

The short story takes place after the true ending, in Haruto's POV.

Also, feel free to leave a comment anywhere if you want, I set the permission to commenter, so you should be able to do that :D

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I open my eyes to see buildings and the bright blue sky. Sitting up and looking around, the sight of a familiar street greets me. It's the route I usually take to go home.

But now I have more questions than answers. Why the hell did I wake up in the middle of a street? Why did nobody shake me awake or... I don't know- call my parents? Or even the police? I'm still in my uniform, I didn't pass out when I was walking home, did I?

Checking out my phone, I notice what date it is. It's the 15th of February. 15th of February. The day when Yuzuki and I will be fleeing to Tokyo, and I only have 30 minutes to run to the station.

My things are all at home, but there's no time to think, there's no time to grab my bag, I need to go before the train leaves without me!

And with that thought in mind, I began to run like my life depended on it.

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It only took me 25 minutes to run to the station. Oddly enough, I don't feel tired at all. I head to the podium and find Yuzuki already standing still, often checking his phone and wristwatch as he waits for the train to come-- no, as he waits for me to arrive.

"Yuzuki!" I call out to him, but he doesn't seem to be able to hear me. I walk closer, and closer, until I'm only a step away from him. Yet he still continues to anxiously view his wristwatch, not noticing my existence at all, "Hey, Yuzuki?"

No response. As more time passed, Yuzuki's face grew to be more nervous and pale. He tries calling my phone, though I can't pick up. The call reaches my phone, but I can't answer the damn thing for whatever reason. He even mutters out loud, asking to no one in particular, "Where is he..?"

That's when a terrible feeling hits my stomach, but I chose to shrug it off. I continue trying to poke him, yell at him, yet it still holds no result.

And then, the train finally arrives.

The others in the podium begin to walk in one by one. However, Yuzuki continued to stay still, as if frozen in place. He stares at the train then back at his phone multiple times, biting his lips nervously.

"Yuzuki! What are you waiting for?!" At this point, I shouted at him, fully aware of how desperate I sound, "Go! You've always wanted to leave, right?! Don't you want to be free? Forget about me, just- just LEAVE!"

Once again, my shoutings only fell to deaf ears. Yuzuki's expression turned even gloomier, before he chose to take a step back, slowly pulling himself away from the train. He could only watch as the train's door closes and departs, leaving him-- leaving us behind.

"Yuzuki..." I can only mutter, as I watch him walk away elsewhere. I followed him, and ended up in the empty and desolate men's toilet where he entered one of the stalls.

I knock and call for him, no response.

Then, I heard sniffing from inside the stall.

"...couldn't do it..." his shaky voice mutters, before it turns into a sob, "Haruto, I couldn't do it..."

I could only listen.

"I'm pathetic, I can't do it without you..!" He wails, "Why didn't you show up..? We promised..."

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"..." his sobs slowly quieted. I know Yuzuki is trying his damndest to bury his feelings down in the abyss. He's always so quick to shut himself down and keep his emotions bottled up, even when he's all alone by himself.

I felt a vibration in my pocket, and when I checked my phone, I saw a message notification from him, saying, "I stayed. I think I'll wait for you after all."

Then another message, saying, "Let's book another ticket for later, maybe even tomorrow. Please reply to me, okay? I love you."

"..." I quietly step away from the men's stall, biting my lips as now, it's my turn to prevent myself from crying.

I'm sorry, Yuzuki, I can't.

I'm already dead, after all.

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Some author's note ig:

I completely forgot I wrote this tbh. This isn't exactly canon in a way that Haruto really became a ghost. But the whole thing that happened with Yuzuki is indeed canon.

In the end, Yuzuki only left to go to Tokyo after he graduated, not only for college, he also wanted to look for Haruto. All the missing bodies that Ichigo buried in a mountain somewhere is eventually found out though, so Yuzuki eventually became aware of his death (and he also knows that Ichigo's the one behind the murders. Yes the police eventually found out about that too in the true ending. Yuzuki felt really betrayed by this since he genuinely thought that Ichigo's a nice friend)

Now, this is kind of a fun fact, but initially, I wanted to make some sort of sequel focusing on Yuzuki after he knew that Haruto died. The sequel is going to be about Yuzuki and his relationship with one of his college friends. The story is basically about them trying to have a relationship and moving on, but I didn't really go through with it because I want to focus on other projects... well, maybe, maybe not. Idk I change my mind too damn easily LMAOO

Here's some pictures I drew of Yuzuki and this college friend:



^ This is older Yuzuki (he became more rebellious and outgoing after going to tokyo. He decided last minute that he wanted to become a teacher in the future, so he took an education major during college) ^



^ This is his college friend, his name is Kouta (scuffed anatomy ik i tried HAHA. Like Haruto, he's pretty plain, but unlike Haruto, he's apathetic to his surroundings and likes to run away from his problems, most of the time.) ^



^ Kouta likes cats. Cats are one of his soft spots ^



^ This was supposed to be one of Yuzuki's adult sprites. He likes wearing baggy clothes ^



^ This is the variants ^

If you've followed my insta, you should know of this art I posted a while ago, but this is an angst drawing of older Yuzuki mourning over Haruto's death:



Haruto was censored because uhh no spoilers and stylistic choice. But in the end, I don't think anyone realized that this is Yuzuki LMAOO

Uh so, this ended up being more about Yuzuki than Haruto, sorry about that. So to make up for it, here's what I think would happen if both Haruto and Yuzuki lived through Sweetest Valentine, think of this as the continuation after Ichigo's first bad end. The two would successfully leave their hometown, but in the end, Haruto gave up on his dream after all. He's helping his uncle's business all while having a part time job as a convenience store worker during the night. Meanwhile, Yuzuki won't be going to college, but he's working at a flower shop for a while. The two would live under Haruto's uncle's place until the two had money to buy their own place.

Maybe this can give you some peace of mind though, despite all the shit he's been through, Yuzuki can and WILL find happiness. And that's all Haruto would've ever wanted for him, even if it meant Yuzuki ending up with someone else other than him.

Yeah anyway, that's all, thanks for reading and I hope you find it entertaining! Have a good day!

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Gonna change this into viewer mode, I think you can still comment in that mode?? Idk feel free to yell at me at the devlog's comment section if you can't comment LMAOO