A Knuxouge Story...Or Is It?

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Knuckles tries to tell Rouge something..but an old friend drops by...will he/she ruin everything? **Warn**ing: There are songs in this.

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Guarding the Master Emerald; this was Knuckles the Echidna's life. No real friends, just two rivals- Dr. Ivo Robotnik/Eggman, who's made a fool of Knuckles for the last time, and Rouge the Bat, who tried to steal the Master Emerald many times. But not anymore. Knuckles and her were yelling at each other at what seemed like yesterday...

Flashback...

"THAT'S IT KNUCKLES! I'M DONE!" screamed Rouge.

"WITH WHAT?!" asked Knuckles, yelling.

"ONE, STEALING THAT FRECKING MASTER EMERALD," answered Rouge.

"WHAT'S NUMBER TWO?!" asked Knuckles. Rouge stared panting, and Knuckles saw tears come to her eyes. Knuckles gasped.

"With you, Knuckles. With you," answered Rouge, the tears falling rapidly from her eyes.

"With me? What does she mean by that?" thought Knuckles.

"Rouge...," Rouge flew off.

"ROUGE!" Knuckles yelled after her.

End of flashback...

"It's been one hundred days since that...and I dream about that every night. Why WAS I counting the days anyway? That bat means NOTHING to me!"

A hundred days have made me older Since the last time that I saw your pretty face

"I lied to myself yet again. Wait...why did that song pop in my head? And...Rouge's face isn't pretty! It's beautiful...WHAT DID I JUST THINK?!"

A thousand lies have made me colder And I don't think I can look at this the same

"I've always been cold...haven't I?"

But all the miles that separate
Disappear now when I'm dreaming of your face

"Why do I dream of you?" Knuckles whispered.

I'm here without you baby But you're still on my lonely mind I think about you baby And I dream about you all the time "So what? It means NOTHING!"

I'm here without you baby
But you're still with me in my dreams
And tonight it's only you and me, yeah

Knuckles sighed. Why was this song tormenting him?

The miles just keep rollin'
As the people leave their way to say hello
I've heard this life is overrated
But I hope that it gets better as we go, oh yeah yeah

Knuckles felt tears in the corners off his eyes. He blinked a couple of times. Knuckles the Echidna was **NOT** going to cry!

I'm here without you baby
But you're still on my lonely mind
I think about you baby
And I dream about you all the time

I'm here without you baby But you're still with me in my dreams And tonight girl it's only you and me

"Freaking chorus,"

Everything I know and anywhere I go
It gets hard but it won't take away my love
And when the last one falls, when it's all said and done
It gets hard but it won't take away my love, whoa

"I am **NOT** in love with Rouge!"

I'm here without you baby But you're still on my lonely mind I think about you baby And I dream about you all the time

I'm here without you baby
But you're still with me in my dreams
And tonight girl it's only you and me, yeah oh yeah oh

Tears snuck up on Knuckles again, but this time, they forced themselves to go down. "DANG! NO!" Then, an eerie glow came from the Master Emerald. Tikal came out. "Knuckles," Knuckles turned, startled.

- "Uh, hi, Tikal," He blushed from embarrassment.
- "You understand I MADE that song go through your hard head, right?" asked Tikal.
- "WHY?!" asked Knuckles.
- "You love Rouge, Knuckles. Don't deny it," answered Tikal.
- "Why would I ever love that...that...that bat?!" asked Knuckles.
- "You're crying," Tikal pointed out.
- "Tikal, I don't love her because I barely even know what love is!" exclaimed Knuckles.
- "If your stomach turns, you blush, feel nervous around her, act like you can't stand her, help her when she needs it, **AND CRY IF SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED**, you love her," explained Tikal. Knuckles started to sweat. He's had ALL of those symptoms.
- "Thanks, Tikal," There was sarcasm in his voice, though he half meant it. Tikal sighed.
- "Men...," She disappeared. Knuckles looked up into the night sky. A shooting star passed by.
- "My wishes never come true. Why should I trust a star this time?" He went to sleep, tears staining his eyes and staying on his cheeks.

Me: I LOVE STARS!!! ^^

Here Without You: 3 Doors Down- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TPeR8Aq6BQ

Knuckles' Dream...

All the things I felt and never shared.
All the times she was lonely with me there.
Tears I wouldn't let fall from my eyes, and how I let her go without a fight.

"Great. Another song. Just what I need,"

The reasons I'm alone I know by heart, but I don't wanna spend forever in the dark. I swear next time I'll hang on for dear life.
If love ever gives me another try.

"Tikal! I know you mean well, but this is getting annoying!"

There's no changin' things that we regret,

The best that we can hope for is one more chance.

If the hands of time could just move in reverse, I wouldn't make the same mistake again with her.

"'We'?" asked Knuckles.

"Rouge doesn't love me back. She hates me,"

The reasons I'm alone I know by heart, but I don't wanna spend forever in the dark. I swear next time I'll hang on for dear life.
If love ever gives me another try.

"OF ALL THE SONGS, SHE PICKED COUNTRY?!"

The reasons I'm alone I know by heart, but I don't wanna spend forever in the dark. I swear next time I'll hang on for dear life.
If love ever gives me another try.

"'If love ever gives me another try'...,"

Oh if love ever gives me another try.

"Knuckles, tell her how you feel, before it's too late," warned a voice. Tikal's voice.

End of Dream...

Knuckles woke up to the sun that morning.

"What was that all about?" He sighed, and wiped where his tears once were on his face. He sat up, and let his head fall in his hands and let his eyes leak.

- "Knuckles...," a voice whispered. Knuckles' cheeks burned in his hands. Rouge said that. He wouldn't let her see him like that. He just pretended he didn't hear her.
- "Knuckles," said Rouge again.
- "What?" he asked from his hands, actually sounding pretty normal, besides the fact that he was crying and his face was in his hands.
- "Are you crying?" asked Rouge.
- "No," Knuckles lied. He felt his head trying to get moved up.
- "Rouge, stop,"
- "Not until I see your face," Knuckles sat up and looked at her.
- "You happy now?" Rouge saw Knuckles' tears...she thought she was dreaming.
- "No, not yet," Knuckles got up and sighed. Days without talking to Rouge: Now 0.
- "Fine. Laugh at me. Make fun of me. Call me names. Tell the whole world. I really don't care," Rouge got up and walked in front of Knuckles.
- "Do you really think I'm that cruel?!" Knuckles closed his eyes.
- "No," He felt Rouge wipe tears off his cheeks, and blushed a darker red than himself. He opened his eyes.
- "Listen, Rouge, if you came here for no reason, then I think you should go," Rouge moved her hand.
- "I came to say I'm sorry,"
- "It took you one hundred days to tell me?" asked Knuckles.
- "You counted?" asked Rouge. Knuckles blushed even darker.
- "Knuckles, tell her," a voice said in his mind. Tikal again.
- "Rouge, I have to ask you something. What did you mean 'I'm done with you'?" asked Knuckles. Rouge sighed. She wasn't ready to tell him, especially because when she turned to her best friend, he became a different kind of bf.
- "I'm sorry," apologized Rouge, tears coming to her eyes.
- "I didn't mean it...but now I have to...I have a boyfriend," Knuckles felt his heart get ripped in two.
- "O-oh," He turned.
- "Knuckles," whispered Rouge.
- "I'm done with you'...I really loved you, okay? And...I cried my eyes out when I got home. My doorbell rang, and it was Jesse, an old friend of mine. One minute he was comforting me, and the next we... we were making out. It's obvious you didn't feel the same way. I moved on, I guess. But...my heart didn't," She sobbed. Knuckles turned around, never expecting Rouge to brake down like this. His deep purple eyes couldn't hold back tears.
- "'Loved'? You still do, right?"
- "Knuckles, I really gotta go," replied Rouge.
- "Rouge, answer me!" begged Knuckles.
- "God, I sounded SO desperate,"
- "Why would it matter?! You never loved me anyway! Or ever WILL love me!" exclaimed Rouge.
- "KNUCKLES, TELL HER!" Tikal, and himself screamed inside his head.
- "It does matter, Rouge. It matters more than anything right now," said Knuckles. Rouge shook her head and flew off without a word.
- "ROUGE! PLEASE!" Knuckles sighed. He cursed quietly.
- "YOU IDIOT! GO AFTER HER!" yelled Tikal.
- "No. Let her be with her new boyfriend," said Knuckles. He ran away from the Master Emerald and into Angel Forest- if you got through it, a spring was on the other side. Knuckles got there and took off his shoes and gloves before getting in. It was supossed to make him less tense...but how was that possible when Rouge just broke his heart, and he most likely broke hers?

Me: Hello again!
Another Try: Josh Turner- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZxd-xV4pbE
Me: Jesse the Bat is my character- he is a black bat with green eyes, darker than lime, but lighter than greenI guess you could say Sonic's colorbut what would be the fun in that?

Me: Let's get some SonAmy in here!

Sonic was sweating like crazy. Why was he so nervous? It was just Amy- his best friend...and his crush (THEY ARE BEST FRIENDS IN THIS, THEY ACTED IN SONIC X, AND EVERYTHING ELSE!). He was going to ask her out...hopefully she would say yes. He called her. A couple rings passed.

"Hey, Sonic!" said a voice on the other line.

With Amy...

After digging for fifteen minutes, she got on her blue two piece swimsuit, took off her gloves, and slipped on a cover up, then some flip flops.

"Forty minutes left,"

Forty minutes later...

Someone knocked on Amy's door. Amy got up from the couch and ran to the door. She opened it.

[&]quot;S-sup Ames?" asked Sonic.

[&]quot;Sonic, are you okay?" asked Amy.

[&]quot;Heh, yeah! I just gotta ask you something," answered Sonic. He gulped.

[&]quot;What is it?" questioned Amy, a slight laugh in her voice.

[&]quot;You wanna...go out tonight?" asked Sonic.

[&]quot;When and where?" asked Amy. Sonic breathed a sigh of relief.

[&]quot;The beach at six?"

[&]quot;Sounds good!" exclaimed Amy.

[&]quot;I'll pick you up around that time then. See ya!" replied Sonic.

[&]quot;Wait, Sonic," said Amy.

[&]quot;Yeah?" asked Sonic.

[&]quot;Why are you so nervous?" questioned Amy.

[&]quot;I...uh...how'd you-," Amy laughed, interrupting Sonic.

[&]quot;Bye, Sonic,"

[&]quot;Bye," replied Sonic, blushing a bright red. They hung up.

[&]quot;Today, I'll finally tell her," said Sonic.

[&]quot;Hey!"

[&]quot;You ready?" asked Sonic. Amy nodded.

[&]quot;You gonna swim?" asked Sonic. Amy smiled.

[&]quot;Yes," Sonic handed her a red rose.

[&]quot;I would leave it here," Amy put the rose in a vase in her house, and then ran to Sonic and hugged him.

[&]quot;You're so sweet," Sonic blushed, but hugged her back. After closing and locking the door, Sonic picked

Amy up. Amy sat up and kissed Sonic's cheek.

- "Thank you for the rose," Sonic blushed harder than he's ever before. Amy giggled, and then got settled in Sonic's arms. Sonic ran off, and they got to the beach in less than a minute. Sonic put Amy down.
- "I'm gonna teach you how to swim," said Amy.
- "No!" exclaimed Sonic. Amy rolled her eyes. She stepped back a little and took off the cover. Sonic couldn't stop staring. Amy noticed.
- "Sonic, you perv!" she joked, laughing. Sonic forced himself to look away.
- "I was joking," informed Amy. Sonic nodded.
- "I know."
- "It's not like you haven't seen a girl in a bikini before," replied Amy.
- "I know, it's just that it's a little showy," informed Sonic, looking back at her. Amy smiled.
- "Yeah, but I got it from *Rouge*, so what do you expect?"
- "So, you gonna swim?"
- "NO!" answered Sonic. Amy walked up to him and touched her nose to his.
- "Please, for me?" Sonic blushed redder. He was still blushing from the kiss.
- "F-fine," Amy smiled and backed away.
- "Shoes and gloves- off," Sonic went wide eyed.
- "What?! Amy, I'm a guy! Taking them off means...,"
- "Oh, suck it up, before I do it for you," said Amy. Sonic sighed, and then took off his gloves and shoes. Amy grabbed his hand.
- "I won't let go, until I think you're ready," Sonic's blush got a little redder. They walked into the ocean. Sonic whimpered when the water touched him. Amy laughed quietly. They got in the shoulder deep water. Sonic was squeezing Amy's hand, and his blush was gone. After a while, Amy got tired of it.
- "Okay, I'm going to let go," "Amy!" Sonic exclaimed.
- "Sonic, your squeezing my hand off!" replied Amy. Sonic went a little pink. Amy let go of his hand.
- "I bet you just wanted to hold my hand," she joked. Sonic went redder.
- "N-no I didn't!" He lied. Amy busted out laughing.
- "Why do you blush so easily?!" Sonic growled. Amy stopped laughing.
- "Growl at me again. See what happens. Sonic smirked, and then growled again. Amy splashed water in his face. Sonic wiped it off, and then glared at Amy. Amy smiled.
- "Can I get out now?" asked Sonic. Then, a wave came and pushed passed Sonic and Amy. Amy didn't do anything, but Sonic freaked out and hugged Amy. Amy blushed as hard as Sonic was blushing earlier. Sonic blushed as hard as he could when he noticed what he was doing. He let go.
- "I-I-I'm s-sorry!" Amy nodded.
- "You might wanna get out,"
- "Why?" asked Sonic. Amy pointed to another wave. Sonic tried to get out of the water, but the wave caught him. He went under.
- "Sonic!" Amy yelled. Sonic broke the surface and coughed up water. Amy ran up to him, and they both got out of the water. Amy was hitting Sonic's back as he coughed up water.
- "How much did you swallow? A gallon?" asked Amy. Sonic coughed up a little more.
- "I think," Amy rubbed Sonic's back now.
- "I'm sorry," Sonic started panting.
- "Another reason I hate water," Amy smiled slightly. She continued rubbing Sonic's back. Sonic started purring. He blushed as soon as Amy looked at him.
- "I thought that only happened when I rubbed behind your ears," said Amy. Sonic shook his head. Amy stopped rubbing his back. Sonic stopped purring. He got up and got his shoes and gloves on. He sat

back down next to Amy.

- "So, you care to tell me why you've been blushing lately?" asked Amy. Sonic froze.
- "I...uh...you blushed too!"
- "Well, do you want me to tell you first?" asked Amy, slightly nervous.
- "I'll tell you after you tell me," replied Sonic. Amy's cheeks went red.
- "I...I like you more than a best friend," Sonic nearly fainted.

"L-love?" Amy nodded, looking away from Sonic. Sonic smiled, turned her head back to him, and then kissed her. Amy took it off guard, but kissed back. That kiss lasted for two minutes. But for the two, it seemed like forever. And they wanted it to stay that way.

- "KNUCKLES YOU BIG IDIOT!" Tikal screamed inside Knuckles' head.
- "SHE FLEW AWAY!" yelled Knuckles.
- "Interrupt her, Mr. Polite!" suggested Tikal. Knuckles sighed, and looked at the water.
- "Tikal, just leave me alone!" He voice sounded uneasy.
- "Fine," replied Tikal. Knuckles' tears landed in the spring.
- "She loved me...and I blew it,"

With Rouge...

- "All I want to do is go talk to Knuckles...but I can't. And I really don't want to talk to Jesse,"
- "Rouge, this is Tikal," Tikal informed in Rouge's mind.
- "Oh, what do you want?" asked Rouge.
- "Listen to this song, please," begged Tikal. Rouge sighed.
- "What song?"
- "This one," answered Tikal.

I know there's something in the wake of your smile. I get a notion from the look in your eyes, yea. You've built a love but that love falls apart. Your little piece of heaven turns too dark.

Listen to your heart when he's calling for you.
Listen to your heart there's nothing else you can do. I don't know where you're going and I don't know why, but listen to your heart before you tell him goodbye.

Sometimes you wonder if this fight is worthwhile. The precious moments are all lost in the tide, yea. They're swept away and nothing is what is seems, the feeling of belonging to your dreams.

And there are voices
that want to be heard.
So much to mention
but you can't find the words.
The scent of magic,
the beauty that's been
when love was wilder than the wind.

- "What was your point?" asked Rouge. She already saw the point.
- "KNUCKLES LOVES YOU!" screamed Tikal.
- "PROVE IT!" Rouge screamed in her head back.
- "Ow! Gosh! Go find Knuckles and he'll tell you," replied Tikal.
- "No, I don't want to talk to him," Rouge lied, starting to tear up.
- "You can tell him I know I broke his heart and to be surprised if he ever sees me again!" Tikal sighed.
- "All right," Rouge flew away.

With Knuckles...

Tikal appeared beside him.

"Got some bad news," Knuckles looked up at her.

"What?"

"Rouge said she knows she broke your heart and to be surprised if you ever see her again," answered Tikal.

"And, I got another song for you. But it's just the chorus,"

Sometimes its black.

Sometimes its white.

Sometimes she's wrong.

Sometimes I'm right.

Sometimes we talk about it or we figure it out.

But then she just changed her mind.

Sometimes she's hot.

Sometimes I'm cold.

Sometimes my head wants to explode.

But when I think about it I'm so in love with her...

Knuckles blushed hard.

"I know the reason you only gave me the chorus...,"

- "No. The lyrics are so true...in the chorus," answered Knuckles.
- "She loves you, Knuckles. Go get her back," said Tikal.
- "No, she has Jesse," replied Knuckles.
- "YOU ARE SO HARD HEADED AND SO IS ROUGE!" screamed Tikal. She disappeared.

[&]quot;Is that why you're blushing?" asked Tikal.

Me: Dang, Tikal. Lighten up.
Songs: Listen to Your Heart: Roxette- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mz19Oeu_MAo
Every Other Time: LFO- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1z_YDK0smy8

When Sonic pulled away, he almost fainted. He turned away, very embarrassed.

- "I'm sorry!" Amy turned him around.
- "There's nothing to be sorry about,"
- "I love you too," informed Sonic. Amy laughed.
- "I kinda figured that out already," Sonic blushed and looked away. Amy's cell rang from her cover up. She got it out looked at the caller ID. Sonic did too. It was Rouge. Sonic moved Amy's hand down. Amy looked at Sonic.
- "I think Rouge will understand," said Sonic. Amy nodded and sat her cell on her cover up. She laid her head on Sonic's shoulder. Sonic grabbed her hand and held it. Amy's cell rang again. Amy sat up.
- "Rouge never calls twice. This is an emergency," She got her cell phone and answered it.
- "Hello?"
- "Amy, I'm having boy trouble," informed Rouge. Amy gasped.
- "Uh oh...," She looked at Sonic.
- "I'm kinda on a date right now," Sonic crossed his arms.
- "Oh...but...I told you about Jesse, right?" asked Rouge.
- "Oh no!" exclaimed Amy.
- "Oh yes!" replied Rouge. Amy looked at Sonic. She covered the mouthpiece of the phone so she could talk to Sonic.
- "I need to talk to her privately. I'll be back in a sec, okay?" Sonic sighed.
- "Amy," he whined. Amy sighed too, and then kissed him deeply. Sonic went wide eyed. Amy pulled away.
- "Can you live on that?"
- "I don't even know if I'll live," answered Sonic. Amy giggled and then walked away from Sonic, uncovering the mouthpiece.
- "So, what's up?" she asked Rouge.
- "Well, Knuckles and I had that big fight...Jesse came over and we became gf and bf and everything. And today, I talked to Knuckles, and I told him I used to love him. I didn't tell him that I still do...all I want to do is talk to him but I know he doesn't want to talk to me!" explained Rouge.
- "So, you love two guys, and you don't know what to do?" asked Amy.
- "Yes," Rouge answered.
- "Okay, just let me finish my date, and I'll come over to your house," replied Amy.
- "Okay," said Rouge.
- "Bye," said Amy.
- "Wait, Amy," replied Rouge.
- "Yeah?" asked Amy.
- "Who are you with, where are you, and what are you wearing?" asked Rouge. Amy could tell she was smirking.
- "Sonic, the beach, the bikini you got me for Christmas," answered Amy.
- "WHOA! HAVE FUN!" exclaimed Rouge. She hung up. Amy laughed and closed her cell phone. She walked back over to Sonic.
- "Sorry about that," Sonic smiled.
- "It's okay," Amy sat back next to him.

- "Wanna go for another swim?"
- "What do you think?" asked Sonic, annoyed.
- "Please, for me?" asked Amy. Sonic blushed.
- "No!" Amy pushed him into the sand.
- "Are you ticklish?" Sonic shook his head. Amy tried anyway. Sonic laughed slightly.
- "Are you sure?" asked Amy. Sonic was holding back laughs.
- "Yes!" Amy tickled him in the side. Sonic bursted out laughing.
- "A-Amy! S-stop!" Amy shook her head.
- "No!" Sonic grabbed her arms. Amy gasped. Sonic smirked, and then threw her into the sand beside him. He tickled her.
- "AH! SONIC!" yelled Amy.
- "A taste of your own medicine!" exclaimed Sonic. Amy pulled out her hammer. Sonic backed off.
- "Thought so," said Amy, sitting up. Sonic got up. Amy got up too. She looked at the sky.
- "It's so beautiful," Sonic was looking at Amy.
- "Yes you are," Amy looked at Sonic.
- "I meant the sky,"
- "And I meant you," replied Sonic. Amy blushed.
- "Sonic, I hate to run, but...Rouge needs me," Sonic nodded.
- "I'll take you," Amy put her cover and flip-flops on. Sonic picked her up and ran her to Rouge's.
- "Thanks, Sonic. For everything," thanked Amy. Sonic nodded.
- "No prob," Amy kissed his cheek.
- "Love you," Sonic blushed hard.
- "Love you too," He kissed her cheek and ran off. Amy sighed.
- "He's perfect," She knocked on Rouge's door. Rouge opened it.
- "Thanks for coming, Amy," They walked in the house. Rouge and Amy filled each other up on boys.
- "I think you need to talk to Knuckles," opinioned Amy. Rouge sighed.
- "I can't...he hates me,"
- "No he doesn't!" exclaimed Amy.
- "Go talk to him, or you'll be living your life like this forever," Rouge nodded.
- "You can stay here if you want,"
- "I think I'll go back home," They both walked out of the house.

Knuckles nearly fell asleep.

- "KNUCKLES!" yelled Tikal. Knuckles jumped out of the water.
- "WHAT?!"
- "Rouge-she's here," answered Tikal. Knuckles got his gloves and shoes on.
- "Where is she?!"
- "She's almost to the Master Emerald," answered Tikal. Knuckles ran off. Rouge flew up as soon as Knuckles sat on the steps where the Master Emerald was.
- "So, I should be surprised?" Rouge looked at him.
- "I guess,"
- "Well, you got me off guard, that's for sure," replied Knuckles.
- "Oh," said Rouge.
- "You still love me, right?" asked Knuckles. Rouge nodded.
- "We need to talk," She sat by him.
- "Rouge, listen, I-"
- "Rouge, is this the dude that broke your heart?" interrupted a voice. Knuckles saw a black bat standing in front of them.
- "Jesse, why'd you follow me?!" asked Rouge.
- "Because, you didn't call me all day," answered Jesse.
- "You're point?" asked Rouge.
- "Babe, don't be like that!" exclaimed Jesse.
- "Babe?!" asked Knuckles.
- "My pet name," answered Rouge.
- "Jesse, get out of here, please. I need to talk to Knuckles alone,"
- "Quick kiss?" asked Jesse, trying to get Knuckles mad. Rouge kissed Jesse.
- "There," Jesse flew up.
- "See ya later, Babe," He disappeared. Knuckles wasn't mad. He was ticked.
- "Sorry about that," apologized Rouge. Knuckles sighed and looked at the ground.
- "Knuckles, I love both of you. That's my problem," informed Rouge.
- "Well if you will ever give me a chance to say I love you too, maybe it could help," replied Knuckles.
- "Knuckles-" started Rouge.
- "Rouge, I have to tell you!" interrupted Knuckles.
- "But, Knuckles-,"
- "Rouge, hang on a sec!" Knuckles interrupted again. Rouge placed her hands on Knuckles' shoulders.
- "YOU ALREADY TOLD ME!" Knuckles was silent for a moment.
- "Oh,"
- "So, you're going to stay with Jesse. I get it. Just leave me alone,"
- "I never said that!" exclaimed Rouge.
- "Give me a chance to talk to you!"
- "You're still here, aren't you?" asked Knuckles. Rouge slapped Knuckles across the face.
- "STOP BEING LIKE THAT!"
- "It's not the Knuckles I know...," Knuckles felt like that slap would scar him for life.
- "I'm sorry,"

- "Has Tikal been giving you songs?" asked Rouge, wanting to change the subject.
- "Yeah. What about you?" asked Knuckles.
- "One. Listen to Your Heart," answered Rouge.
- "I got Here Without You, Another Try, and Every Other Time," informed Knuckles.
- "What's Every Other Time?" asked Rouge.
- "It goes like this-Sometimes its black. Sometimes its white. Sometimes she's wrong. Sometimes I'm right. Sometimes we talk about it or we figure it out. But then she just changed her mind. Sometimes she's hot. Sometimes I'm cold. Sometimes my head wants to explode. But when I think about it I'm so in love with her... Every Other Time," sung Knuckles. Rouge giggled.
- "You sing pretty good," Knuckles blushed.
- "Thanks,"
- "I'll let you take your time picking who you really love, okay?" Rouge nodded and kissed his cheek. Knuckles wanted so much more than that.
- "I'm really sorry if it's not you," She tried to get up, but Knuckles stopped her. He kissed her cheek.
 "If it's not, Jesse will have a great girl," Rouge smiled and got up. She flew away. Knuckles fell asleep.

7 - Not Finished

The next day...

- "So, who is it?" asked Jesse.
- "What do you mean?" asked Rouge.
- "Who do you like?" asked Jesse.
- "You think I can decide in one night?!" questioned Rouge.
- "Yeah!" exclaimed Jesse.
- "Well, I can't!" replied Rouge.
- "You better pick me soon," mumbled Jesse.
- "What do you mean, you?!" asked Rouge.

With Knuckles...

"Hey, here's another song!" informed Tikal.

"You are so annoying sometimes," replied Knuckles.

When I see your smile
Tears run down my face
I can't replace
And now that I'm stronger I've figured out

How this world turns cold And breaks through my soul And I know, I'll find deep inside me I can be the one

I will never let you fall
I'll stand up with you forever
I'll be there for you through it all
Even if saving you sends me to Heaven

It's okay, it's okay, it's okay

Seasons are changing and waves are crashing And stars are falling all for us Days grow longer and nights grow shorter I can show you, I'll be the one

I will never let you fall
I'll stand up with you forever
I'll be there for you through it all
Even if saving you sends me to Heaven

'Cause you're my, you're my, my My true love, my whole heart Please don't throw that away

'Cause I'm here for you Please don't walk away And please tell me, you'll stay, stay

Use me as you will
Pull my strings just for a thrill
And I know, I'll be okay
Though my skies are turning gray

I will never let you fall
I'll stand up with you forever
I'll be there for you through it all
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"Tikal, I'm not her boyfriend," informed Knuckles, looking down.

"I know," replied Tikal.

With Rouge...

"I mean, I'm already your boyfriend. I don't think that will change," said Jesse.

"I could pick Knuckles!" exclaimed Rouge.

"That anger issue freak? I don't think so. He used to hate you. He called you a b-,"

"BECAUSE I STOLE THE EMERALD! IT'S NOT HIS FAULT!" interrupted Rouge.

"Babe, don't be like that," replied Jesse.

"Don't call me that! I told you I don't like it! And besides, you said it last night to get Knuckles mad," ordered Rouge. Jesse went up to Rouge and kissed her deeply. Rouge didn't kiss back. She pushed him away.

"A real friend would let me decide who I like, not just asume it's me. Now get out of my house," Jesse walked to the door and locked it.

"But we were just starting to have some fun," Rouge went wide eyed.

"Wh-what?!" Jesse started getting closer. Rouge tornado kicked him. He went flying out the window. Rouge locked everything. She called Knuckles.

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His phone started ringing. "Hello?"

"Knuckles, help me,"