

# Love and Hate

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She walked down the alleyway, humming a childhood song. Her hands rubbed together and a spark flew out, while she held a non-melting snowflake cupped in her hand. "It would be lovely to see it snow again..." She whispered to herself.

She knew this wouldn't happen for a little while, for it was the first week in August. She let the little snowflake disperse into the cool, autumn air and continued on her way. A scuttle came from behind her. She paused in her tracks, and slowly turned around. Nothing. She shrugged and began to walk back towards her destination.

"Setsu, reporting for duty, sir." She said as she saluted the guy in front of her.

He twirled around in his chair and gave her a blank stare. She gulped as quietly as she could. This guy really scared her. "So..." He began, still looking at her. "Who sent you?"

"You sent for me, sir." She answered, almost instantly.

Suddenly, a short, blonde-headed boy slammed open the door, yelling, "ROY! WHY DID I FIND A NOTE THAT SAID, 'Come to my office in the morning, shorty' IN MY ROOM?!?! WITH YOUR SIGNATURE?!?!"

He slammed some type of note in front of Roy. Roy smirked, then said, "Finally got it, eh shorty?"

Her muscles eased a little as they bickered. This WAS normal, right...? They finally stopped, and Ed angrily looked toward Setsu, then back at Roy. "Who's she? Never seen her before..."

She tensed up again as they talked. "She's new. AND she's the one who's been assigned to help you on your way to find the Philosophers Stone." Roy said matter-of-factly. Ed went from mad, to madder, and started to yell at him again. But he simply waved his hand and said, "Don't worry. She's one of the best of the newest we got. She's quite talented with ice. I think she might be able to help."

A blush crept onto her face as the boy said, "Fine. But she better not get in my way..." He walked out of the room, only glancing at her and nodding as he left. She looked toward Roy with a confused look and he nodded also, so she followed him out to wherever he was going. It was going to be a LONG day.

She sat down on the edge of the bench where he was. She looked down at her hands in her lap and asked, "Ummmm...What's...What's your name...?" She stared over at him while he answered.

"Name's Ed. Sorry about earlier. Roy just ticks me off."

A big man in armor walked out of a store and came over to Ed. "Nii-san, I got what you told me to. Are we ready to get on the train?" She was surprised by the sound of his voice. It sounded so...childish.

Ed looked over and saw her expression then said, "This is my younger brother, Al." Al bowed and said, "Pleased to meet you..." She completed his sentence, "Setsu. The Ice Alchemist."