

There's a thin line, between love and hate

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There is always a surprise when it comes to the Kohana. Their newest one is Aiko; the girl has a personality all her own, that she hopes noone ever finds out about. Although, those hopes may be shattered when she meets her new housemate, Neji.

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1 - Welcome to the Village- Aiko Uchiha

She looked at the anbu black ops in front of her. His long black hair in the ponytail reminded her a lot of another she had known not too long ago. Of course, she knew she couldn't remember any details of her village. No, they were all wiped away. Along with her spirit, pride, and any other thing she owned. That day never left her heart, and she promised herself, it never will. A strong voice broke through to her trail of thoughts:

"Stop." But even though he said it, she stumbled into him anyway. She began frantically saying she was sorry, but even through his mask, she used her sharingan to see that he gave her a puzzled look. *Oh, that's right!* she thought, remembering that the language she spoke, no one else could understand. She just kept her eyes on him, hoping he would look away.

"Your eyes," he pronounced, "those are the uchiha's...." she nodded back at him, knowing that was all she could do. He turned to his side and went to the gate guard, whispering something, which she was sure was about her. He then strutted over to her and motioned for her to follow him. It didn't take very long for him to lead her into a building...a very tall building, in which she met with a woman on the top floor. The anbu member stopped a few feet from her desk, bowing his head, so she assumed this was the hokage. She took a good long look at her. She had pale blonde hair and chocolate brow eyes. She couldn't have been more 40. *SO this is her....this is the village...this is my home.* The woman's voice was as bold as her looks, and she filled the room with it as she spoke.

"So this is the girl, huh?"

"Yes," the anbu member responded, "this is her. We found her wandering outside of the village. However, she was in the same area as..."

"I *know* very well what happened," she boomed. She paused a moment, glaring at the girl. "You can leave now," she said to the man. The anbu left the room in silence and left the two standing there. The woman asked what the girl's name was. The girl was brought up on her language, but knew how to understand the English the village spoke. There were two words she knew that meant the same thing both ways, and she responded to the woman, as bold as possible.

"Uchiha...Uchiha Aiko."

2 - Neji and Aiko- Hyuuga meets Uchiha

"Uchiha...Uchiha Aiko." The woman rushed her head into her desk.

"Oh great, not another one...." the woman moaned. Aiko looked at her puzzled. Another one? There was more than one of her? So many questions rushed into her head, and she wished at that moment she could speak English. The woman looked and seeing Aiko's face, she spoke again. "Well, my name is Tsunade, and i am your 5th hokage. As far as the information i have gotten on you, you can not speak English, but you can understand it, correct?" Aiko nodded her head and continued to listen. "I am going to send you to a new household. You will be kept under surveillance and watched, however, they will treat you as a guest, therefore, treat them with respect. Understand so far?" Again, Aiko nodded her head. "They are the Hyuuga family. Their oldest boy will look after you, alright? His name is Neji, and his two cousins are Hinata and Hanabi, as the father is Hiashi. I will send them to pick you up. Find the anbu and follow him out. I will check on you later. You are dismissed."

Aiko left the room, and waited outside. No more than a few moments later, the boy showed up. His brilliant eyes left her baffled and she stared at him in brilliance. His voice was not as deep as the anbu, but she sensed his strength...his power.

"Aiko, i presume?" She nodded and he gave her a slight bow. Holding back everything she could to not squeal with satisfaction, she blushed and nodded. She knew he noticed and he gave her a cocky grin and a little laugh. "I'm Neji...Tsunade probably explained most of it to you. Let's head back to the dojo, so you can settle in." he stopped grinning to look at her, and she flushed again as his eyes met hers. He smiled again and spoke softly,

"You know, you might want to stop blushing. Your face might stay that way. Although, while I'm around, i have a feeling it won't matter." and he turned around to walk. *Neji, huh? Neji Hyuuga.* She thought to herself, *I'll remember that.*

3 - Your not supposed to know...

He turned back around and looked at her.

"Are you coming or not?" She shook her head to get rid of the thoughts and kind of pranced toward him. *I'm looking like and idiot*, she thought to herself. She caught up to him and nodded, as if to tell him, lead the way. She expected him to start running, so she took off before he moved. She got about halfway through the village before she realized that he wasn't there. Embarrassed, and she was sure; blushing, she walked slowly back. She stared at her feet for a while, and wished at one point she wasn't there. She slowly looked up at him and he cracked up in laughter. She felt herself flush even more, and felt like crying...knowing she couldn't.

"You remind me very little of Sasuke...he had much less of a personality." *Sasuke?* She thought to herself, *is that the 'other one' Tsunade was talking about?* He started to walk away and Aiko hurriedly went to his side, and wrapped herself around his arm. He never even glanced down at her, and continued walking. However, it was until a while longer before he said something about it.

"Is there a reason you are clinging to me?" He asked in his 'know-it-all voice'.

"uh..." Aiko managed to "squeak". He laughed again and stopped walking. Aiko looked in front of her and seen a large dojo....but it looked more like a manor. A girl appeared in the door way, her long hair behind her and her bangs in front. She walked over to Neji and asked him something in his ear. He nodded and looked back at Aiko.

"Aiko, this is Hinata. She will show you to your room and get you settled in. Your room is next to mine, so if you need anything, I'll be right next door, ok?" When Aiko nodded, he walked away and she followed Hinata the rest of the night.

By mornings dawn, Aiko was up and wandering the house. She reached the courtyard a while later, and sat contently on the steps, her eyes fixed on the figure in the sunrise, as it moved gracefully in the sand. She didn't know how long she was there for, but it was already daylight out when the figure stopped and walked toward her.

"I should have known," the boy said. "you just can't get enough of me, can you?" At once Aiko blushed. Then realizing he was picking on her, she scrunched up her face and stuck out her tongue at him. He laughed again and walked past her..

"We have to meet with the hokage soon. She wants to check on you. Go get ready, ok?" Yeah, she thought to herself, but if it is about what happened, she won't get anything out of me. Aiko didn't even realize that her and Neji hadn't stopped looking at each other, until she shifted her gaze and it looked different. This wasn't going as she planned, but maybe that was better.