



Xia Ying, the time guardian. She held a lot of memories from every timeline. Eversince she found out the ability to talk with her other self from different timelines she could predict what would happen in the past and future. But not the present itself as she is the one that guards it.

Right now she has been cooperating with the Northern Alliance to fight against the Rising Sun.

She secretly entered the Nana-San-Ichi labs to identify the prisoner that been held here. Sometimes she saw many disfigured bodies in the lab as they kept experimenting with their new toxins, poison and all alike to defeat the other countries.

She taking a breather outside the lab as she couldn't help herself to stand those intoxicating smells and sights.

“Hello!” She was surprised by the greeting. She turned around and saw a young boy in white yukata with long hair with a flower blooming on it.



“Hi there! I never see you here. Are you new? You don't look like one. But you are beautiful and pretty. Like blue poppies. I'm Hanashe. Nice to meet you!”

She was surprised by the sudden appearance of this young boy. He is kind of talkative but seems friendly. What is he doing here close to the Maruta Lab?

“Umm, I'm Ying. And uhh yes, I am actually new here. Don't mind my dress, it's actually a fashion in my place. Hehe.” She tried to act naturally to avoid any suspicion.

“Oohh, That's great! Hanashe likes new friends. Hanashe hopes Poppy Ying could be friends with Hanashe. Hihi.” Hanashe giggle with excitement.

Ying doesn't know what she could do now since she got exposed. But there's no other choice except to follow this boy.

On their walk, she saw many victims in very, undescribed condition. Cutting alive in half. Bathing in their own blood and sweat in the boiler. Organs have been collected and mummified as their specimens. No matter how old they are or what gender, all of these innocent people will be the victims of Nana-san-ichi.

“Beautiful, isn't it.” Hanashe spoke. “All of these are for the great era of the Rising Sun. With all these we could become the ferocious empire that would conquer the whole world. Hehe and look at this.” Ying saw how Hanashe reluctantly took a beheaded head from the floor.

“This specimen number 8389 was a man from the northwest. He was really consistent in escaping so I just beheaded him with my thorn blade to finish him off. Hihi.” Hanashe chuckled remembering how shocked the face the guy made once his head got separated. Ying just held her mouth from puking out. Imagine it already makes her stomach swell.

“All these experiments we did are all for the good of science. Did you know that the human body is made of 70% water, almost the same as the earth itself? I found out about this after we extracted blood from all the experiments here. Hehe” Hanashe giggle like torturing the

prisoner was nothing to him. Ying almost puked by the info but she held herself. Not wanting any attraction from her nemesis.

She gave a slight smile, "Wow that was a great thing to learn I got from you. You're probably the smartest one here." She complimented.

"Well if you know I-," before he could finish his words, he got an immense pain from his head.

Eeerrgghhh not now... can't you just be obligate with me.

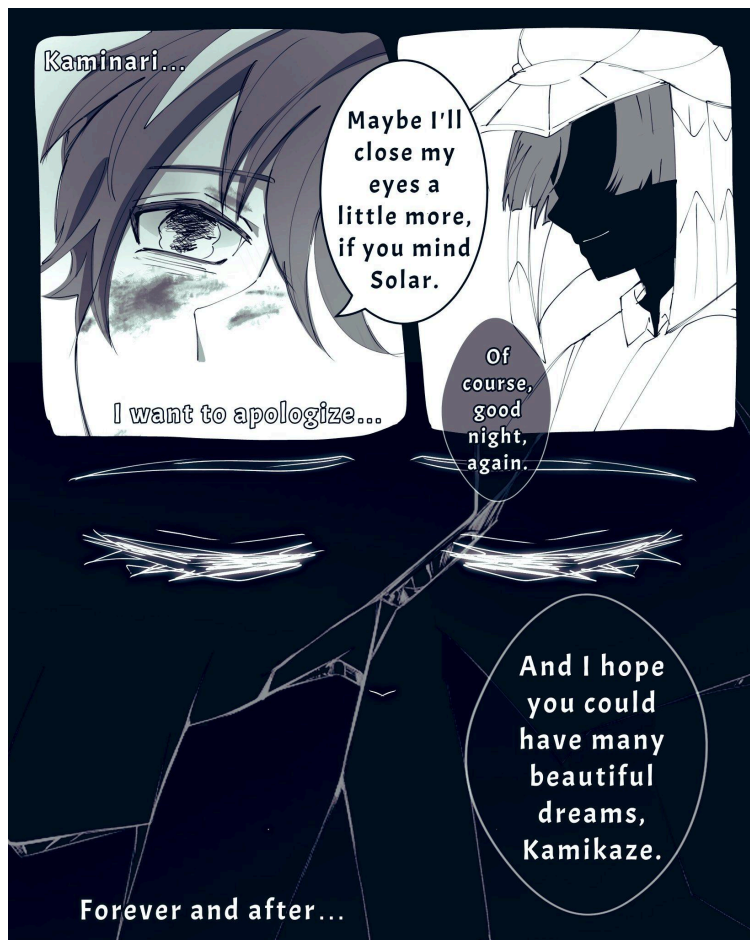
Ying saw Hamashe in pain as he held his head. "A-are you okay Hanashe?" As she was about to grab him, Hanashe sped off to his chamber. Ying who was startled by the commotion, hurried herself, continue searching for the prisoner to help them escape.

Hanashe reach his chamber, and a glimpse of light engulf him as it reveals two boys.

"Taiyou, Taiyou, *Taiyou*. Why...my brother? I just want to make a friend from another region, hmm? She is kind of pretty to be our friend. I know she didn't come from here based on her scent. But... it wouldn't harm ourselves to play with her for a while."

"Ma-Maruta...please..... don't...don't this...." Taiyou speak, catching his breath after he fuse with Maruta for a long while.

"Oh my little Taiyou," Maruta grabbed Taiyou by his hair. "Don't you know it was fun to play with your prey. Just look at how a cat plays with its prey, it was so fun to watch, wasn't it, Taiyou. And you know how we miss our little OchoNyan back home. Wait...he's safe with the other Haruki element isn't it. Hehehe." Maruta throw Taiyou with force. Taiyou fell down catching his breath. He was still sad after he knew what Maruta had done to his Kamis. Especially he didn't know how they are now after the fall. He only remembers the last time he saw Kamikaze dealing with his pain, whimpering that he was sorry to Kaminari for their argument.



He couldn't help him.. he couldn't cure his brother as he power was still dim. He couldn't act as how he is supposed to be as the Red Sun.

He still remembers Chikyuu. The guy in a General Navy force outfit. He remembers how to save him from the ambushed attack he took the blow from Chikyu as it was his final meeting with the earth. He still remembers how warm the Earth was by the time he held him to safety before he went into comatose.

Right after he awoke, he's in the hands of Nana-san-ichi. Under the watch of Maruta. He has been tortured by them day by day. As he is the Red Sun, his ability to cure interests them to



use him.

Maruta wasn't enough for that, so he decided to use the fusion ability he found out. He said it's such a waste to not benefit the Sunflower. As they both combine one as Hanashe, he was gleeful by the results. But it didn't stay long as the fusion separated itself as one person isn't admitted by the fusion. A fusion needs to happen when both sides agree to one another but the refusal of Taiyou to fuse with Maruta, making Maruta takes an extreme way to make him oblige.



“My dearest Taiyou, take this drink and you shall know what it means to refuse my order.”
The drinks make Taiyou weak, most of his body goes limp in submission as he only could have some of least energy for him to move. Once he finished every drop, Maruta would fuse with him and the fusion could stand for half a day.

There would be even a day; where he plead Taiyou to satisfied his experiment upon the boy



with his sweet venomous voice,
Right now, Maruta just could only watch Taiyou in his weak form.

Bang, bang, bang

"Are you in there Maruta!" A voice came from outside his chamber.

Maruta changed his expression from anger to jolly. "Hehe, yes I'm here~ What kind I do for you, Sir?"

"Well, Yamato wants to meet with you."

"Gasp~ Sensei Yamato wants to meet me? What a pleasure.... Please tell him to wait for a moment, I'm on my way!" He answered.

After he heard the footsteps had passed by, "Isn't it great that Sensei came to visit. He is always the busiest man I have ever known as a lecturer. Oh! And- Taiyou please stay here, I need to go and greet him." As Maruta left, Taiyou take a calm breath of relief, he now could take a rest after all the fusion and the poison has given to him.



Maruta saw Yamato waiting for him at the table. Maruta was happy to see him as he puts down all his research on the table.

“Woah, that's a lot of research you got there young one.” “Hehe I just couldn't wait to show you what I have found in all my stay here.”

Yamato pat Maruta in amusement. “Heh, of course you are.”

Yamato never sees his child element as one of his own. Just like how he, his wife and his father are. For them they were all just some pieces of the failure of a child who dares to jump into the war taking the risk. In all of the elements Yamato has met, Maruta is the only one that he is proud of. Maruta has the same smile as how his wife was when she was still a

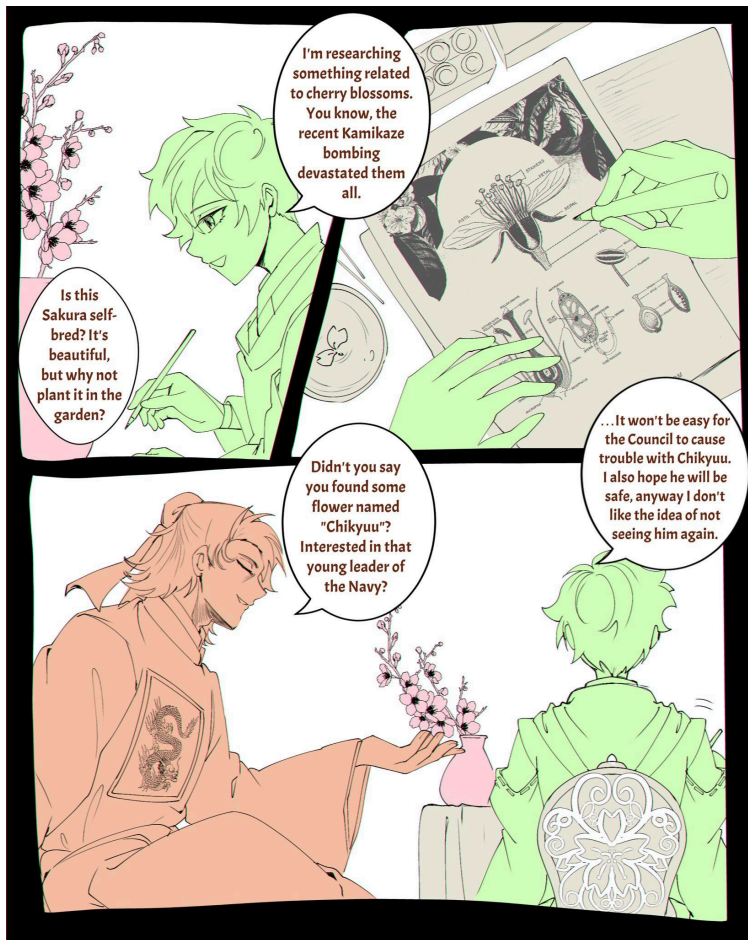


young girl.

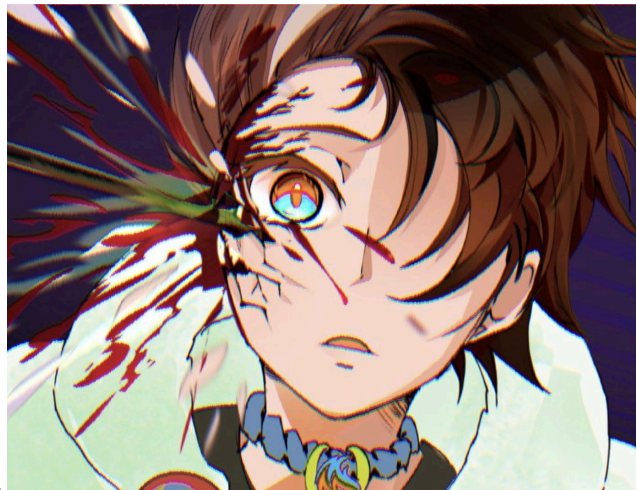
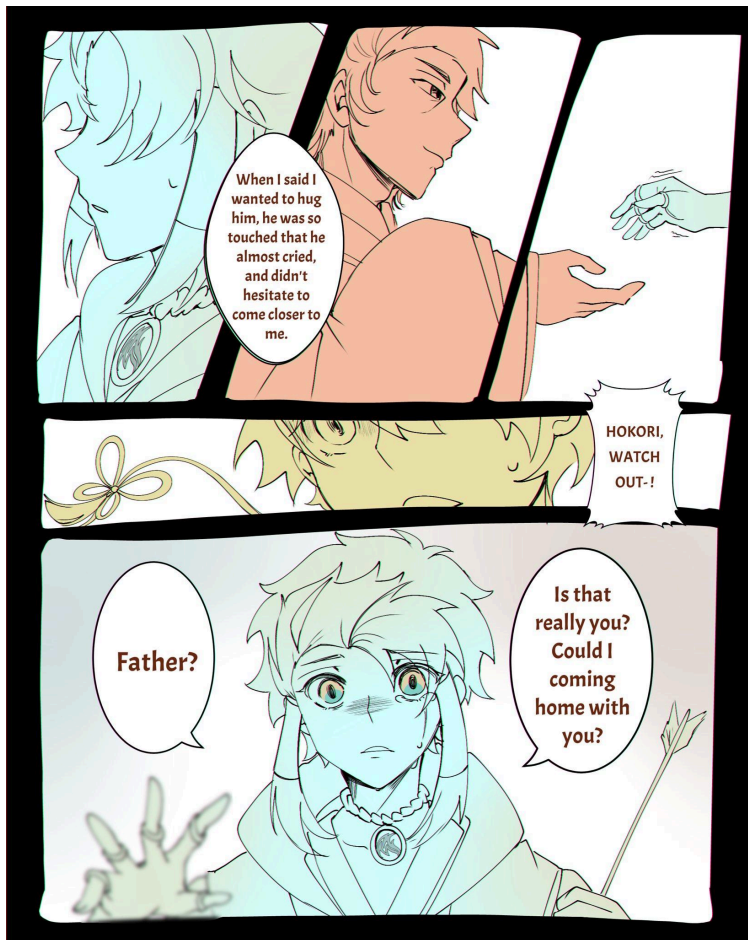
Now as both of them gather under the sakura tree, looking at Maruta taking a branch of it and smiles towards him, he could see how much resemblance this boy has with the lady he



loves.







In the end I pulled my arrow and shot him.

Heh, Chikyuu was there and grabbed the injured Mifuyu followed by his golem who was carrying Homura with it. What a pity boy I could say” Yamato finished his story. Testing his son's elementals makes him amused like chasing a hunter prize.

Maruta laughed. He knows how heartless this man is towards his counterpart.



In the chamber, Taiyou was resting in his deep slumber.

He was restless remembering the old day he has with his parents. How his father has sell him to the entertainment district. Leaving alone on the street while he playing shamisen.



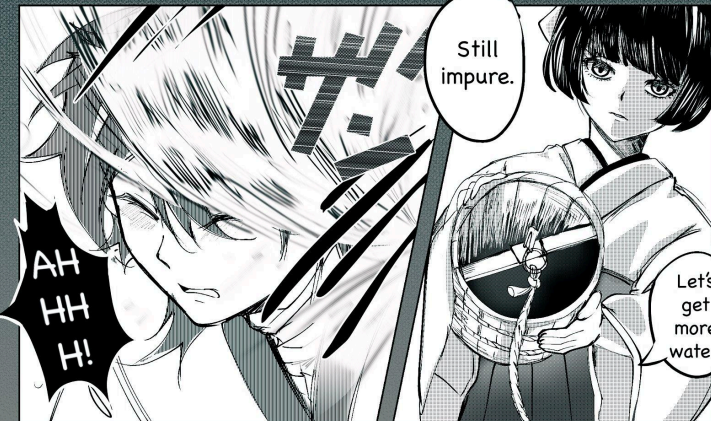
He saw the memories of how his mother treated him on the ship.





Dirty huh?
That's right, if
it's dirty, you
have to clean
it, right? Let
me help you.

Maiden,
do it.





The only moment in his dreams that could calm him was visiting his Grandpa from his



mother's side.

But now he couldn't come to him anymore, he doesn't know why. And he is getting harder to breathe as the time pass.

Taiyou

Taiyou~

He opened his eyes and saw a young boy resembling him only in different attire. He doesn't recognise who this boy was but he could sense a fusion power came from him.



He looks like Kamikaze only a bit calmer than him. "Hehe, you probably couldn't recognise me but I'm Kazeahaya!"

"Kazeahaya..."

"Yes, a fusion of you and Kamikaze."

"H-how and why...?"

"Your feelings and Kamikaze's. He knows you're suffering from the bonds you both have mend. I exist because both of you have a feeling to protect one another. You thought you had failed to protect Kamikaze from Maruta poison by the time the plane crashed. And Kamikaze himself before he left, he was worried about your condition if he wasn't by your side. So both of you want to be one another and so I'm here. Not physically but through the power bond you both have." Kazeahaya explained.

Taiyou doesn't know what to feel but suddenly he got into a shock as his body's tremble and shook a lot. An effect from the huge amount of take from the poison Maruta had fed him. Kazeahaya who saw it quickly cuddle Taiyou to comfort him as he released a calmful wind, helping Taiyou to breathe and at the same time taking out the poison through the breathing itself.

Taiyou's body stopped shaking. He at last felt at peace as he slept on top of Kazeahaya lap.

"Taiyou, I'm sorry I can't stay with you much longer. I hope what I did could ease you a bit for now. And I love you Taiyou." Kazeahaya kissed Taiyou's forehead as Taiyou fell back into his slumber. Kazeahaya hums until he is diminished from the place.



Xia Ying quickened her pace that night. She found several prisoners. She contacted the North Alliance to send some army to come and collect the victim.

She deactivated the security camera and alarms from detecting their escape. Ladies and their children move first from the underground area towards the surface on the other side. Followed by several men at the back guarding them in any case they will be chased.

Ying hold herself from watching anymore distortion bodies and unpleasant smell and feelings. She pleaded her sorry to those that she couldn't have saved. She such a failure to those that shouldn't have save from such a crucial fate.

On the last corridor, she reached a chamber. She heard a groan inside. She wonders if there's any unfaithful person behind the metal door. At first she pushed the door, no reaction. She searched if there's any keyhole for her to open. No avail.

'What kind of sturdy door is this?' She wonders.

"H-help... help me.... "

She heard a hurtful voice. She couldn't stand to hear such a voice in her ears.

I won't fail them! I won't fail anymore victims!

She focuses her power, making sure that the time surrounding them would be paused while she does something unimaginable.

As she recollected herself, she gave a powerful kick and the door blew up by the strong force.

BANG!

The room was dark with no lights. She could smell some kind of drugs and alcohol in this room.

'What did they do to this poor thing?' She cursed.

She saw a boy in black, ragged breath moving in and out of his mouth in an irregular state. She stares at the boy, she could see some resemblance of the boy with who she saw before. But she doesn't want to think much.

"Hey are you okay?" The boy nodded weakly. He coughed hard afterwards and tries to breath in between.

She couldn't hold it. She carried the boy by one arm behind her neck. She carefully leads him to the underground tunnel whereas other survivors are.

On their way, she saw how tired the boy was with his disheveled hair and multiple scars on his body. The pale skin wasn't that much of a help to relieve her as she could see blue veins popping on his skin and his lips cracked by the hydration.

This boy must have suffered the most. He may didn't lose any limbs like the other prisoners she had saved but he is still in unforgiven condition with how small his fragile body is.

Once they have reached with the others, she asked of them to carried the boy while she waiting for the Alliance to come with the reinforcement.

Not long after, they saw loads of trucks coming by with the North Alliance symbol at the side. They were all happy for the rescuers.

Ying was satisfied to see this. As they all loading the prisoner and moving, Ying and the boy were the last to goes in.

Before they could even step into, sprout of bamboo shoots upwards, blocking their paths to enter the truck.

"zzt Xia Ying! zzt Are you zzzt okay?"

A called from her walkie talkie speak.

"zzt I'm fine. You guys need to move and leave us!"

zzzt But zzt we couldn't leave you here. It's dangerous! zzt

"Surveillance is our main priority! Bring them to the safe we handle here! Over and out."

She cut off the call. In the dark mist of their view, reveal a young boy in green attire.

"Aww, leaving so soon Xia Ying." He whined with a hint of sarcasm. "I thought we could have much more time together as friends~ Hehe, and you bring my sunflower with you without my permission? Tsk tsk, that's not a very good behaviour my sweet poppies. You can't take what was not belong to you." He smirked.

"The way you talked you sounded like Hanashe but you aren't him, are you?" Ying stares, protecting the boy in black in her arms.

Maruta claps, " My, my, you are one smart and brave girl I ever met. And yes you are right, I am Hanashe... or what was once a part of him. Hanashe is a fusion of me, Maruta, and my beloved Sunflower, Taiyou, the boy in your grasp." Maruta stated while pointing to Taiyou.

Ying tightened her hold on Taiyou to secure him. "Watching him asleep reminds me a lot of when I saw him in my dreams for the first time I got out from the Evil Blade. I remember



much clearly,
And now you're taking my sun away from me."

Maruta walked forward to them with a frown. "You don't want to make this little bamboo feeling lonely don't you?"

Ying was hesitant. She doesn't want Taiyou to be hurt again by his doppleganger nor does she even want to fall for this boy's trickery.

Taiyou in his unconscious state dream he saw Kaminari. He beg him to help him from this torment. Kaminari heard his call, with his leftover strength, a flash of red lights left its mark in his place.

While Ying still in her debate with herself, a flash of red hits Taiyou in a blink. She was surprised and jumped from the shock.

From Taiyou's place reveal a young man with long hair, piercing red and yellow eyes as he stares deadly at one direction.



“Who-who are you?” Ying stammer. At the same time Maruta was in daze with what he just saw, a sunflower with a bunch of rose standing still in front of him. Such a beautiful view to his eyes.

“I am Shogun. A fusion of Kaminari and Taiyou. I'm here to destroy the foundations of Nana-san-ichi, the one that gave torment to my Sun.” Shogun said in a booming voice, sending chills to whoever hears it.

Without a word, Shogun goes straight in the blink of an eye towards the Foundation and destroys it with his dual blade.

Maruta received a call from the foundation, “Maruta, help! Our subjects all has escaped and our lab are getting destroyed by unknown force. Do you know what is happening here? Maruta. Maruta!!!”

Maruta closed the calls and watched the foundation fall into misery. Ying was weirded by Maruta action.

Isn't he one of them? Doesn't he like that place? Why wasn't he helping them stop Shogun?

“You must be wondering why I didn't step up to stop the Shogun attack.”

Ying was surprised by Maruta's words. Never in her mind she ever thought he would answer her thoughts.

“That place may have taken me under their care as my specialist in creating tonic and toxins are really helpful for them. But I didn’t see them as one of my own. All I see is just a bunch of rotten bamboo shoots that would be easily cut off with one strong axe like what happened to them now. The only thing I could feel alive was when I met Taiyou, Yamato and now you. Taiyou was a beautiful Sunflower that I really want to keep him as mine. Yamato is a very sturdy Cedar to me with all his wisdom that we both share. And you as the poppies flower are one with a magnificent power I sense that I really envy with. And this Shogun, I could see a bunch of roses scattering around the sunflower releasing such absolute power I ever saw. So why should I help that monstrous place if I wouldn’t get the chance to see more beauties once I step out of it.”

Hearing those, Ying couldn't figure out what Maruta’s actual intentions were.

BOOM

A loud blast exploded not far from where they were.

Shogun returns to their place. His legs gave away as he slumped down. Bright light flashes as two beings are separated and one of them zooms back to where it was.

Taiyou faint as the light diminishes. Before Ying could hold him, Maruta was already one step forward carrying Taiyou.

“Such a delicate flower he is but also powerful when he blooms.” He looks at Ying and gives a smile, “Hope we won’t be meeting again in an awkward momet, hehe.”

They both turned into orbs and flew up to somewhere she never knew.

Ying doesn't know what to react so she closed her eyes and tried to interact with her future self from different timelines. She saw how insufferable her other self is in timeline 5 taking care of the amnesiac of the two photosynthesis twins but in this timeline they were all friends. She hopes that hers too could also get the same traits but that's how fate goes, nothing will come the same way with how it wishes to.



Blue eyes open in shock. A man in his late year slumping himself back to the couch. “What was that? Haruki. Blitz. Taiyou. Are you alright? *sigh* I've missed you boy.” The man sighs. “Sir, your drink.” “Thank you.” He took the drink as he repositioned his sit.



"Any news that I need to hear?"

"Yes sire! An ambassador from the rising sun is on his way here to discuss with you. He said they need your help to aid them in this war."

"I will think about it, yes man." As his man left, he was in deep thoughts wondering about the safety of his grandson.



"It's kind of surprising to see how you still manage to escape why you are still in a weak state." A young boy approached his prisoner who he had gained from the plane crash several days ago.



It's kind of a miracle to see this boy still breathing after that doom. But he heard from other people that this boy wasn't any ordinary boy. He is an element that came from a soldier called himself Blitzstein. Gaining that information, they used their captive for multiple torture to release their anger towards the Rising Sun.

Day by day the boy, Kaminari, faces such an insufferable fate in his life. But to answer the call from his Red Sun, he dares to use his last strength of the day aiding him that time. But as soon as he return, he passed out for a few days, regaining his strength once he had lost it.

Fang, the young Westerner always checking up on Kaminari to continue his plan to bring doom to both Blitzstein and the Rising Sun.

“Soon this war will end and we will be the champions of this war.....”