conscience, pal?"

Diablos scoffed, "Pal? Pfffft! I ain't nobody's pal! Whatever people do ain't none of my business. So if they're out choking each other to death or smashing babies against the wall, let them! No amount of justice is gonna change the world, fool. So we might as leave people be and look only after ourselves."

"You're wrong! I don't know why you think this way and why it's okay to let injustice reign free, but I'll show you that what I do matters and you'll be thanking me later when LimeX doesn't turn you into a corpse," the man told him with anger at the boy's lack of consideration. Then the ex-temple guard ran out of the house to look for LimeX.

Diablos said uncaring, "Meh, whatever. You ain't gonna change me or get my respect. Besides, what the heck does this LimeX have against me anyway? It's not like I did anything to her or whatever."

Chase spotted the two girls running and chased after them as he shouted, "LimeX!"

LimeX turned with a mischievous smile on her face. She turned and said to Thage, "Let's play a little tag, eh? First person 'trapped' has to go and buy that darkblader we met another novel." She paused and grinned, "A very expensive one." She paused and then said, "Rules: no portals, no blade attacks. Once you are caught you are allowed to make a portal, but that is an immediate disqualification." She grinned and pointed to an intersection they came to and said, "Go left, let's see who he goes after." She chuckled and then dashed to the right. Just before she vanished around the corner, she glanced back at Chase and her smile vanished for a moment.

Chase saw the two girls split off in opposite directions away from each other. *'Huh? What's this?'* he wondered as to why they did that. Were they planning a trap or something? The man was not sure if that was the case, but he better be prepared for the worst to come. So he followed after LimeX, his primary target, while keeping his guard up for any tricks that may come at him. He did not have Hitomi or Kumo to help slow her down this time, so he was going to have to run as fast as he could if he wanted to catch her. LimeX dashed quickly, but not so fast as to lose him. She was quickly losing interest. Turning into a dead end, she gave up the game and turned to wait.

Thage did not see LimeX coming back and she was starting to get a small bit worried for the girl. The woman walked back the way she came. She then walked straight across to where LimeX had ran minutes before. She went along this way for a while, then saw the road turn off.

The silverette stopped running as he panted for a bit before saying with hushed anger, "LimeX, all those

lives you've killed and all the buildings damaged. What you did back there was wrong. They didn't deserve it; none of them did, but yet you stole their lives anyway. What did they do, LimeX? Why did they have to die?" After saying that, Chase predicted what would happen next if LimeX was not willing to spill the beans. She could use the portals or Corridors of Darkness to escape easily, or there may be a chance that Thage would intervene. The man had to think of a perfect way to demolish these two obstacles with the first one being the hardest.

LimeX gazed at him with a bored expression. "Question one; nothing. Question two; no reason. Anything else?"

Chase bared his teeth in anger at her response and said in a low furious tone, "This isn't like you, LimeX. You've never killed the innocent before, but now you've become another psychopath." The brunette was officially no longer his girlfriend because, just like the purple-haired boy, she had no remorse for death.

Thage looked and gasped; one of the people from Twilight Town was cornering LimeX. She then felt a sense of losing herself. Her body moved on its own accord. She walked towards the man near the wall and said in a loud, confident voice that was not hers, "Leave that girl alone. Or else you are certain to pay the consequences." She then summoned her keyblade and pointed it at the man. This keyblade was different than her usual one. It looked like a bloodstained gunmetal with its keychain being a drop of liquid mercury.

Chase turned around to her and yelled out a warning, "Stay out of this! This is between me and LimeX only; this has nothing to do with you. But if you insist on getting in the way, then I'll have no choice but to put you down. And believe me, I'm not as easy as you may think I am." If she wanted a broken bone, then fine.

"Fira!" Roxanne, Thage's alter ego, angrily cast at the man before rushing now to strike.

Chase backflipped to evade the fireball before casting, "Sleep!" The spell created magic sleeping powder all over the dead end. If Magnera cannot get the two girls to keep still, then knocking them out cold could help him capture LimeX easier.

Roxanne saw the powder drift through the air and scoffed, "You honestly think it will be that easy to defeat me. Ha! Just wait and see!" Then she cast, "Stopra!" The magic powder froze in place before it could touch them. "Listen, kid. There is one thing you DO NOT DO. You do not MESS with the people Thage cares about." Roxanne looked towards the girl and asked, "LimeX, was it? Come, we need to get away from here; from this rude thing one might call a human being. He didn't hurt you, did he?" She opened a Corridor behind LimeX.

The silverette boy snorted as he thought sarcastically, *'Rude, yeah right! And slaughtering people actually makes you nicer?'*

The girl turned and said, "Thank you, Thage. Let's get out of here. We're heading for the barren world." Turning, she headed into the Corridor, not really caring where it leads.

As the woman followed her in it, she corrected, "Thage? I'm not Thage. My name is Roxanne. I come when Thage is overwhelmed by a situation. Thage isn't coming back until she feels strong enough to come back. Nice to meet you!" Chase wanted to go after them, but he only has one portal spell left to take him home. So he used it to take himself back to the Land of Departure.

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Diablos looked at the remains of the destroyed burnt novel as he felt annoyed at the girls for destroying it. But then that anger went away as he said, "Eh, no big deal. I can always go out and steal a replacement for myself. Just gotta wait until all the stores close down so that I can go and get myself one."

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When Chase got home, he took off his clothes and threw them onto the ground before he bathed himself in the lake between the mountains. After he was clean, he dried himself with a white towel and then he went to washing his clothes. After that was done, he left his clothes to dry on the hangers and put on a bathrobe before he went into the castle. On his way to his room, he passed Kumo's room, where he saw past the open door his apprentice sleeping in his bed with his arms wrapped around a teddy bear. Chase smiled at the little neko boy looking cute like that before he went to his own room, where he changed into pajamas and sat on the bed thinking about today's events. LimeX had killed a lot of innocent people before, which was a first in her life. She gave no valid reason for this and did not have remorse for this action. Then there were those heartless that she created from killing a man in Twilight Town. Chase wondered, *'But wait, I thought only Etutu had this ability. How did LimeX come to have this ability?'* LimeX could not create heartless until today or maybe sometime between the Keyblade War and now. That heartless that Kumo and Juliet fought today may have come from a random person she killed, much like how Etutu turned some of the warriors he destroyed at the Keyblade Sanctuary into heartless. Was there some kind of connection between LimeX and Etutu? *'Is there? But why would LimeX work with him? She wanted him defeated and stopped just as much as we did, when he planned on using Kingdom Hearts to take the Realm In-Between for himself. That doesn't make sense!'* He did not have evidence to validate LimeX's conspiracy with the god of darkness, but there may be another source that can provide clues to her plot. Chase wondered, *'I wonder if Juliet knows what LimeX has been doing all these days ago.'* He was thinking about asking the killer's apprentice about what her master did after the Keyblade War. The man set the alarm clock before he went under the covers of his bed and sleep.

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After all the stores had closed, Diablos snuck into the bookstore and stole a copy of his favorite novel to replace the burnt one in his hideout. Then he ran through the streets, avoiding all the night guards he came across and went all the way back into the junkyard where he put the book in the hideout. After that, he went on back to his house and went to sleep.

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In the spacious pitch black world, Glacies saw a crowd of terrified people running away and screaming in panic. The keyblade apprentice had a sense of impending doom as she knew something very bad was going on. She looked at where the crowd was coming from and saw heartless pursuing and attacking them. One neoshadow delivered a devastating blow to man and released his heart as it floated out of his chest and into the air. Pretty soon, the slain man disappeared and was replaced by the smaller and cuter shadow heartless. Glacies stood there and stared at the heartless, not knowing what to do. After seeing the heartless kill a few more people, LimeX and Thage joined in with the heartless and thrust their keyblades at the two men, who were trying to slay the heartless with keyblades, turning them into heartless. But this time, the heartless were not the only ones to appear; alongside the warriors' heartless came slender silver creatures with zipper-like mouths and a strange white symbol on their heads. The bluenette asked, "Huh? What's going on? What are those two things?" Then she saw herself surrounded by 8 heartless and gasped. Glacies put on a poker face as she got defensive and gave the heartless a 'If you come near me, I'll hurt you' look. But on the inside, she was actually intimidated by being outnumbered and surrounded by the monsters. Then she saw her mother lying on the ground wounded with LimeX, Thage and some heartless around her. As LimeX was about to kill Amelia and turn her into a heartless, Glacies shouted in fear for her mother's doom, "Nooooo!" Then the heartless around Glacies leapt at her as they reached their claws out to attack her. The girl brought her arms up and covered her face in an attempt to shield herself. But as soon the heartless were within a foot of her, a yellow-eyed blue & white cat-like creature jumped in and yowled as it rammed its little pointy pink horn at all the heartless trying to attack the poor girl. The heartless disappeared as the black sky turned brighter in a pinkish-yellow background with green grassy hills, trees and colorful flowers all over. Glacies lowered her arms and saw that all the heartless and people, including her mother, LimeX and Thage, disappeared. The girl wondered for a moment where everybody disappeared to until she saw the short-tailed cat-like creature approach her with a cute meow sounded. The apprentice smiled at her savior and bent down to pet it as she said, "Why hello, aren't you a cute one!" The blue and white cat happily let Glacies pet its head before it flipped over to let her scratch its belly while shaking its pink-tipped black tail.

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Glacies opened her eyes to see the time saying 5:10 am on her clock. She felt that this was lucky considering how she forgot to set the alarm last night and how much time she took looking for gifts. She was still feeling tired and had temptations to want to sleep again, but Chase said to meet at Sakura's house by 6:30 and the trip from Radiant Garden to Halloween Town on the keyblade glider was about an hour. While dealing with tired eyes and body aching with sleepiness, Glacies forced herself to get out of

bed and change into her clothes. Then she took a couple of English muffins to eat as she left the house. She got onto her glider and flew towards Zephyr's house first to see if her friend and fellow apprentice had awoken, too.

Zephyr was in the middle of getting dressed by the time Glacies showed up. She landed her glider in front of the door, hopped off and went to the doorbell's string and dangled it to ring and alert the boy of her presence. *Ding-dong!* "Zephyr! Wake up! We got to go get Hitomi!" the girl said before she rang the doorbell again.

The boy heard the bell and put the rest of his clothes on hurriedly before running to the door, trying to fasten his armour piece to his sleeve at the same time, but just ended up dropping it in the process. He picked it up and then ran the rest of the way to the door. After he opened it, he fixed the piece to his shoulder as he said, "I'm ready."

Glacies said, "Good! Now let's go pick up Hitomi." She hopped onto her glider and flew over to Leohart's castle. On the way, she looked at Zephyr and asked, "Hey Zeph, think we should let Master Leohart in on this, too?" It kinda felt right to have a little extra help in stopping LimeX and Thage. Plus, he was a more experienced fighter, too, so that should boost their morale.

The boy nodded his head and answered, "Yes, let's go ask him when we get there." Having another master on the team besides Chase is a good idea. Besides, if their master saw them in action against the girls and win, Leohart might be impressed with his students.

Then they reached Leohart's castle and found Hitomi sitting patiently at the stair steps, waiting for them. Glacies landed her glider down in front of the younger girl and asked, "Ready to go, Hitomi?"

Hitomi stood up and said, "Yes, I am. Apparently, there is a ruckus going on near the edge of town. Papa needed to go check it out. Something about trying to ban keyblades from Radiant Garden."

"Hop on," Zephyr said to her as he landed nearby so that she could step on his glider. "What do you mean 'trying to ban keyblades from Radiant Garden'? I don't see why anyone would want to do that... How bad is it?"

Glacies was just as shocked as he was and asked, "Why would they do something like?" Was Leohart's prediction of the people shunning keyblades about to come true?

Hitomi said, "I told you all I know about it." Then she questioned as to why they have not started moving yet, "So are we going anytime soon?"

Zephyr said to her, "Oh! Yes! Chase is probably expecting us very soon. Since your keyblade isn't a glider right now, you can do the honors." The child nodded, summoning her keyblade and pointing it forward. A beam of light came out of it and stopped in mid-air, opening up a portal to the Lanes Between.



Glacies looked at him and said, "Let's go!" Then they flew up into the portal and drove through the Lanes Between. It was unfortunate that Leohart will not be able to come and help, but hopefully they will be able to win with the team they have now.

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Chase woke up and got out of his bed to change out of his pajamas and into his native world's clothes that he received from Roland as a gift. The set consisted of a navy-blue overcoat with a lighter blue pattern and white fur trims, a light blue shirt underneath it, silver hose and black pointy shoes. He chose to wear his nobleman attire today because his first clothes would not exactly dry overnight in the cold air with no sun to heat-dry it. Chase left his room to go downstairs into the kitchen to fix breakfast. He cooked scrambled eggs with cheese and sausages. After breakfast was made, Chase put the food on two plates and set them on the table along with the utensils and glasses of orange juice. Then he went upstairs into Kumo's room and prodded the sleeping neko as he said to him, "Kumo, wake up! Breakfast is ready. We've got scrambled eggs and sausage!"

Kumo woke up with an enthusiastic smile and said, "Oh boy, scrambled eggs and sausage! I can't wait to eat them!"

The man said with a smile, "Then I'll race you downstairs into the dining room!"

"You're on!" said Kumo. The master and his apprentice ran down the stairs in an attempt to beat each other to the dining room first. Chase went a bit slower to let his apprentice keep 1st place and to boost the boy's self-esteem. After reaching the bottom of the stairs, the two ran through the hallway until Kumo crossed the border into the dining room and shouted, "I win!"

Chase stopped running too and said to him, "Wow, you're faster than me, Kumo. I'm impressed!"

The boy grinned and said, "Heeheehee, and you're slower than me!"

Chase was unfazed by that comment and said, "Yeah whatever, let's just eat." Then they sat down and ate up their breakfast before they put the plates, forks, and glass cups into the sink. Chase created a portal to Halloween Town and the two went in until they were in front of Sakura's house. The man rang the doorbell to let the spook know that they were here.

Zero's barking was heard past the door. It seems like the dog had decided to stay with her, so that they could have him at hand when they were ready to go out. Sakura opened the door with panting & smiling dog floating next to her. She greeted, "Morning guys! Oh hey Chase, is that a new outfit?"

"It is," the man answered. "It's a gift from my brother."

The girl asked, "So are you guys like from a medieval world?"

"We are." Chase pointed to his apprentice and continued, "But he's not." Kumo waved up at them. "So did the others come yet?"

Sakura shook her head, "Nope, we're still waiting on them."

"Okay, then let's all wait."

Like a devil spoken about, Zephyr and friends appeared at Halloween Town and landed in front of Sakura's house. Kumo pointed to the three kids and said, "Master Chase, look! They're here!" Chase and the others looked to see them on the yard.

Glacies greeted, "Hi guys, I hope we're not too late."

Chase smiled and said, "Not at all, you just got here on time. Now the only person left we have to wait for is Juliet."

Zephyr told everyone, "Okay! We have some news for you! Hitomi was saying that there was a ruckus going on back home about people wanting to ban keyblades from Radiant Garden." They got off their gliders and their armors disappeared along with the gliders.

"What?!" asked Sakura, finding Radiant Garden's predicament to be crazy. Zero just dropped his mouth in surprise and confusion.

Chase said, "So they're banning keyblades in your world, huh? I don't know what to say about, but now's not the time to be worried about that. We have a bigger problem at the moment." Then Juliet appeared, almost looking gray. She gave a small smile and greeted them. The man assumed that she must have been depressed about LimeX's betrayal and/or that they would have to fight her mentor. Glacies made a friendly smile and a small wave at the blonde girl; she too was feeling sorry for her. "Well now that everybody is here, we can get started on discussing LimeX and what she's up to." Then everybody went inside Sakura's house and sat in the living room.

Glacies asked, "So Chase have you guessed as to why LimeX was killing people?"

The man answered, "I did; I thought about why LimeX was wreaking havoc and why she could create Heartless." Then he started to explain, "Remember Etutu and how he created those black monsters you fought called Heartless? I think he might be connected with LimeX on this for a few reasons."

Sakura goaded, "So what are they? Let's hear it."

Chase started to explain, "One; he's the original creator of the Heartless. Before his war against his

counterpart, the goddess of light, he decided to make use of the darkness he implanted in many people's hearts since the beginning of time to create servants of his own. By which he unlocks their hearts and uses the darkness inside to transform them into Heartless. He was the only one with this ability to do so until today when we saw LimeX do that to a victim in Twilight Town. Two; I've known LimeX longer than any of you have. She's killed a few people before but none of them were turned into Heartless until yesterday. We don't know exactly how or when she got that ability, but all I can guess is that Etutu must've given that power to her."

Glacies said, "Etutu? But I thought we killed him at the Keyblade Sanctuary." She was puzzled as to how the dead can still influence things in life.

Chase corrected her, "We defeated him, not killed him. If he was indeed dead, then all the darkness in the universe would vanish and there would be no Heartless around. Etutu did say that mortals cannot kill a god so easily, and he's very much right about that. But you are half-right though, because he was badly hurt when masters Bihai and Konan used the Kingdom Hearts to obliterate him. If his wounds were too great, then he shouldn't have made it back to the Realm In-Between too soon in his condition. Which means that LimeX must have gone to the Realm of Darkness."

Sakura asked, "The Realm of Darkness? How do you even get there?" She heard the Realm of Darkness was very difficult to get into.

Chase shook his head and said, "I have no idea how she did it, Sakura. But let's ask Juliet for more info." Then he looked at the blonde girl and asked, "Juliet, you've been with LimeX for about a month now. Tell us everything about her; what have you and LimeX been doing all this time besides training? Where did you girls go? And have you notice her acting strange sometimes?"

Juliet turned her gaze to Chase and said, "The Realm of Darkness is where we went to train." She turned away and said, "I would rather not go into detail; LimeX swore me to secrecy and even if she is evil now...she is my teacher."

Everyone felt disappointed as Sakura grumbled sarcastically, "Go figure."

Glacies sighed, "I see, well that's too bad. I guess we're just gonna have to find this place on our own."

Then Chase had an idea and said, "Or do we?"

"Hmm?" "Huh?" Glacies and Kumo looked at Chase with curiosity.

The man suggested, "We can always go to the Land of Departure's library and look up in a book for the Realm of Darkness's location. Come on guys, let's go see if we can find any clues." Then he opened a portal to the Land of Departure and walked right through it with everyone else following behind.

Juliet, the last one left, stiffened and turned to look away from the group. "But that's..." she mumbled, too low to be heard. She reluctantly went into the portal after them.