disclaimer: English isn't my first language so this document may contain some grammatical and not only grammatical mistakes (sorry). **The lore is still brewing so some things may be changed and this doc might be updated. that's still a WIP yeah.**

disclaimer 2: the doc contains mention of suicide attempt/suicidal thoughts, abusive parents, not very healthy relationship dynamic, bullying and so on. Idk if I need to clarify all of this, I'm not describing anything in detail, but. well. proceed with caution, I guess?

Character profile
Name: Hakashita Katsumi (墓下 克己)
Age: 23
Gender: Agender (AFAB)
Orientation: Polyamorous bi grayromantic-graysexual
Birthday: 6th June
Height: 165 cm
Occupation: Follower in the Infinite Paradise Faith sect

Name meaning:

- Katsumi (克己) - overcome, self/oneself
- Hakashita (墓下) - underneath the grave

Katsumi is very quiet and reserved, rarely showing any emotion. To the other followers of Eternal Paradise Faith she seems as hardworking - to the point of being workaholic - and reliable. Inside, in fact, she always feels the storm of emotions, to the point that they are overwhelming. She is often anxious, which is very noticeable even as Katsumi tries to hide it.

Even when she tries to look cheerful, her empty gaze betrays her. There isn't any light in her eyes; just reflection of her inner emptiness and her desire to stop existing in this world at all.

Voice claims:
EN: Cricket Leigh (Mai from ATLA)
JP: Reiko Yasuhara (Saki Hanajima from Fruits Basket)

Backstory:

Katsumi's father was a doctor; since Japan began to be more open to the outer world, he became interested in Western science and technologies. He traveled often; in one of his travels he visited part of the Russian Empire, a territory named Zeleny Klyn. There he met a woman from a family of Ukrainian settlers and fell for her from the first sight. Even though that woman didn't really like him back, she and her family agreed that she could marry him and go with him to Japan, hoping that life there will be better.

Their marriage wasn't the happiest one; they argued a lot. When Katsumi was born, things became even worse.

Both of her parents weren't the best. Katsumi's father saw his daughter as nothing more than a continuation of himself. He was pretty cold to her, always controlling her behaviour, her interests. He made her study medicine - so Katsumi could become a doctor like him, even though she didn't really want to.

Katsumi's mother was more loving and warm towards her child, but at the same time she held some expectations towards Katsumi that she could not fulfill. Her mother wanted Katsumi to be an extremely sociable, extroverted and feminine young lady. Meanwhile, Katsumi always was introverted; her heritage and quietness made her into the perfect object for bullying. She barely has friends; her only friend moved away from the town when Katsumi was in her early teens.

Katsumi grew tired and sick of everything in her life. She always saw herself as a bad person for not being able to fulfill her parents expectations; everytime she tried to stand for herself, her parents guilttripped her, so eventually Katsumi just gave up on trying to protest against them. She picked up a habit of staying up late so she could do something that her parents didn't like, such as drawing something.

Eventually, her tiredness and inability to change something led Katsumi to make a decision to just end everything. Not so long after she turned 18, she ran away from home, trying to stay away from villages and any places where people live. Katsumi didn't want freedom; she wanted just to run, and run, until the strength leave her body, and until death claims her.

She didn't remember where exactly she lost consciousness; but when she opened her eyes again, she found herself in some unfamiliar place, with some people around her. They explained that they found Katsumi not so far from the Eternal Paradise Faith temple and decided to help her and take her in.

Katsumi, not having any place to return to, decided to stay here. Here she also picked a last name Hakashita, not wanting to bear her real last name anymore.

Dousumi/Flower of Paradise lore:

Of course, being in the Eternal Paradise, Katsumi heard about its head, Douma. But she didn't really meet him in person for quite a while.

When Katsumi finally saw him, she noticed that something in Douma seemed… off. She didn't quite understand what exactly it was; just something in his behavior seemed strange to her, even if he acted very nice.

As time passed by, Katsumi also began to notice other strange things about him - such as his unnaturally sharp canines, his avoidance of the sun, the fact that he didn't really eat much. All of this reminded her about stories of man-eating demons - but Katsumi usually tossed this thought aside. She didn't really believe in those stories, after all, considering them something like urban legends of a kind. She also wondered what his reasons were for running a cult - after all, it seemed that Douma wasn't looking for any material gain for real.

At the same time, Douma noticed that one of the newcomers, Katsumi, mostly avoided any sermons and rituals and never really came to him for advice, as other followers. It's picked up his interest - what was her reason to stay here, then?

Once, in the night, Douma noticed Katsumi sitting alone in the temple courtyard. They talked a bit; Douma asked her why she wasn't attending the sermons.

"… I'm not sure if I should tell you, but… Well, in fact, I don't really believe in the existence of gods. That's why I'm avoiding this."

"How… intriguing. I rarely see people with such a worldview here."

"… you don't seem the type who will believe in those things either."

"Huh? But, well, you're right! Hell and heaven doesn't exist. It's just a childish fantasy, created by people."

"But you still are the head of this cult?"

"Someone should help those poor souls. Listen to their sufferings, offer them guidance… This is my purpose."

"… I see."

For Katsumi, it seemed that Douma was genuine in his wish to help his followers, but she wondered if this isn't too much for him to bear. After all, she noticed how his facial expression changed just so slightly when he talked about his "purpose". Did he have someone to listen to him?

At the same time, Douma became intrigued by Katsumi. To him, she seemed different from other people in the sect - she wasn't dependent on him as others, she shared his worldview to a certain degree.

Katsumi started to try to interact with him more, just to get to know him better. Douma didn't really get it at first, but he allowed her to do this, interested in her reasons for doing so. Slowly, they became closer to each other; Katsumi tried to care about him, ensuring that he would be comfortable and not overworking himself. Douma got to know her more vulnerable side, the one Katsumi was hiding all this time. That fact that he didn't scold her for showing negative emotions made her more attached to him. With the flow of time, Katsumi understood that she couldn't really live without him. Douma was the only person who could make her smile; he was the one she wanted to continue to live for. Douma, meanwhile, developed a bit of affection for her - to the only person who didn't worship him and just treated him like any human.

About a year has passed. One day Katsumi was looking for Douma; she didn't find him anywhere and decided to go to one of the rooms she had never entered before.

When she opened the door, the first thing she saw was corpses and blood. The smell of blood was almost overwhelming. And here, in this room, was Douma, eating one of the people like nothing happened.

Katsumi froze in place, unable to move. She was terrified a bit, but at the same time she thought "I knew this". She noticed the signs, she noticed that some people disappeared before, she just didn't want to believe in this.

Douma noticed her; to Katsumi's surprise, he didn't even kill her, he tried to explain to her why he was doing all of this - to release people from pain and suffering. Katsumi nodded; even though his views on this were twisted, she could understand him perfectly - and she was sure that he did really believe in this.

"I don't care if you are a demon. I don't care that you are killing them. I had suspicions that you are a demon; but it doesn't really matter to me. The only thing that matters to me is that you are the person that I love. Please... let me stay by your side."

Douma was surprised by her words. He never thought that some human could just accept his demon nature. He didn't kill her, wondering what will happen next.

Katsumi never told anyone about the true nature of Douma's "saving". Instead, she helped him to clean the room from blood stains, to hide whatever was left from the people he killed. Bound by the shared secret, they became even closer than before. Douma became even more affectionate towards her. But even though Katsumi appreciated that, she never truly believed in his words or actions. She knew that Douma in fact can't feel - or, well, at least he said so. Katsumi didn't believe him fully in that regard, she noticed subtle changes in his behaviour, which Douma himself seemed to not realise; she thought that he might be feeling something - just

not realising it fully. She was mostly okay with that, she just accepted that her feelings most likely would never be truly reciprocated, but sometimes thinking about that deeply hurt her.

In fact, Douma really deeply appreciated her. His actions towards her, his gestures that could be interpreted as romantic, were in fact genuine. He thought that he just tries to act similar to how she acted towards him, but somewhere deep there was a real desire to make Katsumi happy - one he didn't realise.

Of course, the fact that those two became closer to each other didn't go unnoticed by other followers. There were some people who were jealous of Katsumi, some people who were angry at her for "stealing" their saviour by making him spend time not on the counseling and some other people who saw her as the perfect victim. People who were jealous of her tried to reach out to Douma, but he just dismissed them - he didn't think that whatever was going on between him and Katsumi was their business. So people decided to poke at Katsumi. Everything started just from some laughs and gossips, with some words spoken so loudly that Katsumi would hear it. It continued with people messing up with her work, stealing her stuff, making a grave with her name in the temple garden…

Katsumi didn't want Douma to intrude. She already felt herself as a weak person and she didn't want to be dependent on him. So even though Douma saw everything and was concerned, he decided to listen to Katsumi and let her sort everything by herself.

Katsumi at first tried just to ignore, thinking that if she would ignore them, people would lose interest; but she was wrong. One day, she snapped, attacking her bullies verbally in answer. That fact that she was able to stand for herself actually made some followers quit this situation - because it's easy to poke an easy victim until she doesn't bite back. But while some people decided to stop bullying her, others decided to go further, determined to make her leave the sect. They proceed as far as trying to put the blame on Katsumi for stealing some important stuff; one of followers even tried to harm her "to make her understand that she has no place here". This was the last straw for Douma - after he knew about that, he announced that any follower that would try to harm others, especially Katsumi, would be kicked out of the cult.

The person who tried to harm Katsumi disappeared, being kicked out as Douma said… Though Katsumi found some accessories that belonged to that person in the room where Douma usually feeds. Douma himself thought that this was a kind of safety measure - he didn't want this person to actually leave the sect, since they

could bring unwanted attention to it. But in reality, he was also angry at them for trying to harm Katsumi.

After that incident, most people who were bullying her became less hostile, even though some of them still bickered with her.

Several years passed. One day Katsumi noticed that Douma became more serious than usual; he explained to her that a big battle between demons and demon slayers would be soon. Katsumi knew a bit about slayers, of course, but she never really cared about that. But now she realised that she was horrified at the prospect of losing Douma. She asked him to turn her into a demon, she wanted to be more useful to him - and as a demon, she could at least fight with him. And if they won, they could stay together forever. Douma hesitated for a moment, not really understanding why - was he scared that Katsumi wouldn't survive the turning? He didn't really know.

In the end, he gave Katsumi his blood and stayed with her until he was sure that she turned completely. But her dreams of staying together forever would never turn real; when the slayers fell into Infinite Castle, Katsumi managed to kill several of them before she was beheaded. Her last thought was that she is sorry for being so useless to Douma.

Douma actually felt her death at the same moment when he pretended to cry about Akaza's death; his tears at this moment turned semi-real upon realization that even if he won, Katsumi would never be with him again. Only now he realised how much she really mattered to him, that her care about him really made him feel at least something.

They met in the afterlife when Douma was defeated by Kanao and Inosuke. The first thing Katsumi did was try to say that she was sorry for disappointing him, but Douma apologized instead, saying that he should realise earlier how much Katsumi really meant to him. Since they both were turned into demons, they had only one route to go.

In the end they stayed together forever... in a way.

Blood Demon Art

Her blood demon art centered around manipulating her opponents feelings and emotions. Katsumi used her blood to create various flowers; inhaling the pollen of such flowers made humans feel certain emotions, to the point that they became overwhelming. The more pollen a person inhales, the stronger the emotion they feel.

- **Blue Flowers of Misery:** Katsumi creates blue flowers from her blood. Inhaling the pollen of those flowers leads to the strong feeling of sadness, which later progresses into feelings of misery and despair. Inhaling too much pollen also leads to unbearable physical pain in the chest.
- **Red Flowers of Wrath:** Inhaling the pollen of those flowers leads to the feeling of anger, which progresses into self-hatred. The physical effect is shown as a painful headache.
- **Black Flowers of Uneasiness:** Those flowers intend to develop a terrible feeling of anxiety and fear in the victim. Their pollen also makes people nauseous and makes them tremble and shake against their will.
- **Vines of Self-Destruction:** The most powerful technique. Katsumi creates black vines with small purple flowers blooming on them. Those vines can be used to restraining and suffocating people; their pollen invokes the desire to die, which leads either to suicide or to that victim stopping fighting and letting vines to suffocate them fully.

Fun facts about Katsumi:

- Katsumi used to have very long hair when she was younger, but she was very uncomfortable with that. Once she cut it impulsively and never grew it long again, even though her mother tried to force her to do so. She kept her hair short while staying in Douma's cult because it triggered her derealization every time it grew longer.
- Katsumi usually speaks in a very quiet and monotone tone. She even cries quietly, so nobody can really hear her.
- Her hobbies are: cooking, drawing and creating stories. She likes to think about plots and characters but she never writes it down after her story was criticized by her parents.
- Katsumi is quite good at cooking, especially at baking.
- Her favourite type of food: cheese, anything with meat and almost anything sweet. She is especially fond of various sweets with matcha.
- She likes night strolls.
- Katsumi knows three languages: Japanese, English and Ukrainian. She sometimes mixes words from different languages, not even realising this.
- Katsumi always has dark circles under her eyes due to the constant lack of sleep. She still stays up late just because of the habit, and because of Douma too. She also has troubles with falling asleep because sometimes she just starts randomly suffocating and wakes up because of that.

- Sometimes Katsumi sees vivid nightmares; usually they involve her parents or her experience of being bullied, but later they also started to include Douma. In those kinds of nightmares Douma mocks her for her weaknesses or straight up says that Katsumi is nothing more than a food source or temporary entertainment for him.
- Speaking of food source, Katsumi has marechi blood. She found it out accidentally, after she cut her finger while cooking and Douma smelled the unique blood. She allows him to drink her blood sometimes.
- Katsumi is actually short-sighted, but she doesn't really know this. She noticed at some point that she started to see worse, but she was afraid to bother her parents with this and just used to live with it.
- Due to Katsumi's mental condition her emotions take a toll on her physical health. The most noticeable and frequent effects are headache when she is extremely upset (also after crying too much) and chest pain when she is angry.
- Katsumi likes raspberries and sweet cherries. And tangerines.
- Katsumi doesn't really see herself as nonbinary/agender even though she doesn't feel herself as woman or man (I tried to find some info about nonbinary terms but it seems that there was "third gender" only for young men and this was in the Edo period and starting from Meji Japan became more westernized with introducing more western concepts of gender and sexuality so Sumi most likely won't really have any info about this like we have). She doesn't like being forced into a woman's societal role but she sees herself more like "weird woman" than actual nonbinary. Same with her sexuality - though she is able to love a woman, she perceives her feelings more like close bond or friendship. This also was influenced by her mother views (her mother is bisexual too who didn't realise this and she was like "Katsumi it's okay I was liking my best friend too but you need to marry a man".
- Katsumi's first crush ever was her only female friend who moved away from the city

Dousumi fun facts:

- Katsumi likes to brush his hair, it makes her feel more relaxed and she just likes when his hair is less chaotic. Douma just likes to play with her hair and he likes how fluffy it is.

- Since Katsumi likes to draw, she has a ton of doodles of Douma. Once he saw it and asked permission to keep all of them in his room. He also keeps one doodle that he especially likes with him constantly.
- I headcanon that Douma sometimes talks to the skulls he collected and he also remembers who was the owner of which skull and their story. Sometimes he just picks a random skull and tells Katsumi about the story of this person.
- Katsumi can't dance. Her movements are constrained, she doesn't feel connected to her body fully and afraid to move freely (I think now that at the first year or two at the cult she could move like she was ready to hide at any moment. like moving close to the shadows and wall, hunched over, trying to make herself less noticeable). Douma tried to teach her how to dance; it's really hard for Katsumi, but she tried her best - just so Douma can be proud of her.
- Katsumi used to call him "Douma-sama" and still calls him like that when they are in public. She dropped honorifics only some time after she confessed her love to him and only because Douma asked her to do this, saying that she can call him just by name.
- Douma actually got affected once by Katsumi's BDA (accidentally). Her BDA actually works on him, though much weaker than on humans (because, you know, demons regenerate constantly plus maybe Uppermoons can have some immunity to BDA and so on). Katsumi as a demon in the original universe can't really create flowers with positive emotions, but she promised Douma to create such just for him - so he could feel joy and happiness, even if just for a fleeting moment. She never kept her promise, though - she died before she was able to do it.
- Douma often buys her some gifts. Also he helps her with clothes choices.
- Douma sometimes feeds on Katsumi's blood; Katsumi in fact initiated this, seeing what effect her blood has on him.
- With time, Douma developed a real wish to help Katsumi when she is stressed - genuine one, not because of his duty. But since Katsumi doesn't want to bother him too much, they came to an agreement - Katsumi would share her problems with him only in exchange to listen about his day and so, so it's kinda a mutual exchange, not one-sided as with his followers. (Douma couldn't really feel if something bothering him obviously, but a Katsumi notices even smallest changes in his act, and she can tell when he is bothered so she basically gives him food for thought)
- Katsumi once tried to explain how different emotions might feel, relying on the physical feelings.

- Katsumi really really likes green tea, so Douma often prepares it for her.
- For Douma it’s kinda an interesting challenge to bring Katsumi positive emotions. Even though she tries her best to hide her anger and sadness from him, he still knows those sides of her the best and he knows that it’s actually pretty easy to make her sad or angry. But making her happy is much harder. But he tries his best.
- Katsumi is very clingy. After she realised that Douma doesn’t mind her touching him she often cuddles him or just randomly poking him and boops his nose.
- Yes, she likes to boop his nose because Douma looks surprised every time she does that.
- Both Douma and Katsumi are blanket hogs so when they’re sleeping in one bed, it’s always a battle over blankets.
- Katsumi can fight a bit; after the incident where one of followers tried to harm her, Douma taught her self-defence and how to use war fans. Technically, she could kill a human, especially with no or little combat experience. She wouldn’t win in a fight with a slayer or demon, but she could hold a bit in a battle with a low-ranked slayer or weak demon (aka not get killed in the first minute, that’s all).
- When people started to show their dislike for her taking Douma's attention away and so she started to reach out to him even more boldly and more often. It's something like "if they hate me for doing this then fuck it I'll do it so they at least would have a reason". She still ready to back up at any second if it looks like that Douma is tired/bored of her. She is also torn between "it's terrible and selfish to do so and I bad person and I need to die for this" (girl you just want to spend time with person you love chill) and "idgaf if I'm terrible monster in human body I feel at least some happiness when I'm with him and I want this"

this part of document contains: the same

Slayer AU

She was born in the family of a Japanese doctor and Ukrainian woman. When Katsumi was 13, demon attacked their house, killing both of her parents. Katsumi was rescued by members of the Demon Slayer Corps; since she had no other relatives with whom she could stay and she didn't know what else she could do, she decided to join the Corps.

While training for Final Selection, Katsumi managed to create her own breathing style, naming this Mantis Breathing, derived from Water Breathing. At 14 years old, she passed Final Selection, becoming the official member of Corps. Two years later, she got the status of Hashira. While she wasn't a Hashira yet, Katsumi accidentally found out that feeding on demon flesh gives her a demon form - a form in which she was stronger and faster than usual. She kept quiet about that ability and she didn't use this much, relying on her fighting skills only.

Even though she was pretty capable of killing demons by beheading, Katsumi took an interest in various substances that could affect them, thinking that it might come in handy for weaker slayers.

Katsumi continues to study medicine all this time, so she gets a good knowledge of the human body. During her experimentations, she also gets a knowledge of the demon body and how various substances and their mix affect it.

Loss of her parents and new circle of people affected Katsumi in both good and bad ways. She's kinda better with her feelings and emotions than in the original universe, allowing herself to express everything more freely. At the same time, she doesn't grieve her parents death, feeling that she became more free with their death. Knowing that she must grieve, Katsumi started to develop a deep feeling of guilt.

During her years in the Corps, she also experienced an emotional burnout. Being constantly surrounded by the death of her friends, acquaintances and just innocent people made her quite insensitive to the sufferings of others, the only exceptions being people who are very close to her. Even though outside Katsumi wears a mask of cheerful, helpful and somewhat eccentric person, inside she is mostly apathetic, experiencing something only when it hits close. The most common feeling for her is guilt - guilt for not being able to feel in that way that she

should feel, that she couldn’t care about others that much. Her constant feeling of inner emptiness and feeling of lacking her personality added to this, making her think that she is just a monster in the human body and she should do her best to hide this from others. Her interests in demon biology and that fact that most other slayers considered her strange because of this also added to this feeling.

When she was 19, her crow bringed a call for help from another slayer group, who supposedly ran into one of Twelve Kizuki. Katsumi arrived in place quickly and engaged in battle, letting the survivors run away while she was busy with demon. By the only sight on this demon’s eyes where were written kanjis “Upper Two” Katsumi knew that she most likely wouldn’t win, but she gave her best in this fight.

Douma recognised the Mantis Hashira in her; in fact, he was pretty curious by her research, so he decided to spare her life. When Katsumi lost consciousness from blood loss, he took her into his temple.

Her condition wasn’t really good, and it took two months for her to get somewhat healthy. She never recovered fully, though. In the battle she inhaled the ice particles of Douma's Blood Demon Art, which caused damage to her lungs. It didn't kill her, but the damage stayed.

Douma personally looked after Katsumi while she was recovering; not because he really cared, obviously, but because he needed her to stay alive. Douma was interested in her reasons for experimenting on demons and in her discoveries, and he wanted to make Katsumi tell him about this.

Meanwhile, Katsumi mostly thought about how she could escape from the temple alive and how she could get some information from Douma, since he was Upper Moon and he should know more than usual demons. After some time, she gave up and said to Douma that she could literally show him what she does, meaning that she could experiment on him. To her surprise, Douma agreed.

Eventually, Douma let her go and return to the Corps, but on the one condition - that Katsumi will continue to visit him. She agreed, thinking that having a whole Upper Moon to experiment on would help with her research.

She kept her word, returning to him regularly; they developed a strange connection, because only with Douma was feeling like she was truly accepted with all her weirdness. And Douma grew to admire her in some way.

Some time after her return to Corps Katsumi started to notice that it became harder for her to breathe. Through the years, her condition worsened a lot; she was feeling constantly tired, her shortness of breath made her unable to fight for long. The only thing that easened her condition was consuming the demon flesh and blood; in demon form, she could move and fight more freely, so she started to keep some of Douma's blood with her constantly to be able to fight normally. But eventually, Katsumi noticed that her health became even worse; her fatigue worsened, she had an episodes of double vision, muscle spasms, her memory worsened. She found out that those symptoms always become more worse for day or more when she used her demon form too often. So, in fact, she couldn't use this form too much.

He even tried to make her dreams about testing some things on humans true. One day, when Katsumi was staying in her temple, Douma dragged some people in, explaining to her that no one of them deserved his "saving" anyway, so she could use them freely. Katsumi was horrified by his decision. Still, she had a thought that maybe by experimenting on humans she would find a cure or at least something that would easen her health troubles. She knew that some things that she experienced are similar to what older people were going through, so she asked Douma to find families that would volunteer. Katsumi usually just took some blood samples and gave families money for their troubles. Then she tried to gave some people meds that she created. Unfortunately, some people died; they were pretty old so it could be not her fault at all, but still, Katsumi felt guilty because of that. During those years, she learned how to enter Selfless State; this helped Katsumi to be less noticeable for demons and perform sneak attacks.

Rehabilitation Training Arc

She was present among Hashira when Tanjiro Kamado was put on trial; Katsumi was the one who clearly was against killing Nezuko, saying that if Tanjiro was telling the truth, there could be something different in this girl. She also added that Giyuu wouldn't break the Corps rules without reason and added that they all should wait for Master before doing anything. When Kagaya Ubuyashiki pardoned the siblings, Katsumi just smiled, seeing how others were accepting his decision.

She asked Tanjiro later if she could take a little of Nezuko's blood to run some tests. Since Katsumi was visiting a Butterfly Mansion pretty often to talk and consult with Shinobu, she witnessed at least part of the rehabilitation training, even giving boys some advice.

Mugen Train Arc

Katsumi was informed about Kyojiro Rengoku's death by her Kasugai Crow. Even considering that she wasn't that close with him, his death shocked her. She also noted that she doesn't like the fact that one of Upper Ranks has appeared.

Hashira Training Arc

She attended the Hashira Meeting after the events in the Swordsmith Village. While Katsumi fully supported the initiative, she chose not to participate in training. Together with Shinobu and demon doctor Tamayo she worked on the preparation of anti-Kibutsuji drug. In the breaks Katsumi worked on her own poison, the mix of extract of her marechi blood, wisteria and acids, which was supposed to kill Douma. To be sure that Douma wouldn't notice the wisteria and acids part, Katsumi asked for Tamayo's help.

She found out about Shinobu's plan to sacrifice herself in order to kill Douma; Katsumi didn't try to talk her out of it, but she noted, that if Shinobu said about this sooner, Katsumi could be the vessel for poison, since she suspected that she is going to die soon anyway, since her health kept getting worse. Katsumi also revealed to Shinobu that she wants to kill Douma too, but since none of them know when exactly they could meet him, she offered that if either Shinobu or Katsumi get to him sooner and fail to kill him, the second will finish the job. They both revealed their plans to Kanao too, asking for her help - if both Katsumi and Shinobu die in the battle with Douma, at least he would be weakened by their poisons and Kanao would be able to finish him.

Katsumi visited Douma's temple one last time. They both knew that a great battle is near; Douma tried to talk her out of seeking him, while Katsumi just mentioned that she has a surprise for him and this would be a shame if he won't see it.

One night, Katsumi's crow delivered an urgent message about Ubuyashiki's mansion being attacked. Katsumi rushed to the mansion, but all she saw was the mansion exploding before her eyes. After Gyomei announced Muzan's identity and

revealed his immunity to decapitation, Katsumi prepared to attack, but before she even could do this, Muzan opened the Infinite Castle. Katsumi ended up falling alone.

Infinite Castle Arc

In the Infinite Castle, she fought until she found the door that seemed too familiar for her. Before entering, Katsumi took her experimental painkiller, which should numb the pain completely.

She entered Douma's temple, silently stalking and preparing to attack. She didn't hoped to kill him in one blow, but with the Final Form of her breathing this probably could be possible. She broke the ceiling, aiming to kill him, but Douma - barely, but still - dodged her move.

He wasn’t pleased to see her, saying that she should go away. But Katsumi didn’t waste much time talking with him, and started attacking immediately. She mostly used the only one form of her breathing, injecting the substance she prepared into him, aiming mostly at the neck - Katsumi knew that necks of more powerful demons would be more sturdy, and she wanted to make possible to cut it. She didn’t stop attacking, even wounded heavily and even when she lost an eye. Still, her stamina wasn't infinite, and her lungs started to fail her. Douma was ready to kill Katsumi when Kanao and Shinobu entered the room, interrupring him and giving Katsumi a moment of respite. Shinobu, seeing Katsumi in battle and remembering her plan, wasn't going to sacrifice herself; she and Kanao fought fiercely, dictracting Douma from Katsumi. They both knew about some of his techniques, so they got minimal injuries. They also noticed that Katsumi was trying to put Douma in some special position, so both Shinobu and Kanao focused on helping her.

The concotion that Katsumi prepared made Douma's attacks more erratic and sloppy; finally, acids, already dissolving his tissues from inside, started to dissolve them outside too, mainly on his neck. Katsumi used the Final Form of Mantis Breathing to cut his head off.

Katsumi used some of his flesh to turn into her demon form. Douma was shocked, since he didn’t know about this ability of hers. Katsumi explained that she need this to live longer; Douma answered to her that she should take as much as she

needs, then. Before turning to dust completely, he asked her to promise him that she will survive and live as long as she could. Katsumi didn’t answer.

Shinobu knew about Katsumi's ability, but she was suspicious about whole dialogue those two had; Kanao was kinda shocked of seeing Katsumi devoruing demon flesh, though Shinobu explained to her that Katsumi has ability like Genya.

When all three of them left the room, Shinobu asked about meaning of her dialogue with Douma. Katsumi said that she will tell more if she stays alive.

Sunrise Countdown Arc

As the Infinite Castle collapsed, she joined the battle with Muzan. Her demon form allowed her to move even faster, disrupting his attacks and distracting him with unpredictable strikes. She saved the lives of several slayers, defending them from Muzan’s attacks.

As dawn broke and Muzan was defeated, her demon form also withered away. Katsumi collapsed on the ground, feeling how pain returned. Her body was exhausted and she understood that she wouldn't make it alive. When Kakushi tried to treat her, she dismissed them, asking them to help someone who had more chances to live. Then, everything fell to darkness.

When she opened her eyes again, she found herself beside Douma. He was shocked to see her here, saying that he asked Katsumi to survive. She just smiled, revealing that years ago Douma massacred her lungs so badly that Katsumi wouldn’t live long even if she survived the battle with Muzan. Douma quietly admitted that he felt something before death, and this was the wish for her to live. In those years that they spent together, Katsumi became really important to him; and the only thing he ever wanted is for her to live and find happiness.

Katsumi listened to him quietly, seemingly still processing the existence of the afterlife, which she didn’t believe in. Then, she offered him to go into hell together - the only place they both deserve.

Douma accepted this, holding her hand as hellish flames devoured them both.

Legacy

When Tanjiro was turned into a demon after the defeat of the Demon King, Muzan Kibutsuji, she was among the many hands to push him back towards being a human alongside many of their colleagues whom had also fallen in battle, when the spirit of Muzan attempted to sabotage the serum administered to cure Tanjiro's condition.

Katsumi's body turned to the dust. Only her clothes and weapons left. They were buried instead of her body with all other fallen slayers.

Shinobu, Kanao and several other slayers who knew Katsumi recalled their memories about her post-war. Shinobu wondered if she was mistaken and Katsumi and Douma didn't have more strong connection that she initially thought after seeing them talking; still, she knew that she never would get an answer.