

My Head Canon Ending For High School Of The Dead

Link to the manga online:

<https://comick.io/comic/highschool-of-the-dead-full-color/Vt6q9Z0K-chapter-30-en>

Link to other endings:

<https://www.wattpad.com/1312533797-high-school-of-the-dead-reawakened-introduction>

World of despair: <https://www.wattpad.com/story/299462200-world-of-despair>

With the manga left unfinished, I decided to re-read the series again and write an ending close to what the author would have been planning, if it was only planned to have 2 seasons. Daisuke could have easily made an open-ended ending and continued it but like I said I wanted to end it so I could have some closure.

Here is what I came up with.

SOME SPOILERS BELOW

Part 1

Right where the story left off, the group fights their way through the undead using melee and firing at will. With roughly 300 meters to go until the school, they are cornered and forced to turn left where Takashi points out that his house is up the road a few blocks on the right. Seeing the undead and wrecked cars in the way the group jumps the fence into the neighbor's house where Saeko kills the turned neighbor only to find a dog tied to its chain, bitten and bleeding out. Alice and Zero comfort the dying dog as it barely moves with Alice crying as she asks what they can do to help it. With cold, empty faces in the group, Saya breaks the news to Alice that it's not going to make it, as she pulls Alice away covering her eyes from what is about to happen. Takashi steps up to put the poor thing out of its misery as he used to play with the dog when it was a puppy. With one last pat on the head and tears flowing from both Takashi and the pup's eyes, he bids farewell to the dog, simply stating, "You held out for as long as you could to protect the house, Good boy. You can rest now.", as he puts a bullet through its head. They make it to Takashi's house where they find the door open, muddy footprints, the furniture thrown on the floor, and a trail of blood leading inside, next to a dead zombie. What was once a welcoming home, was now an empty shell of its former self. Saeko points out to Takashi that something is wrong and that she will go first with him to clear out the house. He tells her that his dad was out of Japan for a business trip and should not be home, so someone else was there. The trail leads them to the bathroom where below the now broken sink a deceased man's body can be seen on the floor, with his face caved in. As Takashi checks the body, a loud noise can be heard upstairs with muffled screams. The group runs up and kicks the door open to find two men fighting, knocking furniture around, cutting each other with knives. Since it's still raining outside and the electricity is off, they can't tell who the people are, prompting Takashi to scream for the both of them to stop, just as one of the men suddenly grabs the head of the other, pins him to the wall, and lodges a knife into his head. Saya pulls out the flashlight just as this happens for Takashi to see who it is and he is shocked when he sees his dad covered in blood, standing victorious. As they both lock eyes and recognize each other, Mr. Komuro in a weak

voice looks at his wounds and his son, saying, "I'm sorry son.", as he falls to the floor. Takashi holds him in his arms as Shizuka rushes to check his wounds, discovering he has large bruises and stab wounds along his face and torso, only to lift his shirt and find a bite mark on his shoulder.

Mr. Komuro comes to shortly after, now looking pale and weak. He is pleased to talk to Takashi, along with recognizing Shizuka as the school nurse, saying hello to Kiriko, and even asking Takashi if the dark-violet-haired girl(Saeko) who is holding Takashi tightly, is his girlfriend. He introduces himself as Tokuda Komuro and explains that while he was on a business trip, he was called and told it was canceled last minute as he got into the taxi when everything fell. Takashi explains that he and his friends escaped the school and were still trying to find everyone's parents when they found Kiriko but that they still have to go to the elementary school to find mom and Rei's father, and to prep for the evacuation. Tokuda explains that he thought his wife was safe at the school, but that he couldn't get there on his own. He explains to them that just before they showed up he was in a nearby house to scavenge for loot, but as he left he was attacked by the group of bandits who chased him into his house, where he was bitten from behind. He was able to kill the first man by hiding behind the door and smashing his head against the sink, but the second one chased him up the stairs as he went to close the bedroom door. Now coughing up blood he looks around at everyone and tells them he is done for and that they need to take what they can and leave. Takashi, now having witnessed his best friend die and father dying in front of him breaks down crying, explaining that he can't afford to lose anyone else close to him, as his dad pulls him close to whisper something to him. "Takashi, I can see you've grown into quite the man and even led a group through this hell of the world that we now live in. I did my best with what I had, so forget about me because now it's your time to live. Be strong, not just for yourself but for your friends who need you and your mother who's waiting for you. I only wish I could have helped more, so take this, goodbye son.", Mr. Komuro hands Takashi his grandfather's Bowie knife and takes his last breath. Engraved along the bottom of the silver blade, is his grandfather's name, Shinsato.

Part 2

In a moment of silence, Shizuka confirms his heartbeat has stopped. Wiping the tears from his face and standing up, Takashi tells everyone to leave the room as he will deal with what is to come next. The group simply nods and leaves closing the door behind them after Saeko kisses Takashi on the cheek. It's at this time Rei distances herself from Takashi, being jealous. A few moments later he walks out with the Bowie knife in hand, declaring loudly that they will continue with the plan.

With one last look at his bedroom, Takashi closes the door and the group heads out towards the school, now that the undead have spread out. Doing their best to stay quiet and sneak past "them", using the rain to muffle their sound, they have made it close enough to the school to see it in view. Roughly 80 meters away, next to a department store, they turn the corner to get to the gate as they hear Rei, who was at the back of the group scream from behind and a man shouts, "Stop right there or I'll kill the bitch.". The group turns around to see a man wearing the same mask and clothing that the two men who attacked Takashi's father were wearing. Now pissed that his friends are dead after finding their corpses in the house, he threatens to kill them, while

holding a knife to Rei's throat. Hirano raises his gun and Kiriko points her pistol but the man tells them that if they shoot, she goes with him. Now in a tough situation with the dead coming to investigate the noise, the group looks to Takashi for what to do. Before Takashi can speak, a bullet goes through the man's head. Everyone turns to look at where the shot came from and Rei's father can be seen on the rooftop of one of the nearby buildings. Takashi sighs in relief and explains that they need to move fast since the dead are swarming in on them. They run quickly to the school as the sun sets and rain stops, meeting up with Mr. Myiamoto, where the gate is open and the police are waiting for them after hearing the gunshots. The gate shuts as the dead pile up on the walls, and our group finally makes it to the Elementary School evac zone, where Takashi finds his mother (the lady from the last panel of the manga), and Rei embraces her father (the officer from chapter 30). The group checks their things and heads off to sleep in the barracks.

Takashi lies there in bed thinking about what happened and how he gained a parent and lost the other when Saeko shows up half-naked next to him. He thanks her for always supporting him but knowing that she feels the same way, he just confesses to her as she does to him. They embrace, passionately making love, as Rei overhears and cries.

The next morning after talking with the officers, they hear a speech not that far away. On a makeshift stage, Shido-sensei is giving a cult-like speech to some survivors who are thrilled he was able to save some students (who are on stage with him). Takashi and the others are shocked to see him alive and up to no good, with Rei pissed off. The group explains to the adults about Shido's past deeds and his cult behavior, prompting them to confront him before the crowd.

No other survivors believe them until one of the students from Shido's group sees their parents in the crowd. He turns on Shido since he only went along with what he said and believed that Takashi's group was right about him, now exposing him in front of everyone. The crowd starts to turn against him as a result. Rei walks up to him and tells him it's over. Shido snaps, grabbing Rei and pulling out a gun in a crazy rage. He explains to her that he went along with his father's orders and held her back to eventually destroy his father's empire, but that since the world ended, he now wants to be in control. The group tries to get him to lower the gun, but he refuses. Just before he pulls the trigger, a bullet goes through his head killing him.

In the distance we can see Rika walking with her Type 89 M4 Rifle on her back, smoking a cigarette, with the morning sun behind her. As Shizuka embraces Rika, Kohta spots the sheer amount of weapons Rika has on her and geeks out. Shizuka introduces her to everyone and Rika gives some of her extra guns away, specifically an assault rifle to Hirano, as they go to ask about the evac.

For a few hours, they settled down before getting ready to evacuate. However, by the time they're ready, a massive zombie horde is attacking the school from all sides forcing the Takashi's group, the survivors, and the security into a chokehold as they went inside the main school building, not before several of the survivors have been killed and eaten alive.

The next day the group preps for the evac while tensions are still high at the school with many people actively disobeying the orders of the police, questioning if they know what they're doing. Adults start to pile up all asking different questions until Rei speaks up and explains that everyone needs to work together for the evacuation to be successful and that fighting amongst themselves only leads to more problems. One man in particular angrily states that he doesn't need to listen to a bunch of stupid teenagers, which Takashi simply responds to with a punch to the face and the line, "I've had others say the same stupid thing, and they're dead now as a result of being that fucking ignorant. If you want to live you'll do what the people protecting you say". After this the rest shut up and everyone gets back to their

Two days after the group arrived at the school, the Evac Choppers can be seen flying towards the school in the distance, but the blast wave from the bomb arrives(as stated in the manga) causing a large group of Them to be drawn to the school. The gates fall as the horde pushes through all defenses, eating whoever wasn't fast enough. The group, their parents, and Rika fend off the horde with the police and JSDF while instructing the survivors to go up the school stairs and to the roof. During the firefight to hold back the horde, some jerry cans full of spare gasoline are shot and explode, catching fire on the undead and the surrounding campsites. With the survivors at the school running for the roof in a mass panic, the people are spread out and surrounded by the horde. While Takashi's group and some of the police attempt to rescue the people cornered, Saya along with Hirano split from the group to use the speaker system to draw the zombies away from the evac on the roof while using melee and the crossbow to stay quiet. After rescuing as many people as they could Saeko, Rei, and Takashi, stay behind to distract "them" long enough for everyone to make it up the stairs, while Rika and the snipers cover from higher ground. This soon proves to be too difficult as they are running out of ammo and getting tired, which prompts the teens to run into the building and up the stairs themselves. The speaker system works to split only a fraction of the horde from the entrance, with the rest quickly gaining on the group. At this point most of the evac choppers are now full on the roof(since it was stated in the manga not everyone could be evacuated), they are only waiting for the high schoolers. Rei, Takashi, and Saeko clear through the hallways and meet up with Hirano and Saya on the way up, but find a kid who is lost and hiding in the hallway. Hirano and Saya tell the rest to go and that they'll be right behind them, as they go to take the girl. While clearing the undead from the stairs the two run out of bolts for the Barnett and bullets in the Luger as they reach the roof with the kid. Just as they are on the roof they hear a shout from behind them. It's the adult who Takashi punched earlier. Holding a police gun at Hirano he angrily states that he wants to kill them and take their place on the evac chopper. With the undead right behind him, Saya in danger, and no time to waste, Hirano simply asks, "You think so?" and pulls out the Howa Type 89 battle rifle that Rika gifted him. With shock on the man's face, Hirano unloads the entire clip onto him and the undead giving Saya and the kid the time to run. (This is a Jojo Reference to Joseph Joestar using the Tommy Gun, I had to do it). Hirano makes it to the last chopper in time and with everyone they could get on board, they fly away from the now burning school, barely escaping the undead that made it up. In the air now, the group can finally rest.

Shortly after reaching the ship though things get tense, as the group of Chinese submarines emerge from the water. Turns out though that it is mainly filled with Chinese survivors along with some of the military. With mainland China lost, they sought refuge and did not blame Japan for the actions the US took earlier in the series (Nuking China and NK). The subs brought other ships that carried out similar evacs in Hokkaido and Kyushu with them. Together they head to Okinawa where the JSDF and local American military forces are fighting off "Them" to gain control of the island. With the help of the JSDF remnant fleet, Chinese survivors, and our trusty group of heroes, Okinawa is taken back. All the survivors work together to establish a colony on Okinawa, keeping Them off the island, squashing any outbreaks, and sending expeditions to other suspected survivor colonies around the world. With each person now having a purpose and being safe for the first time on the island.

As for our heroes? Takashi tells his story years later as the majority of "them*" have decomposed to nothing but bones as Shizuka predicted. Shizuka helps establish a hospital and medical school on the Island, gets with Rika properly, and also adopts Alice and Zeke. Saya confesses to Kohta, and they begin a relationship together. She decided to work at Shizuka's medical school and wants to discover a cure for whatever is causing "Them". Rika works with Kohta and other military staff to establish a Survivor Security Force (two groups, one Local and one for expeditions). Saeko and Takashi establish a self-defense school to teach not only defense against "them" but also Bushido.

Rei and Takashi finally enter into a relationship (Saeko eventually forgives Takashi for not choosing her, and she enjoys her new purpose of training others in Bushido and self-defense....but also continues to struggle with her dark side). Rei decides to work with her dad in the Local Survivor Security Force.

Notes:

Possible season 3 plot

After a large time skip, Alice is around 14(6 years from the current), now trained to fight, and the group reunites without Shizuka as Saya has now been trained by her, to head out on a mission to recover electronic car parts and break into an abandoned military base as they revisit the locations of season1, including the high school. There Takashi finds the zombified Morita with the zombified Misuzu Ichijo and Toshimi Niki on top of him, Takashi cries and then chuckles as he states, "Well Morita, at least after the world ended your dream came true." he puts him and the girls down. Alice gets kidnapped by a group of bandits and Takashi charges after her, separating from his friends. As he chases them into a building he pulls a Joe Miller from TLOU and kills everyone in a fit of rage.

Cause of the zombies = Spiritual Curse - I don't exactly recall where I first read this, but I could have sworn either Daisuke Sato or another source said 'They' are supernatural in origin. What the media describes as 'Murder Syndrome' in the series might not be a virus in the sense of biology but rather a spiritual virus. Zombies have no basis in science as they defy our understanding of biology. A corpse can't walk and attack due to decomposition, no blood flow, nerves firing, etc. Instead, what if the spiritual self/body is attacked by this virus and transforms a human into something unnatural? There's probably some philosophic/theological shit behind that, but I won't delve into that right now. Maybe someone with a soul strong enough can resist this transformation cough Plot armor cough. This is my personal favorite out of the bunch.

Takashi ends up with Saeko is best

Tuesday, April 13th is when HOTD EP 1 started

they are going to seek shelter at the elementary school, make some new acquaintances, and a lot is going to happen. There will be some goodbyes and our hero's will have to make tough decisions, towards the latter part of the story there will be another event that wipes out a lot of people. The developments at the school will mark and end to the fleeing in Tokonosu arc. It will be completely unlike the running around they have been doing more like a Group Arc. it will have the theme of how our main characters will escape with their lives, what they will gain, and what they will have to give up to get what they want. it will be one goal after another they are going to live whether they meet their parents or lose them, but each person will have growth as a result

the girls help just as much as the boys for what they can

they will be thrown into an even more severe world to remain human. The story will follow a coming-of-age tale, where the characters mature and become independent

the element of sex is only hinted at but always omitted, so the relationships between boys and girls will be strictly suggested, but there will be incidents like the ones you find in a love comedy

They find their families but another goal pops up, prompting them to run around, but that would not be all they do, so something else has to be made, putting that together from looking at American and British fiction

in the future, the astronauts come back down to earth and land near where the group is

maybe after school they take back the Tokonosu Offshore International Airport from the zombies or live on an island like Okinawa

use the crossbow either to clear the island or after the time skip

Focus on figuring out the fictional world of the story, to develop the plot organically– or at least, to the reader, it will appear to.

The zombies are supernatural, never decaying

Takashi talks to himself at the end or start of chapters and says something that hints at future problems

I'd say Takashi breaks mentally and either rei or Saeko has to help him since Hirano is already broke.

When you said that your story would take place two years after the apocalypse, for some reason I immediately thought that your story would be similar to Days Gone. In Japan, there will already be full-fledged settlements that can be at enmity with each other or be neutral, and the main characters will either live in one of the settlements or live by themselves and help the survivors' camps.

koha comes from a wicked rich family that has connections to the US military

Saeko's violent nature would be an issue if Rei and Takashi do something,.)

Once inside the barricade school building, Takashi, his friends, and everyone make their final stand against the zombie horde as they made their way up to the top floor where several military helicopters await from their extraction. At the same time, a massive battle erupts from inside the school as Rei's parents and Takashi's mom help those who could still fight to initiate a counterattack to buy Takashi and his friends some time to escape with their lives.

As soon as Takashi and his friends went onboard one of the military helicopters that carried out the evacuation, Rei's parents and Takashi's mom stayed behind while luring the zombie horde away from the top floor; leaving their fate unknown. With no other option but to bid farewell to

their remaining loved ones, Takashi and Rei embraced each other as the rest of their friends see the school disappear before their very eyes while the helicopter carrying them flies off to the horizon.

Epilogue:

6 years later.....

Takashi and Rei are now living together in a refuge colony that was established 1,000 miles away from civilization. As they made their love for each other, the two went down to the marketplace to see that the rest of their friends are doing fine too. Before long, a contractor gathered them in the meeting hall offering them a new mission in rescuing more survivors that are still trapped out there during the zombie apocalypse. At first, Takashi was hesitant to go back to the ridden-world of zombies. However, after giving it some thought to his friends, he realized that his fight with the zombies had just begun. He insists on doing his best to save what is left of their forgotten world by all means necessary. So without further a due, Takashi, Rei, Saeko, Hirano, and Alice, who is now a teenage girl dressed as a mercenary, accepted their new mission.

The main theme plays one last time as Takashi's group reequip and rearm themselves with new weapons before heading out to face the zombie apocalypse once more. Once they rescued a group of survivors holed up in a gas station, Takashi and his friends faced the zombie horde all armed to the teeth. The main theme ends as Takashi's group charges forward with Takashi in the lead.