## <u>Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba – The Movie: Mugen Train</u>

## **Character List:**

Tanjirou Kamado, Zenitsu Agatsuma, Inosuke Hashibira, Nezuko Kamado, Kyoujurou Rengoku, Enmu, Akaza, Shinjurou Rengoku, Ruka Rengoku, Senjurou Rengoku, Tanjuurou Kamado, Kie Kamado, Takeo Kamado, Hanako Kamado, Shigeru Kamado, Rokuta Kamado, Kagaya Ubuyashiki, Amane Ubuyashiki, Shinobu Kochou, Tengen Uzui, Obanai Iguro, Gyoumei Himejima, Sanemi Shinazugawa, Giyuu Tomioka, Enmu's recruits, train conductor, passengers, demons

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[Scene: In a graveyard. Ubuyashiki walks among the graves with Amane.]

Ubuyashiki Kenichi... Hideki... Minoru... Masao... Susumu... Yuuta... Yaichi... Toyoaki... Isao...

Ryousuke... Yukio... Takahiro...

Ngh...

[Action: Ubuyashiki suppresses a cough. He and Amane continue on.]

**Amane** Master, we should go. It's not good for your health.

**Ubuyashiki** I wonder how long I'll be able to make the trip here.

I'd like to settle the score for these children who died while I'm in charge.

I've already received seven cases caused by demons this month.

[Action: Ubuyashiki and Amane stop.]

**Ubuyashiki** My children in the Demon Slayer Corps are on the front lines even as we speak, fighting

the demons.

No matter how many lives the demons take... the one thing they can never crush is a human's will. No matter how battered we are, we will always rise up again to fight.

[Scene: At the train station. The Mugen Train departs. Tanjirou, Zenitsu, and Inosuke hide behind a corner.]

**Zenitsu** For now, let's hide our swords on our backs.

Oh no! The train is leaving!

Are the police still around?

**Tanjirou** We'll have to go even if they are.

Inosuke Haha!

I'm taking you on, lord of this land!

[Action: Inosuke runs toward the train.]

**Zenitsu** Ah... Hey, idiot!

**Tanjirou** We should go, too!

[Action: Tanjirou follows after Inosuke.]

Zenitsu Huh?

Ah! Hey, don't leave me behind!

[Action: Zenitsu follows after Tanjirou. Inosuke and Tanjirou jump onto the back of the train.]

**Zenitsu** W-Wait up!

[Action: Zenitsu jumps up and grabs onto the back of the train.]

Zenitsu Tanjirou! Inosuke!

Tanjirou Zenitsu!

Inosuke Urgh!

[Action: Tanjirou and Inosuke pull Zenitsu up onto the back of the train.]

**Zenitsu** Ah!

[Action: The trio heads inside the train carriage. Inosuke looks around excitedly.]

Inosuke Huh? Woah! Woah! Wahahaha!

[Action: Inosuke runs between a set of chairs to look out a window.]

Men Ahh!

Inosuke So fast! Hahahaha!

**Zenitsu** Sorry! We're very sorry!

Forget that! Get over here, idiot!

[Action: Zenitsu pulls Inosuke away from the window.]

**Inosuke** So freakin' fast! Wahahaha!

[Action: Tanjirou helps an old woman put her bag onto the overhead rack.]

**Tanjirou** Ma'am, is that all right?

Woman Thank you.

Man Sorry to trouble you.

**Tanjirou** Oh, no. It's the least I can do! Heh!

[Action: Tanjirou, Zenitsu, and Inosuke continue making their way through the train car.]

**Zenitsu** He's a Hashira, right? This Rengoku person...

Inosuke Hm? Hm~? Ohohoho!

**Zenitsu** Are you sure you'll recognize his face?

**Tanjirou** Sure. He had this gaudy hairstyle, and I remember his scent, too.

[Action: Inosuke looks out a window and prepares to run to it.]

Inosuke Woah!

Girl Ahh!

[Action: Zenitsu pulls Inosuke away before he can cause trouble.]

Zenitsu Ngh!

Inosuke Gah!

**Tanjirou** I think I'll know it's him once we get close.

[Action: Tanjirou prepares to open the door to the next train car.]

Rengoku Delicious!

Tanjirou Ah...

Zenitsu Gahh...

[Scene: On the Mugen Train. Tanjirou opens the door to the next train car. Rengoku eats his bento box while shouting that it's delicious between each bite.]

Rengoku Delicious!

**Tanjirou** Ahh!

Zenitsu Gahh...

Rengoku Delicious!

Delicious!

Delicious!

Delicious!

Delicious!!

Zenitsu Gah... Eek...

Rengoku Delicious!

Delicious!

**Tanjirou** A-Ahh...

Rengoku Delicious!

Delicious!

Delicious!

**Zenitsu** Is that the Flame Hashira guy?

Rengoku Delicious!

Tanjirou Yeah...

**Zenitsu** Not just some random glutton?

Rengoku Delicious!

Tanjirou Yeah...

Rengoku Delicious!

Tanjirou Um, excuse me...

Rengoku Delicious!

**Tanjirou** R-Rengoku?

Rengoku Delicious!!

**Tanjirou** Ahh... We really get that part already.

[Action: Two train attendants try to gather Rengoku's bento boxes.]

Attendant Ah... Ahh...

[Action: The lights flicker.]

**Rengoku** And you're the kid from that day at the Master's.

**Tanjirou** Yes! I'm Tanjirou Kamado. And they are my fellow Demon Slayers, Zenitsu Agatsuma

and Inosuke Hashibira.

**Rengoku** I see. And inside that box there...

**Tanjirou** Yes. It's my sister, Nezuko.

**Rengoku** Right! That demon we saw that day, huh?

Since the Master has acknowledged her, I won't say any word for now.

**Tanjirou** Ah...

[Action: Rengoku pats the seat beside him.]

**Rengoku** Have a seat here.

[Action: Tanjirou takes a seat next to Rengoku. Inosuke and Zenitsu take their place at a pair of seats nearby. Inosuke pounds the window excitedly.]

Inosuke Woah! Waha! Haha! Being inside the lord is mind-blowing!

[Action: Zenitsu pulls Inosuke back.]

**Zenitsu** You're going to break the glass! Calm down already, will you?!

**Rengoku** What are you three doing here?

A mission?

**Tanjirou** We received an order from a kasugai crow. "The casualties on the Mugen Train are

increasing. Join Rengoku on site," he said.

Rengoku Yes! I see now! Understood!

**Tanjirou** Right.

Also, there's one more thing.

There's something I wanted to ask you, Rengoku.

**Rengoku** What is it? Let's hear it.

**Tanjirou** It's about my father...

**Rengoku** What about your father?

**Tanjirou** Well, he was really frail...

**Rengoku** Was he really?

**Tanjirou** But even if it was cold enough to freeze your lungs, he could still perform a kagura dance

in the snow.

Rengoku Well, I'm glad to hear it!

**Tanjirou** Ahh...

The thing is...!

Rengoku What's up?!

Tanjirou Hinokami Kagura... Dance!

I suddenly found myself doing the kagura that I'd seen as a child. If you know anything

about that, Rengoku... I was hoping you'd tell me.

Rengoku Right!

But I know nothing!

Tanjirou Huh?!

**Rengoku** I've never even heard the term "Hinokami Kagura" before. But it's truly commendable that

your father was able to adapt his kagura dance to battle. All right, end of discussion!

**Tanjirou** Um, can you try to help me a little more?!

[Action: Rengoku looks off into the distance.]

**Rengoku** You should become my Tsuguko, my apprentice! I'll look after you!

**Tanjirou** Hold on a second! And just what are you looking at?!

**Zenitsu** (Thoughts) He's totally weird, all right.

**Rengoku** Flame Breathing has a long history.

In any given era, there's always been a Flame and Water swordsman among the Hashira.

Flame. Water. Wind. Stone. Thunder. Those are the fundamental breathing techniques.

The other techniques were created as offshoots of those five. Mist is a fork of Wind.

Young Mizoguchi! What color is your sword?

**Tanjirou** Huh?! My name is Kamado. And the color is black.

**Rengoku** A black sword, huh? Well, isn't that unfortunate! Hahahaha!

**Tanjirou** For real?

**Rengoku** I've never known a swordsman with a black sword that became a Hashira. On top of that,

I hear that they have no clue which style to master.

[Action: Rengoku sits triumphantly and looks off into the distance again.]

**Rengoku** Come to me, and I'll train you! You can rest easy now!

**Tanjirou** No... No, thank you! And just what are you looking at?!

Phew...

(Thoughts) He's strange, but he seems to be very caring. And from his scent, I can pick up his strong sense of justice.

[Action: Inosuke hangs outside of the window as it comes around a curve. Zenitsu keeps him from jumping out completely.]

**Inosuke** Wahahaha! Awesome! Awesome! So fast! Hahahaha!

Zenitsu That's dangerous, you idiot!

**Inosuke** I'm gonna run outside and race to see who's faster!

**Zenitsu** You can't possibly be that stupid, can you?!

**Rengoku** That's dangerous. You never know when a demon might appear.

Zenitsu Huh?

You're kidding, right? Demons show up on this train?!

Rengoku Sure do!

Zenitsu They do?! No~!!

So, we're not heading to where the demons are, but we're already here?!

No~!! I'm getting off!

**Rengoku** Over 40 people have disappeared on this train. The Corps sent a few swordsmen, but

then they all went silent.

That's why I, a Hashira, am here.

Zenitsu Ahhh!!

Right, I see! I'm getting off! I'm getting off!

Wahhh...

[Action: The train conductor enters the car where Tanjirou's group and Rengoku are.]

**Conductor** May I... see your... tickets, please?

**Tanjirou** What's he doing?

**Rengoku** The conductor is going to check your ticket and punch a hole in it.

[Action: Rengoku gives his ticket to the conductor. He punches a hole.]

Inosuke Oh? Hmm!

[Action: Inosuke gives his ticket to the conductor. He punches a hole. Zenitsu sobs on the floor but holds his ticket up.]

Zenitsu Ngh... Here...

[Action: The conductor punches a hole in the ticket. Tanjirou gets up and gives the ticket to the conductor, who punches a hole. The lights in the car flicker before going out and turning back on. Rengoku opens his eyes.]

Tanjirou Ah...

(Thoughts) What is this? There's a horrible scent!

**Conductor** Thank you... very much.

[Action: Rengoku gets up and prepares to fight.]

**Rengoku** Mr. Conductor... You could get hurt, so please step back.

As this is an emergency, please overlook the fact that I have a sword.

[Action: The lights flicker. A demon appears when they stop.]

**Demon** Grr...

Man Eek!

Zenitsu Eek!

Men Ahhh... Ahh...!

Tanjirou Ngh...!

**Rengoku** Was it a Blood Demon Art that hid that massive body? I had a hard time detecting you.

But if you bare your fangs at innocent people...

[Action: Rengoku draws his sword.]

**Rengoku** ... my bright red Flame Blade will burn you to the bone!

**Demon** Urahhh!!

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) Flame Breathing... First Form!

**Demon** Grr...

[Action: The demon charges at Rengoku. Rengoku launches forward and instantly beheads the demon.]

Rengoku (Thoughts) Unknowing Fire!

[Action: The demon's body explodes.]

**Tanjirou** Amazing. He sliced off the demon's head with one blow...

**Rengoku** There's still one more. Come with me!

[Action: Rengoku heads toward the next train car.]

Zenitsu Huh?!

[Action: Tanjirou and Inosuke run after Rengoku.]

Inosuke All right!

Zenitsu Huh?!

D-Don't leave me behind!

[Action: Zenitsu follows after Tanjirou and Inosuke. Passengers flee from the next train car as a demon stands between the seats.]

Passengers Ahh!

Man Ah... Ahh... Wah!

**Demon** Urahhh!

Man Ahhh!

**Rengoku** You will not lay a finger on that man!

**Demon** Urahhh...

[Action: Tanjirou and Inosuke run in front to give Rengoku backup.]

Inosuke Ngh!

**Rengoku** Didn't you hear me? I said I'm your opponent.

**Zenitsu** What the hell is it? It's got long arms!

**Inosuke** All right! First come, first served!

[Action: Inosuke launches himself forward.]

**Tanjirou** Hold up! We gotta save the passenger first!

**Inosuke** It won't matter once I destroy that thing!

[Action: Inosuke leaps up to attack the demon but is blocked by an arm from its side.]

Inosuke Woah! Ngh!

[Action: As the demon is about to attack Inosuke again, Rengoku grabs Inosuke and carries him out of the

way.]

Inosuke Gah!

[Action: Rengoku rushes forward again and grabs the passenger before bringing him to safety.]

**Rengoku** You'll be safe in the back of the train. Go on.

Man Ahh!

[Action: The man goes to the next train car.]

**Rengoku** We're good to go now. Let's finish him off in short order.

**Demon** Grrr... Urahhh!

[Action: The demon rushes forward. Rengoku does the same.]

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) Flame Breathing... Second Form!

(Thoughts) Rising Scorching Sun!

[Action: Rengoku beheads the demon in one move. Its body falters before disintegrating.]

**Tanjirou** Th... Th... That was awesome, Bro! Talk about brilliant sword skills, man!

Please make me your apprentice!

**Rengoku** Fine by me! I'll make a fine swordsman out of you!

Zenitsu Me, too, please!

**Inosuke** Me, three!

Rengoku I'll train all of you!

**Trio** Big Bro Rengoku!

Tanjirou Bro!

Zenitsu Bro!

Inosuke Bro!

**Trio** Big Bro Rengoku!

Rengoku Hahaha! Hahaha!

Trio Yay!

[Action: The lights flicker and go out.]

[Scene: In the real world, on the Mugen Train. Tanjirou, Zenitsu, Inosuke, and Rengoku sleep peacefully. The train conductor runs toward the next train car and falls to his knees.]

Conductor Ah... Ngh...

I did as I was told. I punched their tickets and put them to sleep!

Please! Put me to sleep, too, now! Please let me be reunited with my dead wife and

daughter!

I'm begging you. I'm begging you.

**Enmu** Sure thing.

[Action: Enmu's hand falls from the ceiling.]

Conductor Ah...

**Enmu** You did a good job.

Hehe... Go to sleep.

Conductor Ah!

[Action: Enmu casts his spell, and the conductor loses consciousness.]

**Enmu** Have a nice dream where you can meet your family.

**Recruit 1** Um... What do you want us to do?

**Enmu** Their slumber will grow deeper in a little while. Wait here until then.

Perceptive Demon Slayers sometimes wake up sensing the presence of bloodthirsty

demons. When you tie the ropes, be careful not to touch their bodies.

I will have to stay in the first car for a while. Hang on until everything is ready to go... so

that you can have blissful dreams.

Recruits Okay.

[Scene: In Tanjirou's dream. Tanjirou, still in his Demon Slayer Corps uniform, trudges through the snow in the forest near his childhood home.]

Tanjirou Ah!

[Action: Tanjirou grabs the hilt of his sword.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) What's going on? What happened?!

[Action: Tanjirou draws his sword and looks around.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Calm down. Calm down! You have to calm down.

Ngh...

[Action: Tanjirou hears a footstep behind him.]

Tanjirou Ah...!

Shigeru Hm? Hey!

Hanako It's Big Bro!

Shigeru Welcome home, Big Bro!

**Hanako** Did you sell the charcoal?

**Tanjirou** Ahh...

[Action: Tanjirou drops his sword and runs to Hanako and Shigeru. He tackles them in a hug.]

Hanako,

Ahh!

Shigeru

[Action: Tanjirou begins to sob.]

Hanako,

Ahh...

Shigeru

Hanako

Big Bro?

[Action: Tanjirou raises his head and is now dressed in his normal civilian clothing. He hugs Hanako and Shigeru closer and sobs loudly.]

**Tanjirou** 

Ngh... Ahh... Wahhh!

Hanako,

Ah...

Shigeru

Tanjirou

I'm sorry! I'm sorry!

Hanako,

Ahh...

Shigeru

Tanjirou

I'm so sorry! Wahhh!

[Scene: In the real world. Enmu stands on the cab.]

Enmu

To be able to die while dreaming... Just how lucky are you?

It doesn't matter how powerful a Demon Slayer you are. A human's driving force is the

heart, the spirit.

[Action: Enmu's hand reattaches to his body.]

Enmu

All you have to do is destroy the spiritual core. You can kill them just like that!

All human hearts are the same. So fragile and weak, like glasswork.

[Scene: Inside the Mugen Train. Enmu's recruits tie the ropes around their respective Demon Slayers'

wrists.]

Recruit 2

Do we tie ourselves to them by the wrist?

**Recruit 1** That's right. Don't forget what he warned us about.

**Recruit 4** Take a deep, slow breath... while you count.

(Thoughts) Do that, and you'll fall asleep.

(Thoughts) One... Two... Three... Four... Five... Six...

[Scene: In Tanjirou's dream. Tanjirou and his family have gathered back at his house.]

**Hanako** And then, we were surprised because Big Bro suddenly burst into tears!

**Takeo** What a weirdo! Hahahaha!

**Kie** Oh my... You must be exhausted.

**Tanjirou** It's not such a big deal, okay? I'm fine.

[Action: Kie cups Tanjirou's face with her hands.]

Tanjirou Ah...

**Kie** You don't have a fever, do you?

Take it easy and get some rest today, okay?

**Tanjirou** I'm all right.

**Kie** Are you sure?

[Action: Shigeru grabs a sheet from Hanako.]

Shigeru Ngh... Hehehehe!

**Hanako** Ah... You come back here!

[Action: Shigeru wraps Tanjirou in the sheet.]

Shigeru Ngh! Gotcha!

Tanjirou Ahh...!

**Hanako** What do you think you're doing?

Shigeru Hahahaha!

Tanjirou Hey! Ngh...

**Hanako** Hey! You stop that right now!

**Tanjirou** It seems like... I was having a bad dream or something.

[Scene: In the real world. Enmu continues to ride on the cab of the train.]

**Enmu** Falling deeper into sleep, deep in their dreams...

Forget to breathe, deep in their dreams...

And even if a demon comes, deep in their dreams...

Even in the stomach, deep in their dreams...

Looks like fun. You're starting to have a happy dream, aren't you?

Fufufu...

You are falling... You are falling... into a dream.

It's a deep slumber.

They can... no longer awaken.

[Scene: In Zenitsu's dream. Zenitsu runs hand-in-hand with Nezuko through a peach orchard.]

**Zenitsu** This way! The peaches over here taste great!

And there are tons of white clovers in bloom! I'll make you a chaplet!

I can make these really great-looking ones... Nezuko!

**Nezuko** Yes! Make a lot, okay... Zenitsu!

Zenitsu Ahh... Yahoo!

There's a river along the way, but it's shallow, so you'll be okay, right?

**Nezuko** A river?

[Action: Nezuko stops in her tracks.]

**Nezuko** What am I going to do, Zenitsu? I can't swim.

**Zenitsu** I-l'll just carry you on my back and jump right over the river!

Not even your toes will get wet, Nezuko!

[Action: Zenitsu kneels down, and Nezuko gets on his back.]

Zenitsu Ngh...

[Action: Zenitsu rushes forward and over the rocks near the river.]

**Zenitsu** Just leave it to me!

Let's go~!

Nezuko Hehehel!

**Zenitsu**, Hehehehel!

Nezuko

[Scene: In Inosuke's dream. Inosuke marches through a cave with Nezuko, who is dressed in a bunny suit.]

**Inosuke** Expedition Team! Expedition Team! We're the Cave Expedition Team!

Expedition Team! Expedition Team! We're the Cave Expedition Team!

Expedition Team! Expedition Team!

[Action: Tanjirou, who looks like a raccoon dog, and Zenitsu, who looks like a mouse, appear.]

Tanjirou Boss!

Zenitsu Boss!

Inosuke What's up, Underling 1 and Underling 2?

**Tanjirou** I can smell the master of this cave over there, pompoko!

**Zenitsu** And I can hear it breathing as it sleeps, squeak!

[Action: The Mugen Train, which looks like a train with centipede legs, sleeps nearby.]

**Inosuke** Here he is!

All right, let's go! Showdown!

Tanjirou,

Roger that, Boss!

Zenitsu

[Action: Nezuko ponders on the sidelines.]

Nezuko Mmm...

**Inosuke** Hey, you! Come with me, Underling 3!

Come over here! Look!

Nezuko Mm?

**Inosuke** I'll give you these sparkly acorns! Come on!

Let's go!!

Tanjirou,

Hey~!

Zenitsu

Nezuko Mm!

[Scene: In the real world. Tanjirou's group and Rengoku continue to sleep.]

Inosuke Haha... Ha...

Zenitsu Fufu... Fufufu...

Inosuke Fufu... Fu...

Zenitsu Hehe... Hehehe...

[Scene: In Rengoku's dream. Rengoku wakes up in his father's room in the Rengoku residence.]

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) Hm? Why did I come here?

[Action: Rengoku moves his hand and hits his sword.]

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) Oh, right. To report to my father... that I've become a Hashira.

[Action: Rengoku reports to Shinjurou that he has become a Hashira.]

**Shinjurou** So what if you've become a Hashira?

Worthless. It means nothing. You're not going to amount to anything anyway. Neither you... nor I.

[Action: Rengoku exits his father's room and walks toward Senjurou's room.]

**Senjurou** Ah... Brother.

Was our father pleased to hear your news?

Do you think our father will acknowledge me if I become a Hashira, too?

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) He wasn't always like that.

(Thoughts) After all, he did rise to the rank of Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He was a passionate man, yet... one day, out of the blue, he quit being a swordsman. Suddenly.

(Thoughts) The man who'd raised us both with such enthusiasm... Why?

(Thoughts) It's pointless to think about such things, so stop.

(Thoughts) Senjurou is even worse off.

(Thoughts) He barely has any memories of our mother, who died of illness when he was very young, and just look at the state our father is in.

[Action: Rengoku steps toward Senjurou, holds his arms, and kneels in front of him.]

**Rengoku** I'm going to be honest. Our father wasn't happy to hear it. He told me that it meant nothing.

But that's not enough to extinguish my passion! This flame inside my heart will never go out!

I'll never give in! And Senjurou...

[Action: Rengoku takes his brother's hands in his.]

**Rengoku** ... you're not like me.

You have a big brother... who believes in his little brother.

[Action: Senjurou begins to cry.]

**Rengoku** No matter what path you take, you're going to become a fine human being!

Keep that burning passion inside your heart! Let's do our best!

[Action: Rengoku and Senjurou hug.]

**Rengoku** Let's do our best and live on! No matter how lonely it gets.

[Scene: In the real world. Tanjirou's group and Rengoku continue to sleep. Enmu rides on the cab.]

**Enmu** Looking good. Those ropes that I created are used for a special technique that allows one

to invade the dreams of whoever you're tethered to.

I always fight with the utmost caution.

Once you're asleep, Hashira or not, you're no different from a baby.

I'll enjoy the feast after killing the Demon Slayers.

[Scene: In Rengoku's dream. Rengoku watches Senjurou swing his sword.]

**Rengoku** There's no need to swing in such a hurry. Relax your shoulders.

[Action: One of Enmu's recruits watches Rengoku and Senjurou practice from around the corner of the

house.]

**Senjurou** Like this?

**Rengoku** That's right.

**Recruit 1** Close call. He's right there.

[Action: Enmu's recruit runs around in Rengoku's dream.]

**Recruit 1** (Thoughts) I have to make sure he doesn't see me!

(Thoughts) I have to hurry to the edge of the dream!

(Thoughts) Hurry!

**Enmu** (Flashback) The dream world I show them isn't infinite.

(Flashback) It's circular, with the dreamer in its center.

(Flashback) The realm of the subconscious exists just outside the dream, where you'll find the spiritual core.

(Flashback) That's what you must destroy.

(Flashback) Do that, and the dreamer will become crippled.

[Action: Enmu's recruit feels around in the air for the edge of the dream. Her hand hits an invisible wall.]

**Recruit 1** Ah! There it is!

The scenery doesn't end here, but you can't go any further.

[Action: Enmu's recruit pulls out an ice pick.]

**Recruit 1** (Thoughts) I'll destroy his spiritual core right away...

[Action: Enmu's recruit stabs the ice pick into the edge of the dream.]

Recruit 1 Ngh!

(Thoughts) ... and then, I'll get to see a happy dream myself!

Ugh... Ngh!

[Action: Enmu's recruit tears a hole in the dream, revealing Rengoku's subconscious on fire. She steps inside.]

**Recruit 1** What an odd realm of the subconscious.

It's hot. It's burning up.

I have to hurry.

[Action: The recruit finds Rengoku's spiritual core.]

Recruit 1 Ah!

I found it! The spiritual core!

I've never seen a red one before.

All I have to do is destroy this and... it'll be my turn to...!

[Action: Enmu's recruit prepares to stab Rengoku's spiritual core. In the real world, Rengoku grabs her neck and begins to choke her.]

## Recruit 1 Ngh!

Ahh...!

Gah... Ngh... Ngh!

Gah! Ngh...

Ngh... Ugh...

(Thoughts) I thought humans couldn't move while they were under a spell.

Ngh!

(Thoughts) What a strong survival instinct he has!

[Scene: In Tanjirou's dream. Kie prepares to make rice crackers while Tanjirou plays with Rokuta in the kitchen.]

**Kie** I'm going to make your favorite rice crackers today, Tanjirou.

**Tanjirou** Yay!

Rokuta Ah...

**Kie** I'll start breaking old rice cakes first.

**Tanjirou** It's our lucky day, Rokuta! Rice crackers!

[Action: Takeo opens the door to the kitchen.]

**Takeo** No fair! Big Bro's not the only one who likes rice crackers!

Hanako I like them, too!

Shigeru Me, too!

**Kie** Then let's eat them together, okay? Can you get the grill ready for me?

Children Okay!

**Takeo** I'll crush them up in the grinding bowl!

**Hanako** Okay, I'll be in charge of flipping them over, then!

Shigeru Me, too!

[Action: One of Enmu's recruits stands near a tree in the forest near Tanjirou's house.]

**Tanjirou** Okay, then I'll be in charge of eating them!

Children No fair!

[Scene: Sometime later. Tanjirou goes out to cut firewood.]

Tanjirou Ngh... Ngh... Ngh...

[Action: Tanjirou puts his pack of firewood back on.]

**Tanjirou** There...

Nezuko, let's go.

[Action: Tanjirou looks back at the pack of firewood on his back.]

Tanjirou Ah...

What did I just say?

[Action: Tanjirou returns home.]

Tanjirou I'm back!

**Kie** Welcome home, Tanjirou.

**Tanjirou** Yeah, I'm home!

[Action: Tanjirou steps into the room with his siblings.]

**Takeo** Welcome home, Big Bro!

Tanjirou Heh...

Huh? Where's Nezuko?

**Takeo** Big Sis went up the mountain to pick vegetables.

**Tanjirou** Huh? In broad daylight?

Takeo Huh?

**Hanako** She's not supposed to?

**Tanjirou** Ahh... Uh, well... Huh?

**Kie** Tanjirou? Could you get the bath ready? I'm going to be busy with this for a while.

[Action: Tanjirou goes to fetch water from the river.]

**Tanjirou** I keep saying all these strange things.

Am I tired maybe?

[Action: Tanjirou sees Nezuko's box in the corner of his vision.]

Tanjirou Ah...

[Action: Tanjirou turns to look at the box, but it's gone.]

**Tanjirou** Huh? It's gone.

[Action: Tanjirou continues on to get water.]

**Tanjirou** I wonder what that was for just a split second.

A toolbox, perhaps?

I guess my eyes were playing tricks on me.

[Action: Tanjirou dips the bucket into the river. His reflection yells at him.]

**Tanjirou** "Wake up!"

"Wake up!"

[Action: Tanjirou falls into the river.]

**Tanjirou** "Wake up. You're under attack!"

"It's a dream! This is a dream! Wake up now!"

(Thoughts) I see... That's right, I'm... on board the train!

"Wake up and fight! Fight!!"

[Action: Tanjirou is blasted back out of the water.]

[Scene: Sometime later. Tanjirou is back in his childhood home for dinner.]

**Takeo** Big Bro, give me your pickled radishes!

**Hanako** No, you don't! You stop it right now!

Why are you always taking food away from Big Bro?

**Takeo** What's your problem?

**Hanako** You just had seconds!

Takeo, Grr...

Hanako

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) No good! I'm not awake yet! I'm still inside a dream!

(Thoughts) How can I get out of it? Now that I've realized that it's a dream...!

(Thoughts) What am I supposed to do?

[Scene: In the real world. Nezuko falls out of her box.]

Nezuko Mm...

Mm?

[Action: Nezuko sees Rengoku holding Enmu's recruit up by her neck.]

Nezuko Mm...

[Action: Nezuko sees Zenitsu sleeping soundly.]

Nezuko Mm...

[Action: Nezuko looks down at Tanjirou, who is breathing heavily in his sleep.]

**Tanjirou** I have to wake up...

[Action: Nezuko tries to shake Tanjirou awake.]

Nezuko Mm, mm-mm...

Mmm...

[Action: Nezuko takes Tanjirou's hand and pets her own head with it.]

Nezuko Mm...

Tanjirou Ah... Ahh...

Nezuko Mmm... Ngh!

[Action: Nezuko headbutts Tanjirou, but she only gets a wound on her forehead and bleeds. She begins to cry.]

Nezuko Mm... Mm... Mmm!

[Action: Nezuko uses her Blood Demon Art to start a fire.]

[Scene: In Tanjirou's dream. Tanjirou's wrist catches on fire before spreading to his body.]

Takeo Ahh...!

Hanako Big Bro!

What should we do? The fire is...!

Takeo Big Bro!

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) It's Nezuko's scent... It's Nezuko's blood!

(Thoughts) Nezuko... Nezuko!

[Action: Tanjirou stands up. He's consumed by Nezuko's fire and reappears in his Demon Slayer Corps uniform.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) My uniform... My Nichirin sword... I'm waking up! Little by little... Little by

little!

Takeo Big Bro?

**Hanako** Big Bro, are you all right?

Shigeru Big Bro?

**Tanjirou** Sorry. I have to go.

(Thoughts) I have to hurry back!

I'm sorry.

Takeo Big Bro!

Rokuta Ah...

Hanako Big Bro!

Shigeru Big Bro!

[Action: Tanjirou runs out of his house and into the forest.]

Tanjirou Ngh!

(Thoughts) If the demon who's showing me this dream is nearby... I have to find him and

slash him right away!

(Thoughts) Where is he? I have to hurry!

Ngh...

**Nezuko** Where are you going, Big Bro?

[Action: Tanjirou nearly stumbles and stops in his tracks. Nezuko appears as a human as she carries a

basket of vegetables.]

**Nezuko** I picked lots of vegetables today!

Tanjirou Ah...

[Action: The rest of Tanjirou's family catches up to him.]

Shigeru Mom! This way!

**Hanako** Big Bro was on fire all of a sudden!

Nezuko Mom?

**Kie** Tanjirou, are you all right?

Hanako Big Bro...

Takeo Ngh...

**Kie** What's the matter, Tanjirou? Why are you dressed like that?

**Tanjirou** Ahh... I wish I could stay here... forever.

(Thoughts) I wish I could turn around and go back.

(Thoughts) In reality, I should've been living like this forever. Right here.

(Thoughts) In reality, everyone should be alive and well now. And Nezuko should've lived

in the sunlight, under the blue sky.

Nezuko Ahh...

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) In reality... In reality... I should be here making charcoal every day. I never

would've laid a hand on a sword!

(Thoughts) In reality... In reality...!

Rokuta Ngh... Ah... Ahh...

[Action: Tanjirou continues forward.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) But I've lost them now. I can never go back!

[Action: Tanjirou runs toward the forest. Rokuta begins running after him.]

**Rokuta** Big Bro! Don't leave us behind!

Ngh!

[Action: Rokuta trips and falls in the snow. Tanjirou cries as he runs ahead.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Sorry... I'm sorry, Rokuta!

(Thoughts) We can't be together anymore. But I'll always be thinking of you, okay? I'll be

thinking of all of you!

(Thoughts) There are lots of things to thank you for. Lots of things to be sorry for!

(Thoughts) But I will never forget you! No matter what, my heart will always be with you! So please... forgive me!

**Recruit 4** I have to destroy his spiritual core right away.

[Action: Enmu's recruit stabs his ice pick into the edge of the dream, revealing Tanjirou's clear subconscious. He steps inside.]

Recruit 4 Ahh...

(Thoughts) So this is the inside of his heart?

(Thoughts) How can it be so beautiful? It's so endlessly vast... and... also warm.

[Scene: In Inosuke's subconscious. One of Enmu's recruits climbs up a rocky wall.]

Recruit 2 Ngh... Urgh... Ugh...

Where the heck is his spiritual core?

Haa... What's with this realm of the subconscious?

Ngh... And that creepy naked boar... Seriously, this is insane.

[Action: A ravenous Inosuke appears behind Enmu's recruit.]

Inosuke Urahhh!

Recruit 2 Huh?!

[Action: Enmu's recruit runs away from Inosuke as he chases her around his subconscious.]

Recruit 2 Ahh! Ah... Ahhh!

What are you doing in the realm of the subconscious?! You stupid naked boar!

Ngh... Ugh... Ahhh!

[Action: Enmu's recruit jumps into the air. Inosuke jumps after her.]

Inosuke Urahhh!

Recruit 2 No~!!

[Scene: In Zenitsu's subconscious. One of Enmu's recruits feels around in the dark.]

Recruit 3 Ngh... It's pitch black.

It's pitch black, and I can't see a thing.

Dammit... What's with that blond brat's realm of subconsciousness?

Do I have to grope around to find his spiritual core? You've gotta be kidding me.

[Action: A sound of a pair of large shears echoes through the darkness.]

**Recruit 3** What was that?

Huh?

[Action: Zenitsu appears next to Enmu's recruit with the large pair of shears.]

Recruit 3 Urk!

Ah...

**Zenitsu** What the hell is a guy doing in here? Damn you, parasite!

Recruit 3 Ah!

**Zenitsu** No one is allowed in here except Nezuko...

[Action: Zenitsu looks Enmu's recruit in the eye.]

Zenitsu I'm so going to kill you.

Recruit 3 Ahhh!

[Action: Enmu's recruit tries to run, but Zenitsu follows right behind him.]

**Zenitsu** Where's Nezuko?

**Recruit 3** Wh-Who the heck knows?!

**Zenitsu** All right, then... die!

[Action: Zenitsu attacks Enmu's recruit with the large pair of shears.]

Recruit 3 Ahhh! No~!!

Zenitsu Urahhh!

[Scene: In the real world. Enmu rides on the cab of the Mugen Train.]

**Enmu** They're having trouble, aren't they?

I wonder why. They haven't destroyed any of the spiritual cores yet.

Oh well... I guess it doesn't matter, since they're buying me some time.

[Scene: In Tanjirou's dream. Tanjirou trudges through the snow in the forest to search for a way out.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Not here. I can smell a demon, even faintly.

(Thoughts) What is this, though? It's like there's a film over everything!

(Thoughts) There's a faint demon scent everywhere! I can't tell the exact location!

I have to hurry!

Nezuko is bleeding! If everyone else is asleep, we're in big trouble!

(Thoughts) What should I do?

(Thoughts) Am I unable to use Total Concentration Breathing now? Am I just asleep right

now?

**Tanjuurou** Tanjirou...

**Tanjirou** Ah!

[Action: A strong wind blows. An image of Tanjuurou appears behind Tanjirou.]

**Tanjuurou** Take up your sword.

There's something you must cut.

[Action: A strong wind blows again, and the image of Tanjuurou disappears.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) There's something... I must cut.

[Action: Tanjirou draws his sword.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) There's something I must cut... in order to wake up.

(Thoughts) I think I know what it is. But what if I'm wrong?

(Thoughts) If what happens in this dream has an effect on reality, too... there'll be no going back.

Ngh...

(Thoughts) Don't hesitate! Do it! You have to do it!

[Action: Tanjirou aims the sword at his neck.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) My death in this dream will lead me to reality! In other words... what I have to

cut is... my own neck!

Urahhh!!

[Action: Tanjirou cuts into his neck. His blood splatters on the ground.]

[Scene: In the real world. Tanjirou wakes up suddenly.]

Tanjirou Ahhh!!

[Action: Tanjirou grabs his neck and pants heavily. His hand trembles.]

**Tanjirou** I'm all right. I'm alive.

Nezuko Mmm...

Tanjirou Ah... Nezuko!

Nezuko Mm!

[Action: Nezuko covers her forehead with her hands.]

**Tanjirou** Are you okay?!

Nezuko Mm...

Tanjirou Nezuko... Ah...

[Action: Tanjirou sees that Zenitsu, Inosuke, and Rengoku are still sleeping.]

**Tanjirou** Zenitsu... Inosuke... Rengoku!

Huh?

[Action: Tanjirou notices Rengoku choking Enmu's recruit.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Who are these people? They're all connected by the wrists with ropes.

(Thoughts) Rope...

Ah...

[Action: Tanjirou notices the rope on his wrist, which was burned away by Nezuko's flame.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) What's this? It's burned off. Nezuko's burning blood did it?

(Thoughts) It's faint, but I'm picking up a demon's scent, too!

[Action: Tanjirou sniffs the rope.]

**Tanjirou** This smell... The ticket!

[Action: Tanjirou pulls out his ticket and inspects it.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) I knew it. It's giving off a faint demon smell, too.

(Thoughts) We were put to sleep when our tickets were punched. This must be a

demon's work!

(Thoughts) Did he unleash such a potent Blood Demon Art using just this faint scent?

(Thoughts) I don't know why... but I have a feeling that I shouldn't sever this rope with my

Nichirin sword.

Nezuko! Do me a favor! I want you to burn off everyone's ropes!

**Nezuko** Mm.

[Action: Nezuko burns Zenitsu's and Inosuke's ropes. Tanjirou tries to shake Zenitsu awake.]

**Tanjirou** Zenitsu! Wake up!

Wake up, Zenitsu! You have to wake up!

Ah...

[Action: Zenitsu remains asleep. Tanjirou tries to wake Inosuke up.]

**Tanjirou** Wake up, Inosuke! Please!

[Action: Inosuke remains asleep.]

Tanjirou Inosuke...

Nezuko Mm-mmm!

Tanjirou Ah...

[Action: Tanjirou pets Nezuko on the head.]

**Tanjirou** There, there...

Nezuko Mmm...

**Tanjirou** Sorry, okay?

Thanks. You did a great job, Nezuko.

(Thoughts) It's no good. These two won't wake up. What can I do?

Rengoku --

Recruit 1 Urah!

[Action: Enmu's recruit tries to slice at Tanjirou with her ice pick. Tanjirou grabs Nezuko protectively and dodges the attack.]

**Tanjirou** What are you doing?!

(Thoughts) Is a demon controlling her?

**Recruit 1** Get out of our way! Thanks to you guys, we won't be able to have dreams!

**Tanjirou** Ah...

[Action: Enmu's second recruit joins the first with her ice pick.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Is she acting out of her own free will?

[Action: Enmu's third recruit wakes up and grabs his ice pick.]

Recruit 3 Ngh...

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) This man, too?

Ngh...

**Recruit 1** What do you think you're doing? If you're awake, you'd better help us out!

You may have tuberculosis or whatever, but if you don't do your job, I'm going to tell him, and then he won't show you any dreams, you hear me?!

[Action: Enmu's fourth recruit stands up.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Is he the one who was connected to me?

(Thoughts) Tuberculosis... He's sick. Poor man.

(Thoughts) What this demon did is unforgivable. He took advantage of their weak souls!

Sorry. I have to go fight.

[Action: Tanjirou runs toward Enmu's recruits.]

Recruit 3 Ah...

[Action: Tanjirou chops the back of the recruit's neck with his hand.]

Recruit 3 Gah!

[Action: Tanjirou knocks out Enmu's second recruit.]

Recruit 2 Ngh!

Recruit 1 Ah... Ahh... Ahh!

[Action: Enmu's recruit charges at Tanjirou. He dodges the attack and knocks her out.]

Recruit 1 Ngh...

**Tanjirou** You want to stay inside a happy dream, don't you?

I know. I wanted to stay inside my dream, too.

If only this was the dream...

[Action: Enmu's fourth recruit faces Tanjirou. Nezuko runs up to Tanjirou and hugs him.]

Tanjirou Ah...

Nezuko Mmm...

**Recruit 4** (Thoughts) I was willing... to hurt others if it meant I could escape the pain of this illness.

(Thoughts) But it was warm... inside your dream and inside your soul.

[Scene: In the past, in Tanjirou's dream. Enmu's recruit is being guided by parts of Tanjirou's soul.]

**Recruit 4** (Flashback) These must be the incarnations of this boy's soul.

(Flashback) The air is so clear, and it feels good.

[Action: Enmu's recruit stands before Tanjirou's spiritual core.]

**Recruit 4** (Flashback) Is that his spiritual core? Why are you showing it to me?

[Action: Tanjirou's soul points to the spiritual core.]

**Recruit 4** (Flashback) Did you bring me here because I was searching for it?

(Flashback) No way! Even though I was trying to destroy it, why would you...

[Scene: In the real world, in the present. Enmu's recruit watches Tanjirou.]

**Recruit 4** (Thoughts) The shining little sprites inside you lit up my heart.

**Tanjirou** Ah... Are you all right?

**Recruit 4** Thank you.

Be careful.

Tanjirou Huh?

Ahh... Right!

Nezuko!

[Action: Tanjirou takes Nezuko's hand and runs with her to the next train car. Enmu's recruit places a hand over his heart.]

Recruit 4 Heh...

[Scene: In the next train car. Tanjirou enters the car but covers his nose.]

Tanjirou Ngh!

(Thoughts) The smell is overpowering!

(Thoughts) So heavy... The demon's scent is so strong even in this strong wind!

(Thoughts) Was I asleep in such an awful scent?

(Thoughts) Even if each car was closed off and airtight, I can't believe I was!

(Thoughts) I was useless!

[Action: Tanjirou looks out from the boarding platform of the train.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) The demon is upwind. Is he in the first car?

Ngh!

[Action: Tanjirou flips onto the roof of the train car.]

**Tanjirou** Nezuko, don't come! Stay away from me and wait! Go wake everyone up!

[Action: Tanjirou heads toward the front of the train and sees Enmu standing on a train car.]

**Tanjirou** Ah...

**Enmu** Oh? You're awake? Good morning!

You could've stayed asleep.

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) It was him!

**Enmu** Why did you wake up?

Didn't I show you a sweet dream? I could've shown you a dream where your family was

being slaughtered.

Would you have liked that one better? No, of course not. Too distressing, right?

Tanjirou Ah...

**Enmu** All right, next... why don't I show you a dream where your father comes back to life?

[Action: Tanjirou grits his teeth and prepares to fight.]

Tanjirou Grr...

**Enmu** Fufufu...

(Thoughts) What I really love... is to show people nightmares right after happy dreams.

(Thoughts) I just adore the sight of a distorted human face.

(Thoughts) I get such a kick out of that! How enthralling is it to gaze at someone shattered by misfortune, suffering, and flailing?

(Thoughts) But I don't let my guard down, so it may take longer, but I'll make sure to kill Demon Slayers.

(Thoughts) I mixed my blood with the ink on the tickets. Once the conductor punches them, creating clamp marks... the spell activates.

(Thoughts) And yet... how did this one manage to wake up? And he found the way to wake up in a short time.

(Thoughts) Even though the human desire for blissful dreams, for self-serving dreams...

... is so enormous!

**Tanjirou** Don't you dare intrude on my soul!

[Action: Tanjirou draws his sword.]

**Tanjirou** I won't let you... get away with this!

**Enmu** (Thoughts) What's that? I see he's wearing earrings.

Heh... How lucky is that? So he came right to me!

This is like a dream! Now I can receive even more blood from Master Muzan!

And once I become more powerful, I'll challenge an Upper Rank demon to a duel to

replace him!

**Tanjirou** Water Breathing... Tenth Form... Constant Flux!

Enmu Blood Demon Art...

Hehe~!

[Action: Tanjirou launches forward.]

**Enmu** Whispers of Forced Unconscious Hypnosis.

Go to sleep!

[Action: Tanjirou is hit with Enmu's spell. He begins to fall backward but wakes up.]

Tanjirou Ngh!

**Enmu** (Thoughts) He's not falling asleep.

[Action: Tanjirou slashes at Enmu. He dodges backward.]

**Enmu** Go to sleep.

[Action: Tanjirou is hit with Enmu's spell again. He begins to fall off the train but wakes up again.]

Tanjirou Ngh!

**Enmu** Go to sleep.

[Action: Tanjirou falls asleep again but wakes up immediately.]

**Tanjirou** Ngh!

**Enmu** Go to sleep! Go to sleep!

Tanjirou Urgh!

**Enmu** Go to sleep!!

(Thoughts) It's not working. But why?

(Thoughts) No, that's not what this is. He's... He's falling under the spell over and over!

[Action: Tanjirou slashes at Enmu. Enmu dodges the attacks. He hits Tanjirou with his spell again.]

**Enmu** (Thoughts) He's aware that he's under the spell right away... and he's committing suicide

in order to awaken!

[Action: Tanjirou wakes up.]

Tanjirou Ngh!

[Action: Tanjirou attacks Enmu, but Enmu continues to dodge his attacks.]

**Enmu** (Thoughts) Even if it's in the middle of a dream, to commit suicide... to take his own life

with his own hands... takes incredible willpower!

(Thoughts) This brat...

Tanjirou Urahh!

**Enmu** (Thoughts) ... is insane!

[Action: Enmu activates his spell again.]

[Scene: In Tanjirou's dream. Tanjirou sees Rokuta crying as the rest of his family lies dead in his house.]

**Rokuta** Why didn't you save us?

[Action: Takeo pushes Tanjirou.]

Takeo Ngh!

What were you doing while we were being murdered?

[Action: Hanako grabs Tanjirou's sleeve.]

**Hanako** How could you be the only one to survive?

[Scene: In Tanjuurou's room. Tanjuurou rests in bed and throws a cup at Tanjirou.]

**Tanjuurou** Why do you think you were here? You're so useless!

[Scene: In Tanjirou's house. Tanjirou stands among his dead family members.]

**Kie** It should've been you that died. How dare you go on living without a care.

Tanjirou Grr...

[Scene: On the top of the Mugen Train. Tanjirou runs toward Enmu.]

**Tanjirou** There's no way they'd ever say that! Not ever! Not in my family!

Don't you dare... insult my family!

[Action: Tanjirou attacks Enmu and beheads him with one attack. Enmu's body falls.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) That was way too easy.

(Thoughts) Could this be a dream, too? Or was this demon weaker than him?

**Enmu** I can totally see why... he ordered me to kill you, the boy with the earrings... along with

the Hashira!

[Action: A puddle of flesh appears under Enmu's head. His head rises into the air at the end of the mass.]

**Enmu** Your very existence, like... couldn't be more irritating, you know!

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) He's not dead?!

**Enmu** Oh, that look on your face is so delightful!

That's the look I've been waiting to see! Fufufu...

You want to know why I'm not dead after you decapitated me, don't you?

Fine, since I'm feeling so ecstatic right now.

It's so easy that even an infant would understand. Fufufu...

It's because the body over there is no longer my main body.

Same with this thing that's talking to you now. It merely looks like my head, but it's not.

While you were snoozing away, I fused with this train!

Every inch of this train has become my blood, my flesh, and my bones!

Fufufu! Look at your face!

Are you getting it now? In other words, the more than 200 passengers on this train are

the food that will strengthen my body even more... as well as my hostages.

So, do you think you can protect them by yourself? All these people packing this train from one end to another... Can you alone keep me from devouring them?

Tanjirou Ngh...!

Enmu Fufufufu!

[Action: Tanjirou runs forward to attack Enmu's head, but his head retreats into the train.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) What should I do? What should I do?!

(Thoughts) The most I can protect on my own is two cars! Any more than that, and I can't

guarantee their safety!

Rengoku! Zenitsu! Inosuke!

This is no time to be sleeping! Wake up, will you?! Please!

[Action: Tanjirou begins running toward the back of the train.]

**Tanjirou** Nezuko! Protect the sleeping passengers!

[Action: Nezuko uses her Blood Demon Art to wake Inosuke up.]

Inosuke Ah...

[Action: Inosuke begins to hit the roof of the train car.]

Inosuke Ngh! Urah! Urah! All right!

[Action: Inosuke bursts through the roof of the train.]

Tanjirou Ah!

Inosuke Follow me, damn minions! All right!

**Explosive Awakening!** 

Comin' through! Lord Inosuke is comin' through!

**Tanjirou** Inosuke! It's not safe anywhere on this train anymore!

[Action: Enmu's flesh begins to seep from the train car walls.]

**Tanjirou** We have to protect the sleeping passengers! This whole train has turned into a demon!

Can you hear me?! This whole train is a demon!

Inosuke Huh?

I knew it. So, I was right on the money. That means I was a total stud as a leader!

[Action: Enmu's flesh begins to encroach on the passengers. Inosuke reenters the train car.]

**Inosuke** Beast Breathing, Fifth Fang! Crazy Cutting!

[Action: Inosuke cuts through Enmu's flesh.]

**Inosuke** I'll save every last one of you guys! Fall onto your knees and worship me! Glorify me!

Lord Inosuke Hashibira is comin' through!

**Tanjirou** I have to go save the passengers.

If Inosuke can hold down the fort here, I should go on ahead!

[Action: Enmu's flesh seeps from all the walls of the train.]

Tanjirou Ah...

[Action: The entire train becomes covered in Enmu's flesh. Tanjirou kicks in a window and enters a train

car.]

Tanjirou Ngh!

Ah...

It's gone this far already?

[Action: Enmu's flesh tentacles move toward Tanjirou.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Water Breathing, First Form! Water Surface Slash!

[Action: Tanjirou cuts down the flesh tentacles, but more come out from the train.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) No good. This is never going to end! How am I supposed to fend it off?

**Enmu** (Thoughts) Fufufufu... Damn Demon Slayers, scurrying around inside me.

(Thoughts) You can cut all you want, but I'll just keep regenerating. And then, after all your strength is depleted, I'm going to partake of those 200 passengers in a leisurely feast.

[Scene: In another train car. Nezuko's body grows larger as she prepares to protect the passengers.]

Nezuko Mm!

[Action: Enmu's flesh tentacles move toward Nezuko. She begins her defence.]

Nezuko Mm... Mm!

Grr! Ngh!

Mmm...

Ngh!

Ngh... Ngh... Ngh!

Mm! Ngh!

[Action: One of Enmu's tentacles encircles a passenger. Nezuko reaches out for him but is too far away.]

Nezuko Ngh!

[Action: Enmu's tentacle wraps around Nezuko's arm.]

Nezuko Ngh... Ngh!

[Action: Nezuko moves to cut Enmu's tentacle, but another wraps around her other arm.]

Nezuko Ngh... Ngh... Ngh...

[Action: Two more tentacles wrap around Nezuko's legs and squeeze.]

Nezuko Mm... Ngh...!

[Action: Zenitsu, who is still asleep, unleashes an attack from the back of the train and cuts the tentacles away from Nezuko.]

**Zenitsu** (Thoughts) Thunder Breathing... First Form. Thunderclap and Flash!

[Action: Zenitsu unleashes another attack and cuts the tentacles away from the other passengers.]

**Zenitsu** (Thoughts) Sixfold.

Nezuko... I'll protect you!

Nezuko Mm...

Zenitsu Protect...

[Action: Zenitsu falls asleep again.]

Nezuko Mm...

[Scene: In Tanjirou's train car. Tanjirou hears the sound of thunder.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) That sounded like thunder. From one of the cars in the back? What's going

on?

(Thoughts) Is Zenitsu awake now? What about Rengoku? And Nezuko?

[Action: Tanjirou continues to guard the passengers.]

**Tanjirou** Ngh! Urah!

(Thoughts) I can't do anything but protect the people here!

(Thoughts) This is bad! What should I do? We can't fight in coordination!

(Thoughts) Are the passengers in the back all right?

(Thoughts) Damn! It's so cramped...

Ngh!

(Thoughts) ... and so hard to swing my sword!

[Scene: In another train car. Rengoku assesses the situation.]

**Rengoku** Hmm... To think that all of this happened while I was dozing...

How could this be? I'm ashamed as a Hashira.

If only I could crawl... under a rock!

[Action: Rengoku unleashes an attack and causes an explosion through several train cars.]

Enmu Wh-What happened?

[Action: An explosion occurs, causing the train to jump. Tanjirou is tossed into the air and thrown into a

door.]

Tanjirou Ah... Gah!

(Thoughts) What was that?! A demon attack?!

[Action: Rengoku appears before Tanjirou.]

Rengoku Young Kamado!

Tanjirou Rengoku!

**Rengoku** I was pretty thorough with my slashing attacks on my way here, so it should take the

demon a while to regenerate, but there's no time to lose! I'll keep it short.

Tanjirou Okay!

**Rengoku** This train has eight cars in all. I'll protect the five in the rear. The yellow boy and your

sister will be in charge of the rest. You and the boar head boy will go look for the demon's

head while keeping an eye on those three cars.

**Taniirou** Head? But this demon is --

**Rengoku** No matter what form he's assumed, as long as he's a demon, he's got a head!

I'll be searching for his weak spot as I fight! I want you to show me how gutsy you are!

[Action: Rengoku leaps forward and away to the next train car.]

**Tanjirou** Ah!

(Thoughts) Amazing! I can't even see him! Did the train shake earlier because Rengoku was on the move?

(Thoughts) He's so quick to read the situation and make decisions!

(Thoughts) Five cars, all by himself?

Ah...

(Thoughts) This is no time to be dazzled, idiot! Do what you have to do!

(Thoughts) The demon's scent is getting stronger by the second! Hurry!

[Action: Tanjirou continues toward the front of the train.]

**Tanjirou** Inosuke! Where are you, Inosuke?!

Inosuke Shut up or I'll kill you!

**Tanjirou** Up there, huh?

[Action: Inosuke runs along the top of the train.]

**Inosuke** That guy with the goggle eyes ordered me around! Grahh!

But somehow... Somehow, he was awesome!

I'm so pissed!

**Tanjirou** Inosuke! Keep an eye on the three cars in the front!

**Inosuke** You don't have to tell me!

And by the way, I've found it already! With my all-out Seventh Form, I found this master's

weak spot!

**Tanjirou** You did? So it's in the front, after all?

**Inosuke** That's right, up front! And that front part is a heck of a lot creepier!

[Action: Tanjirou arrives at the entrance to the cab.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) The scent got swept away because the wind is so strong, making it hard to

detect, but if Inosuke says so, there's no doubt about it!

So it's around where the coal is loaded, right?

Inosuke That's right!

**Tanjirou** Understood!

Okay, let's go! To the front!

[Action: Tanjirou hangs off the side of the train.]

Tanjirou Ngh...

[Action: Tanjirou flips over to the top of the train.]

**Inosuke** This is it, huh?

Urahh!

[Action: Inosuke slices through the top of the cab.]

Conductor Ahh...!

Inosuke All right!

[Action: Inosuke jumps into the cab.]

**Conductor** Ahh...

[Action: The debris from the cab flies toward Tanjirou. He dodges it.]

Tanjirou Woah!

Ah...

[Action: The ceiling of the cab begins to regrow.]

Tanjirou Inosuke!

**Inosuke** Fishy, very fishy! Especially around here!

**Conductor** Who the hell are you?! G-Get out of here!

**Inosuke** The demon's head... The demon's...

[Action: Inosuke readies his swords.]

Conductor Ahh...!

Inosuke ... weak spot!

[Action: Many flesh arms reach out toward Inosuke.]

Inosuke Ah...

Gross!

[Action: Inosuke begins cutting at the flesh arms.]

**Inosuke** Get away from me! Shoo... Gah!

[Action: Several of the flesh arms grab Inosuke.]

**Inosuke** Grr! Ah... Ah! That's way too many hands... Gahh...

Uh-oh!

[Action: Tanjirou unleashes an attack on the flesh arms.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Water Breathing, Sixth Form! Whirlpool!

Enmu Ahhh!!

**Tanjirou** Inosuke, are you all right?!

**Inosuke** It's not like you came to my rescue, okay?!

Tanjirou Yeah, I know!

[Action: Tanjirou kneels down.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) It's here... It's right underneath us. Directly below this place, the demon's

scent is powerful!

Inosuke! The demon's head is right below here!

**Inosuke** Don't boss me around! I'm the leader!

**Tanjirou** Fine!

[Action: Inosuke jumps into the air.]

**Inosuke** Just watch!

Beast Breathing, Second Fang!

[Action: Inosuke slices into the floor of the cab.]

Inosuke Slice!

Conductor Ngh...

[Action: A large spine is revealed in the floor of the cab.]

**Tanjirou** Ah...

It's the bone. His neck bone!

(Thoughts) Water Breathing, Eight Form! Waterfall Basin!

[Action: Tanjirou unleashes an attack on the spine, but the attack is blocked by flesh tentacles.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) It blocked it!

[Action: Flesh arms erupt from the neck bone.]

Conductor Ahh... Urah!

[Action: Tanjirou grabs the conductor and carries him away from the attacking flesh arms. A wall of flesh appears around the cab and covers the spine.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) The gash is closing up! It's regenerating so fast!

(Thoughts) Not only that, but it took everything I had just to expose the bone! I have to

sever it!

Inosuke! We're going to synchronize our breathing and attack together!

One of us will slash the flesh while the other jumps in to sever the bone!

Inosuke Sounds good! Great idea! I can praise you for that!

Tanjirou Thanks!

Let's go!

[Action: Tanjirou and Inosuke prepare to attack. Tanjirou launches forward, but a pillar of flesh and eyes appears before Tanjirou.]

**Enmu** Eyes of Forced Unconscious Sleep.

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) A Blood Demon Art!

[Action: Enmu unleashes his attack.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) He got me! He's putting me to sleep!

Inosuke! Slash your own neck in your dreams! It'll make you wake up!

[Action: Tanjirou falls asleep. He cuts his neck in his dream and wakes up.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) It's all right! Even if I fall under it, I can break the spell!

[Action: Enmu puts Tanjirou to sleep again.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Idiot! When you wake up, close your eyes! Or else you'll fall under the spell

right away!

[Action: Tanjirou wakes himself up again.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Okay, I'm awake!

[Action: Tanjirou jumps toward the cab but is put to sleep again.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Argh! Even though I'm awake, I can't avoid looking at the eyes! I have to

wake up with my eyes shut! With my eyes shut!

[Action: Tanjirou wakes himself up again but is put to sleep and woken up multiple times.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) No good! Wake up! Wake up!

(Thoughts) Hurry... Cut the neck... Cut it... Cut it! I have to wake up!

[Action: Tanjirou holds his sword up to his neck in the real world.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Hurry! Wake up!

Inosuke Ngh!

[Action: Inosuke cuts a flesh tentacle away. He grabs Tanjirou's wrist and pins it to the ground.]

Inosuke Urgh!

This isn't a dream! It's reality!

Don't fall for his trap! Don't die such a lame death!

Hahahaha!

[Action: Inosuke cuts into Enmu's flesh.]

Inosuke Urah! Ngh!

I'm wearing the hide of the mountain god on my head. I bet he's too scared to look me in

the eye!

You loser eyeballs!

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) I see. He's having a hard time telling which way Inosuke is looking!

**Inosuke** All right, now all we gotta do is slash this thing to death!

[Action: The train conductor jumps into the cab and runs toward Inosuke with his ice pick.]

Conductor Ngh... Grr...!

Tanjirou Ah... Inosuke!!

**Conductor** Don't you dare get in the way of my dream!

[Action: Tanjirou jumps in front of Inosuke and gets stabbed by the train conductor.]

Tanjirou Urgh... Ngh...

Inosuke Ah!

[Action: Tanjirou knocks the conductor out with one hit.]

**Conductor** Gah...

**Inosuke** Did you get stabbed?!

**Tanjirou** I'm okay...

[Action: Tanjirou begins dragging the conductor away.]

**Inosuke** Just forget about that bastard!

**Tanjirou** I can't do that! I won't let him die!

[Action: Inosuke cuts into the flesh arms covering the neck bone.]

**Inosuke** Ngh! If we don't chop this demon's head off soon, we won't be able to make it!

**Tanjirou** I know... Let's get moving!

[Action: More flesh tentacles appear around the cab. Arms appear from the tentacles and aim for Tanjirou and Inosuke. They dodge them and begin their attack.]

Inosuke Woah!

Tanjirou Ngh...

Inosuke Ngh... Hah! Urahh!

**Tanjirou** Ngh!

Inosuke Urah!

Tanjirou, Inosuke

Hah!

Tanjirou

Inosuke!

Synchronize your breathing with mine! Let's chop off this demon's head! Let's attack

together!

Inosuke

Ngh...

[Action: Tanjirou and Inosuke continue their defence.]

Tanjirou

Ngh!

Inosuke

Ngh! Urahh!

[Action: Tanjirou and Inosuke jump to the roof of the cab. A flesh tentacle aims for them and smashes against the cab, launching Tanjirou and Inosuke into the air. More flesh tentacles aim for them, and they cut along them toward the spine.]

Inosuke

Ngh!

Tanjirou

Ngh... Urahhh!

Ngh!

Inosuke

Urahh!

[Action: A bunch of eyes appear before Tanjirou.]

Tanjirou

(Thoughts) Not good! If I fall asleep now...!

[Action: Inosuke cuts through the eyes on his way down.]

Inosuke

Damn you!

Come on! Follow me!

Beast Breathing, Fourth Fang!

[Action: Inosuke cuts through the flesh arms protecting the spine.]

Inosuke

Slice 'n' Dice!

[Action: The spine is exposed. Tanjirou prepares his attack.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Father, please protect me!

(Thoughts) I'm going to sever that bone... with this blow!

(Thoughts) Hinokami Kagura! Clear Blue Sky!

[Action: Tanjirou unleashes his attack, severing Enmu's head and causing an explosion in the train.]

Enmu Eek... Ahhhh!!

[Action: Enmu's flesh arms grab the necks of the passengers, but Rengoku cuts them away.]

Rengoku Ngh!

Nezuko Mm...

[Action: The Mugen Train derails and skids along the tracks.]

**Tanjirou** Because of its screams and tremors, the train is turning over!

Are you okay, Inosuke? Ngh...

**Inosuke** Ah! Hey, is your belly okay?!

**Tanjirou** Y-Yeah...

Inosuke, protect the passengers... Ah!

[Action: The train jumps, and Tanjirou is thrown from the train. He reaches out toward the conductor.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts)I can't die. If I die, that'll make him a murderer! I can't die!

(Thoughts) I don't want to let anyone die!

[Action: The train skids further down the tracks. Tanjirou lands and rolls down the embankment.]

Tanjirou Urgh... Ahh...

[Action: The train stops. Inosuke falls from the sky and lands on the wreckage of the train.]

Inosuke Ahhh! Woah... Oh! Woah!

Ngh...

A-Are you okay, Santarou?!

[Action: Inosuke runs to Tanjirou and crouches near him.]

**Inosuke** Hang in there! I was lucky I could bounce off the demon's flesh!

Cool, huh?!

[Action: Inosuke helps Tanjirou sit up and begins shaking him around.]

**Inosuke** Is your belly okay? Your belly that got stabbed!

**Tanjirou** I'm... all right.

What about you?

**Inosuke** Never felt better! I didn't even catch a cold!

**Tanjirou** I won't be able to move for a while.

Help the others, will you?

Was anyone injured? What about the engineer near the head?

Inosuke It's okay if that bastard dies!

**Tanjirou** It's not okay.

**Inosuke** Ngh... He's the one who stabbed you in the belly, remember?! He's got his leg stuck and

can't move!

His leg is shattered, and he can't walk anymore! Just leave him there, and he'll die!

**Tanjirou** Then he's already atoned for his sin. Help him, will you?

Inosuke Ngh...

Tanjirou Please...

Inosuke Grr...

[Action: Inosuke lays Tanjirou back down.]

**Inosuke** Hmph! I'll go for you, then! Because I'm the boss! Because my minion asked me to!

After I rescue him, I'm going to pluck out all of that guy's hair! Hmph!

**Tanjirou** That's really not necessary...

[Action: Inosuke stomps away. A faint light appears in the sky.]

Tanjirou

Phew...

(Thoughts) It's almost dawn.

(Thoughts) Get your breathing under control. We have to... save the injured... before it's too late.

(Thoughts) Nezuko... Zenitsu... Rengoku... I'm sure they're all safe! You have to believe!

[Action: Inosuke tries to get his breathing under control. Remnants of Enmu's demon body emerge from the Mugen Train.]

Enmu

(Thoughts) My body is disintegrating... I can't regenerate.

(Thoughts) Did I lose? Am I going to die? Me?

(Thoughts) Ridiculous... Ridiculous! I haven't been able to go all out!

(Thoughts) I couldn't devour a single human. My plan to fuse with the train and devour humans en masse just went up in smoke!

(Thoughts) And now look at what I've been reduced to! After all the time and trouble I've taken!

(Thoughts) It was him! It's all his fault!

(Thoughts) Even though I'd taken 200 humans hostage, I still struggled! I was held at bay! Is this the power of a Hashira?

(Thoughts) And him... He was fast, too. Even though he never broke the spell completely!

(Thoughts) Not to mention that girl! She's a demon! What's that about? A demon, joining forces with Demon Slayers? Why hasn't Master Muzan killed that traitor?!

(Thoughts) Dammit... Dammit! In the first place, it all started going downhill once that brat broke my spell! That brat is to blame!

[Action: Enmu reaches out toward Tanjirou but is too far away.]

Enmu

(Thoughts) I wish I could at least kill that brat! Somehow!

(Thoughts) That's right, and that boar, too! I could've at least killed that brat!

(Thoughts) But that boar thwarted me. His intuition is extraordinary. He could sense my gaze!

[Action: Enmu's arm rapidly disintegrates.]

**Enmu** (Thoughts) Am I going to lose? Am I going to die? Oh, what a nightmare... What a

nightmare...

(Thoughts) It's always the bottom-feeder demons who get killed by the Demon Slayers. In the Upper Ranks, the same demons have remained for the last few centuries. They're strong enough to defeat Hashira who've killed an untold number of demons.

(Thoughts) Do they have otherworldly powers? Even after receiving so much of his blood, I couldn't reach the Upper Ranks...

(Thoughts) Ahh... I want to do it over! I want to do it over!

(Thoughts) What a miserable nightmare this is...

[Action: Enmu's body disintegrates. Tanjirou continues to breathe heavily. Rengoku appears before him.]

**Rengoku** I see you've mastered Total Concentration, Constant! Impressive!

Tanjirou Rengoku...

**Rengoku** After all, Constant is the first step toward becoming a Hashira. Although, there might be

10,000 steps before you can become a Hashira.

**Tanjirou** I'll do my best...

**Rengoku** You're bleeding from the abdomen. You have to concentrate and improve the precision of

your breathing.

Make your nerves reach every corner of your body.

There's a blood vessel. A torn blood vessel.

[Action: Tanjirou continues to breathe heavily.]

**Rengoku** Concentrate harder.

[Action: Tanjirou closes his eyes. In his concentration, he finds the torn blood vessel.]

**Tanjirou** Ah!

**Rengoku** That's it. Stanch it. Stop the bleeding.

Tanjirou Guh... Ngh...

[Action: Tanjirou's blood continues to flow. Rengoku pokes his forehead.]

Tanjirou Ah...

Rengoku Focus.

Tanjirou Ngh...

[Action: Tanjirou focuses again. The bleeding stops, and Rengoku stops poking Tanjirou's forehead.]

Tanjirou Ahh... Gah... Haa...

**Rengoku** Great! Looks like you stopped it.

You'll be able to do all kinds of things when you master breathing.

Not that you'll be able to do everything, but you'll become a stronger version of yourself

than yesterday for sure.

Tanjirou Right.

Rengoku Heh...

Everyone is safe! There are hordes of injured people, but no one's life is in danger.

Don't strain yourself. Take it easy and rest up.

**Tanjirou** Thank you very much.

Rengoku Yeah.

[Action: Akaza arrives at the wreckage of the Mugen Train. His presence is heavy.]

Tanjirou Ah...

[Action: Rengoku turns to Akaza, ready to draw his sword. Tanjirou struggles to see Akaza but sees that he is Upper Rank 3.]

**Tanjirou** Ahh... Ah!

(Thoughts) Upper... Three? What's he doing here right now?

[Action: Akaza launches forward and prepares to punch Tanjirou in the head.]

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) Flame Breathing, Second Form!

[Action: Rengoku slices through Akaza's arm.]

Rengoku (Thoughts) Rising Scorching Sun!

[Action: Akaza jumps back and fuses his arm back together instantly.]

**Akaza** That's a fine sword.

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) He sure can regenerate fast. This heavy and overwhelming demon aura...

So, this is an Upper Rank.

I can't understand why you'd go after a wounded person first.

[Action: Tanjirou struggles to turn over.]

Tanjirou Ngh... Urgh...

**Akaza** He could get in the way of the chitchat between you and me.

**Rengoku** What would you and I have to talk about? I'm meeting you now for the first time, but I

already dislike you.

**Akaza** Is that right? Well, I loathe weak humans, too. The sight of a weakling makes my skin

crawl.

**Rengoku** Then it looks like our senses of value are completely different.

**Akaza** All right, then I have a brilliant proposal for you.

Why don't you become a demon, too?

Rengoku I will not.

**Akaza** I can tell your strength at a glance. You're a Hashira, aren't you?

Your fighting spirit has been honed to the hilt. It's close to the realm of the highest.

**Rengoku** I'm the Flame Hashira, Kyoujurou Rengoku.

Akaza I'm Akaza.

Kyoujurou... Let me tell you why you can't enter the realm of the highest.

It's because you're a human. Because you're going to grow old. Because you're going to die.

Become a demon, Kyoujurou.

Do that, and you can go on training for a hundred, for two hundred years. You can become stronger.

Tanjirou (Thoughts) Of all the demons that I've met until now, he has the strongest scent of

Kibutsuji! I have to help him fight!

**Rengoku** Both growing old and dying are part of the beauty of being an ephemeral creature like a

human.

The fact that we grow old and die is what makes human life so unbearably precious and

noble.

"Strength" isn't a word used to describe just the body.

This boy isn't weak!

**Tanjirou** Ah...

**Rengoku** Don't insult him.

I'll repeat it as many times as it takes. You and I have different senses of value.

No matter what the reason, I will not become a demon!

Akaza I see...

[Action: Akaza plants his fingers into the ground. A snowflake pattern appears below him.]

Akaza Technique Development... Destructive Death, Compass Needle!

If you refuse to become a demon, I'll just kill you.

Rengoku Ngh...

[Action: Akaza runs toward Rengoku. The two become locked in battle.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) I can't follow their movements!

**Akaza** There were never any Flames among all the Hashira I've killed until now!

And no one ever took me up on my offer, either.

Rengoku Urgh... Ngh!

Urahh!

[Action: Rengoku blocks an attack from Akaza, his sword cutting into his wrist.]

**Akaza** Why do you think that is? As a fellow martial artist, I just don't get it.

Not when only the chosen ones can become demons!

[Action: Akaza moves to punch Rengoku, but Rengoku slices through his arm.]

Rengoku Ngh!

[Action: Akaza's arm regrows and punches at Rengoku. He blocks the attack.]

**Akaza** Watching the hideous decline of someone blessed with extraordinary powers... It pains

me! I can't bear it!

Rengoku Ngh...

**Akaza** Die, Kyoujurou... while you're still young and strong.

Rengoku Ngh!

[Action: Rengoku slashes at Akaza, but he dodges and distances himself.]

**Akaza** Destructive Death... Air Type!

[Action: Akaza punches the air. Rengoku watches his surroundings, and Akaza's attack hits his sword, knocking him back slightly.]

Rengoku Ngh...

Akaza Urgh!

Rengoku Ngh...

(Thoughts) I see.

Akaza Urahhh!

**Rengoku** Flame Breathing... Fourth Form. Blooming Flame Undulation!

[Action: Rengoku unleashes his attack, blocking Akaza's attacks.]

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) When he strikes the air with his fist, the attack will reach me here!

Akaza Urah!

Rengoku Urahh!

(Thoughts) He can move faster than the blink of an eye.

(Thoughts) If I allow him to fight from a distance like this, slicing off his head will be tricky.

In that case...

[Action: Rengoku changes his stance and rushes toward Akaza in an instant.]

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) ... I'll just have to get up close!

Urahh!

[Action: Rengoku slices at Akaza, but he dodges the attack.]

Akaza This superb reaction speed of yours...

Rengoku Urahh!

**Akaza** ... and these breathtaking sword skills will be lost, too, Kyoujurou!

Doesn't that make you sad?!

**Rengoku** It happens to everyone! It's a fact of life for any human!

[Action: Inosuke arrives near Tanjirou. Tanjirou tries to get up to help Rengoku.]

Tanjirou Ngh...

Rengoku Stay where you are!

Inosuke Ah...!

**Rengoku** If that wound reopens, it'll be fatal!

Stand back! That's an order!

Tanjirou Ah...

**Akaza** Don't bother with that weakling, Kyoujurou! Come on, give me your best shot!

Concentrate on me.

Rengoku Urah!

[Action: Rengoku slices at Akaza again but misses. Akaza hits his sword, but Rengoku blocks the attack. Rengoku slices at Akaza again.]

Rengoku Ngh!

[Action: Akaza distances himself again, and Rengoku runs after him.]

Akaza Nice moves!

Rengoku Ah... Ngh!

Akaza Haha!

Rengoku Urgh!

[Action: Rengoku cuts Akaza's arm off. Akaza lands a kick on Rengoku's blade.]

Akaza Ngh!

Rengoku Ngh... Gah!

[Action: Rengoku flies backward and back into the open.]

Tanjirou Rengoku!

**Inosuke** Ol' Goggle-eyes!

**Akaza** Become a demon, Kyoujurou.

Rengoku Ngh...

**Akaza** Fight me forever and get stronger together with me.

You have what it takes to do that!

[Action: Akaza regenerates his arm.]

**Rengoku** I'll pass! Let me repeat it. I don't like you.

I will not become a demon!

[Action: Rengoku and Akaza become locked in battle again. Rengoku attacks first.]

**Rengoku** Flame Breathing... Third Form! Blazing Universe!

[Action: Akaza dodges Rengoku's attack.]

Akaza Magnificent! That's sensational!

Destructive Death... Air Type!

Rengoku Ngh...

[Action: Akaza releases his attack, but Rengoku blocks it with his sword and is knocked back. He launches forward at Akaza again.]

Rengoku Guh... Urahh!

Urahh!

**Inosuke** (Thoughts) There's no opening. I can't jump in. I can't keep up with the speed of their

movements! Those two are in a different dimension!

(Thoughts) Getting between them would only mean death! I can feel it in my bones!

(Thoughts) I can't move because I know that even if I jumped in to back him up, I'd only

be a hindrance to him!

Rengoku Urah! Ngh!

Akaza Woah!

Rengoku Ngh!

Tanjirou Rengoku...

Akaza Urahh!

Ngh!

Rengoku Ngh!

[Action: Rengoku cuts into Akaza's arm but doesn't cut through it.]

**Akaza** You still don't get it?! If you continue attacking, you're just getting closer to death,

Kyoujurou!

Rengoku Urahhh!

[Action: Rengoku and Akaza continue exchanging blows. Akaza punches past Rengoku's head, but the attack still gives Rengoku a cut on his forehead.]

Rengoku Ah! Ngh...

(Thoughts) Flame Breathing, First Form! Unknowing Fire!

[Action: Rengoku cuts through both of Akaza's arms in one attack, but they regenerate instantly. Akaza continues his attacks, and Rengoku goes on the defensive.]

**Akaza** It would be a shame to kill you now!

Rengoku Guh...

**Akaza** You haven't reached your physical peak yet!

[Action: Akaza lands a punch to Rengoku's ribs.]

Rengoku Gah... Ngh...

Second Form... Rising Scorching Sun!

[Action: Rengoku attacks again, but Akaza dodges. Akaza goes on the offensive.]

**Akaza** In a year or two, you'll have polished your skills even more and reached great precision!

Rengoku Ngh...

[Action: Rengoku blocks Akaza's attack, but Akaza gets past the block and hits Rengoku's left eye.]

Rengoku Ngh! Guh...

[Action: Rengoku regains his footing and goes on the offensive.]

**Rengoku** Ngh... Third Form! Blazing Universe!

Fourth Form! Blooming Flame Undulation!

Akaza Destructive Death...

Rengoku Fifth Form... Flame Tiger!

Akaza Disorder! Hahaha~!

Kyoujurou!

Rengoku Ngh!

Urahh!

[Action: Rengoku cuts through Akaza's arm, and Akaza distances himself again.]

**Inosuke** Ahh... Did he do it? Did he win?!

[Action: Rengoku's blood drips to the ground.]

Tanjirou Ahh...

[Action: Akaza's arm regenerates instantly. Rengoku breathes heavily.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Don't tell me... No way!

Inosuke Ah...

**Akaza** Let's fight more.

Don't die on me, Kyoujurou.

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Rengoku... Rengoku... Rengoku!

**Akaza** Even if you fight to death, you can't win, Kyoujurou.

Those impressive slashes you inflicted on me have already healed completely. But what about you? A smashed left eye, shattered ribs, and damaged internal organs... They're all irreparable.

If you were a demon, you'd heal in a blink of an eye. Those would be mere scratches for a demon.

You can struggle all you want, but a human can never beat a demon.

Tanjirou Ngh... Guh...

(Thoughts) I want to go help him...

Ngh...

(Thoughts) ... but there's no strength in my arms or legs!

(Thoughts) It's partly because of my injury, but this always happens after I use the Hinokami Kagura technique!

[Action: Rengoku's fighting spirit flares to life.]

Akaza Kyoujurou, you...

**Rengoku** I... will fulfill my duty! I will not allow anyone here to die!

(Thoughts) I'll damage his body as much as I can in an instant!

(Thoughts) Flame Breathing... Esoteric Art!

[Action: Rengoku's fighting spirit appears even stronger.]

Akaza Ahh... What tremendous fighting spirit! An amazing aura despite all those injuries! That

mental strength! That airtight stance.

Ha... Hahahaha! You have to become a demon, after all!

Kyoujurou! Let's fight each other for all eternity!

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) Set your heart ablaze. Go beyond your limits!

I'm the Flame Hashira... Kyoujurou Rengoku!

Ninth Form... Rengoku!

**Akaza** Destructive Death... Annihilation Type!

Rengoku Urahh!

[Action: Rengoku launches forward in an explosion of flames.]

Akaza Haha!

[Action: Akaza blocks the attack, sending debris flying toward Tanjirou and Inosuke.]

Tanjirou Rengoku!!

Rengoku Urahhh!

Akaza Urahhh!

[Action: Rengoku cuts through Akaza's arm toward his body.]

Akaza Hahaha!

[Action: Rengoku raises his sword again and slices diagonally through Akaza's neck toward his chest.]

Rengoku Urahhh!

Ngh!

Urahhh!

[Action: Rengoku slices back toward Akaza's head, and the area explodes in a pillar of flame.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) Rengoku... Rengoku!

I see him -

Ren... goku... Ah!

[Action: The smoke clears, revealing Akaza's arm pierced through Rengoku's stomach.]

Rengoku Gah...

**Tanjirou** Ahhh... Ahhh!!

**Akaza** You'll die! This will kill you, Kyoujurou!

[Action: Akaza's wounds begin to heal.]

**Akaza** Become a demon! Say that you'll become a demon!

You are strong and one of the chosen ones!

[Scene: In Rengoku's memory. Rengoku, who is still a young boy, sits near his mother Ruka's bed.]

**Ruka** Kyoujurou.

Y.Rengoku Yes, Mother?

**Ruka** I want you to think hard about what I'm about to ask you.

Do you know why you were born stronger than others?

Y.Rengoku Uh... Ah... I don't know!

**Ruka** It's so that you can save weaker people.

Those who were born blessed with more gifts than others are obligated to use those gifts

for the world and other people.

You must never use that god-given strength to hurt others or for personal gain.

It is the duty of those born strong to help the weak. It is a mission they must fulfill

responsibly.

Make sure you never forget that.

Y.Rengoku I won't!

[Action: Ruka holds her hand out toward Rengoku.]

Y.Rengoku Ah...

[Action: Rengoku shuffles toward Ruka, and she pulls him into a hug.]

Ruka I don't have much more time to live. I was blessed to be the mother of such a strong and

gentle child.

I will entrust everything to you.

[Scene: Near the wreckage of the Mugen Train. Rengoku clenches his sword, raises it, and cuts into Akaza's neck.]

Rengoku Ngh... Urahhh!

Akaza Guh...

Rengoku Urahhh!

(Thoughts) Mother... It was an honor for me to have been born to such a person as you!

Urahhh!!

[Action: Rengoku's sword slides further into Akaza's neck.]

Akaza Grr!

[Action: Akaza aims a punch at Rengoku's head, but Rengoku grabs his wrist to stop him.]

Rengoku Guh!

Akaza (Thoughts) He stopped it!

(Thoughts) What unbelievable strength! I've pierced through his solar plexus with my right

arm!

[Action: Akaza looks toward the sky.]

Akaza Ahh...

(Thoughts) Damn it! It'll be daybreak soon!

(Thoughts) I have to kill him and get out of here!

[Action: Akaza tries to pull his arm out of Rengoku's body but can't.]

Akaza (Thoughts) I-I can't... pull my arm out!

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) I won't let you escape!

Akaza Ngh... Grr...

Rengoku Urahhh!

[Action: Tanjirou runs for his sword somewhere in the wreckage.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) No matter what Rengoku says... I have to... do it right now!

[Action: Tanjirou finds his sword and runs back toward Rengoku and Akaza.]

**Tanjirou** (Thoughts) I have to slice off the demon's head! Quickly!

**Akaza** (Thoughts) The sun is coming up! There'll be sunlight here!

(Thoughts) I have to get away! I have to get away!

Guh... Ngh... Urahhhh!!

Tanjirou Erk!

**Rengoku** (Thoughts) No way am I letting go! Not until I chop off your head!

Rengoku Urahhh!!

Akaza Urahhh!!

Akaza Out of my way!

Rengoku Urahhh!!

[Action: Rengoku's sword slides further into Akaza's neck.]

Akaza Ngh...!

**Inosuke** Ah!

Tanjirou Move, Inosuke!

Inosuke Huh?

**Tanjirou** Move your body for Rengoku's sake!

Inosuke Ngh!

[Action: Inosuke runs forward and jumps into the air.]

**Inosuke** Beast Breathing, Fang One! Pierce!

Akaza Ngh...!

[Action: Akaza detaches himself from his arms and jumps into the air to escape, sending a force wave strong enough to knock Inosuke away.]

Inosuke Gah!

**Tanjirou** Ah!

Akaza Ngh... Grr...

Ah!

(Thoughts) I have to find refuge from the sunlight!

[Action: Akaza jumps and runs into the forest. Tanjirou chases after him, stops, and throws his sword into the forest after Akaza.]

Tanjirou Ngh!

**Akaza** (Thoughts) That took too long! I have to get away from the sun!

Ah...

[Action: Tanjirou's sword pierces through Akaza's chest.]

Akaza Gah! Ngh...

[Action: Akaza continues to flee.]

**Tanjirou** Don't run away! Don't run away, you coward! Don't run away!

Akaza Huh?

(Thoughts) What the hell is that brat talking about? Doesn't he have a brain in his head?!

(Thoughts) I'm not running away from you! I'm running away from the sun!

(Thoughts) And besides, the battle has already been decided! He'll run out of strength

and die soon!

[Action: Akaza disappears into the forest.]

**Tanjirou** The Demon Slayer Corps is always fighting you demons in the dark of the night where

you have the advantage! That's right, us flesh-and-blood humans!

Our wounds don't close up that easily, and we can't regenerate a limb once it's lost!

Don't run away, you bastard! You bastard! You coward!

Rengoku is way more amazing than you! He's stronger!

Rengoku didn't lose! He didn't let anybody die!

He fought to the end! He protected them to the end!

You're the one who lost! It's Rengoku who won!!

[Action: Tanjirou weeps loudly.]

**Tanjirou** Ngh... Ahhh!! Ahhhh!!

Rengoku Heh...

Stop yelling already.

**Tanjirou** Ah...

**Rengoku** You'll reopen that stomach wound. You're badly injured, too, remember?

If you die, young Kamado, it'll mean I'm the loser.

Tanjirou Rengoku...

**Rengoku** Come over here. Let's talk a bit one last time.

[Action: Tanjirou gets up and sits across from Rengoku. Rengoku's crow flies overhead and rests on the wreckage of the Mugen Train.]

**Rengoku** There's something that I remembered... while I was dreaming.

You should go to my parents' home, the Rengoku residence.

There should be some notes left by the preceding Flame Hashira.

My father read them often, but since I never did, I don't know what's in them.

There might be some kind of record of that Hinokami Kagura you mentioned.

[Action: Akaza's arm disintegrates, leaving a large hole in Rengoku's stomach.]

**Tanjirou** R-Rengoku, please don't talk any more. Please stop the bleeding with a breathing

technique! Isn't there a way to close up your wounds?

**Rengoku** No. I'll be dead soon.

**Tanjirou** Ah...

**Rengoku** I'm going to tell you all I can while I can still talk, so listen, will you?

Tell my little brother Senjurou... to follow his heart and to walk down the path that he feels

is right.

Tell my father... that I want him to take care of himself.

One more thing, young Kamado.

Tanjirou Ah...

**Rengoku** I believe in your little sister. I accept her as a member of the Demon Slayer Corps.

I saw her bleeding as she protected the humans inside the train.

Anyone who risks their lives fighting demons to protect humans is a rightful member of

the Demon Slayer Corps, no matter what anyone else says.

Go ahead and live with your head held high!

Tanjirou Ah... Ahh...

**Rengoku** No matter how devastated you may be by your own weakness or uselessness... set your

heart ablaze.

Grit your teeth and look straight ahead.

Even if you stop and crouch down, time won't wait for you. It won't snuggle and grieve along with you, either.

Don't feel bad that I'm going to die here. As a Hashira, of course I would shield my juniors.

Any other Hashira would've done the same thing. We never let the young buds get nipped.

Young Kamado... Boar head boy... Yellow boy... Keep learning and grow. And then, become the next Hashira supporting the Demon Slayer Corps.

I believe in you. I believe in all of you.

[Action: Tanjirou covers his eyes and weeps. As Rengoku's vision fades, he sees a vision of his mother in the distance.]

Rengoku Ah...

(Thoughts) Mother... Do you think I did it right?

(Thoughts) Did I carry out what I had to do and my duties?

[Action: Ruka smiles at Rengoku.]

**Ruka** (Thoughts) You made me proud.

Rengoku Haha...

[Action: Rengoku smiles at Ruka before passing away.]

[Scene: Sometime later. Zenitsu regroups with Tanjirou and Inosuke while carrying Nezuko's box.]

**Zenitsu** When the train went off the rails, Rengoku had unleashed all these techniques. He

must've kept the damage to the cars to a minimum.

Tanjirou I guess he did...

**Zenitsu** I can't believe he's gone. I mean, did an Upper Rank demon really show up?

Tanjirou Yeah...

**Zenitsu** Why would an Upper Rank come here? Was it that strong? I mean...

Tanjirou Yeah...

[Action: Tanjirou clenches his fists and weeps.]

**Tanjirou** I'm so frustrated...

As soon as I master one thing... I find another thick wall right in front of me...

While more powerful people are fighting far beyond it, I just can't make it there yet!

If I'm still stumbling around in a place like this, can I... can I... ever become like

Rengoku?

[Action: Tanjirou sobs. Zenitsu cries into his sleeve. Inosuke trembles and clenches his swords.]

Inosuke Stop whining already!

Tanjirou Ah...!

Zenitsu Ah...

**Inosuke** Stop asking dumbass things like whether you can be like him!

He said he believes in you, so just think about how you're going to measure up to that!

All living things just go back to the earth when they die! Sobbing or sniveling won't bring

them back!

[Action: Tears leak out from Inosuke's boar mask.]

**Inosuke** Don't cry even if you have regrets! No matter how pathetic or humiliated you feel, you still

have to go on living!

**Zenitsu** But you're crying, too... There are tears flooding out from that headpiece.

[Action: Inosuke headbutts Zenitsu.]

Zenitsu Erk!

**Inosuke** I'm not crying!

Zenitsu Gah...

[Action: Zenitsu falls unconscious. Inosuke runs around while flailing his swords.]

Inosuke Wahhh! Ahh! Wahhh!!

[Action: Inosuke grabs Tanjirou and pulls him around.]

**Inosuke** Get over here! We're gonna train!

[Action: The trio continues to mourn Rengoku's death. Rengoku's crow flies off into the distance.]

[Scene: Around the city. Rengoku's crow notifies the other Demon Slayer Corps members of his death.]

Shinobu Is that so... Rengoku is...

**Uzui** So, even Rengoku couldn't beat an Upper Rank demon?

**Iguro** I don't believe it.

Himejima Namu Amida Butsu...

Shinazugawa I'll exterminate those repulsive demons!

Tomioka I see.

**Ubuyashiki** So not one of the 200 passengers lost their lives?

Kyoujurou did a great job, then. What a remarkable child.

I'm not sad. I don't have much longer to live, either.

Soon, I'll be joining Kyoujurou and the others... in the land of the dead.

[Scene: At the wreckage of the Mugen Train. Tanjirou continues to mourn Rengoku's death.]

Tanjirou Ngh... Rengoku... Rengoku... Rengoku!