

As if Orihime smile upon me - Sakura's Birthday special episode

-Downtown-

Ayame: Saku-nee, over here, quick!

Kei: Aya-chin is over excited tonight isn't she?

Sakura: She is still a child in many senses Natsume-san, it's pretty normal.

Hikari: A child that already attends to its first year of high school...

Kaede: Tachi...not now...

Hikari: Wha' i didn' say a thin' yet!

Kei: And we kindly thank you for that!

Hikari: Ya too Natsu?!

Sakura: Ladies, if you keep chatting without moving, in the end we will lose track of our little vocalist ... * sigh * fine ... I will keep her company. If you excuse me...

Sakura leaves

Hikari: Hey! stop with the teasing already guys! Sakura-Han can you tell them some...uh?...wait. Where did she go?

Kei: Waaa...i can't see Aya-chin either...

Kaede:...are you trying to tell me...that we get lost?

Hikari: Nah, they shouldn' be too far, let's go try to find them, I'm sure this would be done in less than fiv'mins.

-Downtown-

Sakura: Ayame!

Ayame: Saku-nee! Over here! Quick!

Sakura: Ayame, please don't rush into the crowd, you could end up separating yourself from the rest of the group.

Ayame: I'm sorry...but, look at this! it's so beautiful

Sakura: A Bamboo tree?...oh...right...today is...

Ayame: That's right! Saku-nee we have to do it!

Sakura: huh? what is on your mind now my sweet Ayame?

Ayame: We have to make Tanzakus Saku-nee! then we can write all our wishes on them and hang them together on a tree like this!

Sakura: We? make them? *chuckle* and how many of them would you like to do Ayame? after all right now "we" are just t...

Ayame: That's why! we have to do as many as all of us may need, the five of us!

Sakura: ...Fine then ... let's go ahead and buy whatever it takes.

Ayame: Uh, but where are the others? Weren't they with you a few moments ago Saku-nee? Where did they go?

Sakura: Don't worry about them Ayame, I am sure they will find their way to us. After all ... the sky is clear, tonight will be a night of reunions.

Ayame: Saku-nee...yeah, you're right, let's go.

-Shrine - Inner Grounds-

Kei: Aaagh, no luck, they're not here either, and this is already full enough to find someone. How are we supposed to regroup ourselves?

Kaede: Hey, Kei...

Kei: WAAAAAH!! A GHOST!! BEGONE EVIL SPIRIT, BEGONE!!

Kaede: ...What the heck are you doing?

Kei: uh? Oh ... Kaede! for god's sake girl, don't show up out of nowhere like that! you almost give me a H.A.!...And what's up with that outfit?!

Kaede: What's with what?...you already know i always helps here at the Shrine during weekends...

Kei: We know, yes ... BUT TODAY IS WEDNESDAY! not to mention it's festive!

Hikari: Hey, Natsu...Yo!

Kei: WAAAAAH!! A GHOST!! THIS TIME FOR SURE IT HAS TO BE ONE! BE GONE EVIL SPIRIT, BE GOOONEEEE!!..uh?...Hiikarin?!

Hikari: Pfft!...if you could see the face you just did...Pfft!....fu fu fu....

Kei: Moo, What's up with you two? And why are you too dressed like that!!

Hikari: oh! that was a good reaction Natsu! straight from annoyed to angered!

Kei: Hiikarin...if you don't tell me this instant why are you dressed as well as a Shrine Maiden say goodbye to playing with Taiga for two months...

Hikari: We were looking for the sarge and Kuronyan but have no luck at all, then one of the priests here saw Kachan and asked her for help as they are starting to be understaffed and I also got on board!!

Kei: But we were suppose to be looking for Saa-chin and Aya-chin!

Hikari: The sooner we finish here, the sooner we could resume the search for the sarge! so Natsu...join us!

Kei: WHAT?!

Hikari: You heard me already, put this Shrine maiden outfit on and help us bring this chaos back under control!

Kei: You have to be kidding me...how did you expect me to...

?: Oh, aren't those?...

?: Just as i thought.

Kaede: Oh...Tomoe...and Ako...

Ako: Kae-chin,Hika-chin, good night! Wa! Kei-chin is also here!

Tomoe: Is Seiken visiting the shrine to make a wish?

Kaede: Nothing like that...

Hikari: Although we all came together to the downtown tonight yeah, you see, Today is Sakura-Han's birthday and we all agreed to go out to celebrate. But some things happened while we were hangin' out and...well...Kuronyan get stray away from us, then Sakura-han do the same thin' aaaand now here we are...

Kei: We came here to see if we could find them, but we get no luck...

Tomoe: I see, yeah i can understand why that happen, Ako is also very excited tonight with all the decoration around here

Ako: And how could I not be?! Everything is so shiny, and all the stores and the streets have this bamboo decorations on them it's like...like...if we had entered into a mystical forest filled with magical power that draws the unwary into the darkness and then...ehm ... BAM! They disappear forever and became lost souls that wanders for all the eternity!

Hikari: Hmm,Hmm...i see...and how can we know if our friends are been swallowed by that darkness, oh! Princess of the Makai!

Ako: They weren't

Kaede: uh? What do you want to mean?

Tomoe: We saw them a few minutes ago near the stationery

Kei: Really?

Tomoe: Yeah, they were seems to be looking for Tanzakus.

Hikari: Here's our chance! Natsu go after them! if you run you still might be able to find them there! go get the sarge and the little miss and retrieve them back to here safely!

Kei: Aye, aye sir!

Kei start dashing

Hikari: Now we just have to wait, Tomoe-Han, Ako-chin thanks for helpin'us out.

Tomoe: we didn't do a thing actually, but...can i know why are you two dressed like that?

Kaede: That...could take some time to be explained ze...

Hikari: Lucky enough, time is exactly what we have right now.

Kaede: Tachi...we have work to do...

Tomoe: *Chuckle* You are always so serious when you're here Kaede. Almost as Tsugumi at rehearsals.

Kaede: *blushing* i just...want to do what i can to...return the favor.

Ako: But dressed like this Kae-chin looks so cool! It really seems like you can face an evil spirit and make it disappear from this world! as in...BANG! DON! Begone evil being!

Kaede: Ako...that's...not what a Shrine maiden do in real life...

Hikari: "Shrine Maiden warrior, Kachan"...i can see a lot of potential in that!

Kaede: Tachi!!

Tomoe: *grins* For sure, maybe i tell Moca about it, i'm sure she will come out with a good story for a new manga.

Kaede: *blushing* Just stop already ze!

Ako: Wah! Sis, look a what time it is! we must go home or mom will be mad!

Tomoe: This is bad! It's really this late? yeah, we should go back before dad screams can be heard everywhere around the neighborhood. Well, Hikari, Kaede. See you tomorrow at school

Ako: Byeee!

Hikari: Bye-bee!

Kaede: Good night you two...

Tomoe and Ako leaves

Hikari: so...wha' shoul' we do now to past the time 'till Natsu get back here with those two?

Kaede: Do you think i will let you get away again?, we have a job to do...now let's get back to it.

Hikari: *sighs* Fiiine, we do it your way...Shrine maiden warrior...

Kaede: Could you please stop with that?

-Downtown-

Ayame: We buy a bunch lot! yaay! I'm sure now all of our wishes will be granted, right Saku-nee?

Sakura: Ayame, It's not about how many you write but how strong the feelings you put into your wish what matters.

Ayame: I...i know that *pouches*

Sakura: *Chuckle* That said...having bought so much for sure it should help one way or another...

Ayame: right?! I know it will work! But now that we're done shopping, what we need to do is find the others ... Saku-nee, do you really think it was a good idea to get so far away from where we were?

Sakura: Ayame, didn't i tell you already? tonight is a night of reunions, and as the lovers in the sky, we are all connected, put your faith in the stars and they will guide them to us.

Kei: oh, There you are! Heeey! Saa-chin, Aya-chin!

Ayame: Kei-senpai!

Sakura: Let's move Ayame.

Kei: Where did you two go? We almost thought that the darkness swallowed you and you became lost souls!

Sakura: Lost so...? What are you talking about Natsume-san?

Ayame: That sounds like something Ako-chan would say...

Kei: That's because it was her who said us!, now come on, we have to get back to the shrine, Kaede y Hiikarin are waiting there, and they are going to need a hand or two to handle all the customers.

Sakura: is that so? in that case let's no waste more time, Natsume-san, Ayame, let's go on our way

Kei: Aye, Aye sir!!

Ayame: The shrine?...why is that we always end up there no matter what?...wait, What do you want to say with "All the customers"?! Kei-senpai!! Saku-nee!!

-30 minutes later, Shrine - Inner grounds-

Ayame: I'm back!, and that should take care of the last box. the priest told me that we can left now if we want, they can handle things from here on.

Hikari: I'M BEEEEAT!!

Kei: I...don't want...to see...a warehouse...ever...again...

Sakura: You two were the ones who want to take care of that instead of helping the people who came to pray or buying stuff

Kaede:...but, I must say...I never saw anyone get used to handling visitors so fast, you really impressed me there Sakura...

Ayame: As expected of Saku-nee! she can do anything!

Sakura: Ayame, don't flatter me so much, all i did was apply what i learn at the ryokan to another field, either there or at a shrine, a customer is a customer, and i should treat them with the proper respect.

Kei: You took...your work...too seriously...Saa-chin...

Ayame: Oh right, the priest also give me this, as a token for the five us

Hikari: * sniffs *...Wait...This smell!!

Kei: Okonomiyakis!

Ayame: He told me that he hear Hikari-senpai back at the wearhouse saying some "inappropriate words" for someone his age using the Kansai dialect, and that it reminded him of some time in the past when he was in Osaka, so ...

Hikari: Praise be that saint man! praise be! now...don't mind me if i...

Ayame: i know it's not the cake we planned in the first place but...here, the biggest is for you Saku-nee. Happy birthday!

Sakura: Thank you Ayame, *munch, munch* delicious! i might wouldn't mind not having that cake if we can have these instead

Kei: Who said that?! if we said we would have cake, we are going to have cake! We need to recover the sugar we lost here!

Kaede: You just want to stuff yourself now, don't you?

Kei: There is always space for the cake! you can't have a birthday without one!...that's it...take me to a kitchen right now, i'll make one myself!

Hikari: Woah...Natsu activated her bakery mode!...aaand...there she goes...C'mon Kuronyan, we have to catch her before she get lost

Ayame: But i'm still eating!...and why do you have to go running everywhere? Hikari-senpai!!

Ayame, Kei and Hikari leaves

Sakura: *giggle* It seems that this night is still far from over...

Kaede: ...i wish it wasn't always like this for us.

Sakura: But that is precisely what make it more enjoyable, isn't it? now, shall we join them before they leave us behind?

Kaede:..Yeah...we should...Sakura...why did you write that on your Tanzaku?

Sakura: It's not the form in what you express yourself what matter, Moriya-san...but the strength of the feelings you want to convey. Isn't that what you always thrive to achieve when you write our lyrics?

Kaede: ...if you say so...

Sakura and Kaede leaves

*“Bamboo leaves whisper,
rocking on the eaves of the roof.
The stars shine
Like gold and silver grains of sand.
Five color strips of paper
I've already written them.
The stars shine
they watch us from the sky”*

Sakura: I don't need any wishes...if Orihime-sama already smiled upon me and blessed me with my own stars...i'm always be in your debt ladies, so stay with me for as long as we could.

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