

Christmas in Traverse Town!

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Kei (Digital Dreamer's RP chara), Tori, and Koji (My charas) are in Traverse Town for Christmas. Follow the last few days before Christmas in this comody! (Unedited, uncorrected. Sorry about the spacing)

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Kei grumbled. "I would not!" Aerith laughed again. "Kei, we all know you. Yes you would."
"You don't need any of that swearing either, right Leon!" Koji said sitting down on the couch next to Leon.

Kei blinked from back in the Kitchen. "HEY!? How come SHE gets to watch it?!?!?"

"She doesn't repeat everything she hears," Tori said and promptly sat down to watch the show.

Kei growled. "What is it!? Pick on Kei day!?" She cried, jumping up and down in the kitchen while Cid walked by.

"YEAHH! SOUTH PARKS ON!" Cid cheered.

Kei sighed. "...Guess so..."

Koji turned around in her seat to look at Kei. "Why do you have to worry... Its December" she grinned and turned around again.

Kei perked up instantly. "...Fine...Maybe I'm not mature enough to watch TV with you guys, but at least I'm not so 'Mature' that I don't get excited over Christmas." She stated. "I'm gonna go do something..." She walked out the door.

"Anyone happen to know what we're going to do for Christmas?" Yuffie piped up after awhile.

Tori shrugged. "Exchange gifts and watch TV all day?"

Leon shrugged, "Drink alcoholic beverages all day until we puke our guts out?" He suggested.

"That sounds good." Cid stated. Aerith whacked them both over the head. "No drinking." She stated.

Koji laughed. "I'd let them do it, all they'll do if feel really miserable the next day," Koji shook her head. "I still don't know why you would want to drink in the first place though."

Cid stared at Koji like she was crazy. "Why do you need a reason!?"

"Cause drinking is stupid." Yuffie stated.

"...It's a GUY thing, okay?" Leon stated, leaning back.

Koji shrugged. "Whatever."

Tori blinked. "But I've seen girls do it before!"

Yuffie sweatdropped. "Yes, but it's mostly a Male thing...just don't question it Tori, it's really confusing..."

Tori sighed and leaned back against her chair.

"Well I've had enough swearing for the day," Koji said getting up, "Time to go find out what Kei is doing!"

Kei was sitting in her room, watching the Invader Zim Christmas special on TV. "BOW DOWN! BOW DOWN! BEFORE THE POWER OF SANTA! OR BE CRUSHED! BE CRUSHED! BYYYYYYYY HIS JOLLY BOOTS OF DOOM!" Kei sang along.

Koji walked in the door. "I see someone found something to do" she grinned.

Kei looked over and nodded, going back to singing. "BOW DOWN! BOW DOWN! BEFORE THE POWER OF SANTA! OR BE CRUSHED! BE CRUSHED! BYYYYYY HIS JOLLY BOOTS OF DOOM!"

Koji walked over and sat down beside Kei. "So, what do you want to do for Christmas?"

Kei grinned. "I wanna decorate the whole house, and buy presents for everyone, and haul Squall to that Christmas party we got invited to, and open presents on Christmas morning, and hang mistletoe for you and Squall, and...and... YEAHH!"

Koji sweatdropped. "I think that last part is a little much Kei."

Kei giggled. "No it isn't! I'm gonna make sure everyone has the best Christmas ever!"

"I'm not going to kiss..." Koji cleared her throat nervously, "Him! But we do have to keep him and Cid with us, I'm sure you'll know what they'd do if they were alone." She grinned. Kei giggled. "Yeah! Maybe for Christmas I should get them Sake, the only alcoholic drink they can probably drink without going insane."

"You should get Leon something that would make him more excited, but not insane" Koji smiled.

Kei giggled again. "Of course, I'm gonna get everyone the best Christmas presents ever."

"You could get Leon and Cid the entire south park collection and they would be happy,"

Koji laughed.

Kei laughed. "You never know."

Koji shrugged. "So, what are ya watching?"

Kei grinned. "The invader Zim Christmas special...the most HORRIBLE Christmas ever!"

"I can tell you've seen it before by the way you were singing along with it" Koji grinned.

Kei nodded. "Yup.... GO GIR!"

Koji blinked. "This show is much funnier then south park."

Kei shrugged. "I guess so." She said as a commercial came on.

"No, it is much funnier. I bet Tori would like it. I'll go get her!" Koji said jumping up and

running out the door and down the stairs. "Tori I've got something to show you."

Tori blinked and looked at Koji. "Can't it wait, we're in the middle of the best part!"

Koji frowned, walked over to Tori, and grabbed her arm. "That can wait," she said

dragging Tori by the arm all the way up the stairs. Koji opened the door. "I had to drag her away from the 'best part' " She said grinning.

Tori frowned, "Well it was the best part!" Koji rolled her eyes and pointed to the TV, which was playing a commercial for hooked on phonics. Tori raised and eyebrow, "Do I really need to learn how to read that bad?!"

Koji giggled. "No, it's the show on TV, not the commercial," she said sitting down next to Kei again.

"Bow down.... bow down...before the power of Santa!" Kei chanted.

Tori looked at Kei sarcastically "Eh?"

"OR BE CRUSHED! BE CRUSHED! BYYYYYY HIS JOLLY BOOTS OF DOOM!"

Tori sweatdropped. "So... what is it that you want to show me?"

Kei pointed to the TV, where the show was coming back on. "WATCH!"

~The next day~

Kei bounded down the stairs the next morning. "MOOORRRNINGGGGGG!"

"Good morning, Kei!" Tori said looking up from her breakfast.

"Mornin' Tori!" Kei said, jumping into a chair.

"Koji's been out all morning, probably looking for Christmas presents. She got up early just to do it." Tori said looking back to her breakfast.

Kei grinned. "Which is EXSACTLY what I'm gonna do!" She declared.

Leon's eyes widened. "You're NOT going alone!" He declared. "You'll end up destroying at least half of the city knowing you!"

Tori looked up at Leon. "So who do you suggest goes with her?"

Kei grinned. "I'll take SQAULL TO THE MALL!.... HEY THAT RHYMED!" She said, punching her fist in the air.

Leon's eyes widened. "NO!"

Tori laughed. "He probably doesn't want to get hurt."

Kei giggled. "Maybe we can get him a job as the mall Santa!"

"...I...uh.... can't...go...I have to do something.... very...important..." Leon stated, eyes shifting round the room.

Tori raised an eyebrow. "Like finding Cid and drinking all day? I'd send Aerith after you!"

Leon growled. "No, not that! Christmassy stuff, okay!?"

Tori grinned. "Oh! Like presents and mistletoe!?"

Leon rolled his eyes. "Maybe, maybe not." He stood up. "I'm just too busy, okay?"

Tori shrugged and went back to her cereal, "You're the boss."

Leon rolled his eyes again and pulled on his leather jacket. "I'm going out." He stated and walked out the door.

Tori giggled. "I think I got him mad."

Kei laughed. "Everything makes Squall-san mad. It's his job."

Tori leaned back in her chair, having finished her breakfast. "I have NO clue what to get Leon for Christmas," She sighed.

Kei giggled. "Just try and catch Koji and wrap her in a box, that'll make 'em BOTH happy!"

"Do you know how embarrassed Koji would be!?" Tori laughed. "But... We could try and do that... just for fun!" She added.

Kei cackled. "Yes...or we could just hang mistletoe everywhere!"

"Leon would be SO confused... He still doesn't know" Tori grinned.

Kei snorted. "Yeah right, he's just hiding it."

Tori stood up and took her bowl and spoon to the dishwasher. "I wouldn't doubt it, after all Koji has given him so many hints, Leon can't be that ignorant."

Kei smiled. "I just know it, getting them together will be the Perfect Christmas present!"

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Kei pulled a Santa hat onto her head, tossing her baseball cap onto her bed. "Hey Tori, Koji! You guys wanna come with me to the mall in search of Presents!?"

"Sure!" Tori said looking over at Kei.

"Yeah, maybe I could find a present for Leon," Koji sighed.

Tori looked over at Kei and grinned. "I'm sure you'll find something."

Kei giggled. "If not, we can just stuff you in a box on Christmas Eve for him!"

Koji frowned.

"Oh, come on Koji! That would be the perfect present!" Tori said, still grinning.

Kei giggled as she stuffed her munny into her pocket. "C'mon lets go then!" She said.

Tori and Koji both stood up and walked over to Kei. "Ok then, lets go!" Koji said brightly.

Kei grinned, practically barreling down the stairs. WHAP! "...There's a wall there..." Yuffie commented as she stood by, munching on one of Aerith's Christmas cookies.

"So I noticed..."

"Uh... The doors this way..." Tori said turning Kei in the right direction.

"Okay!" Kei said, running into the kitchen to grab a hand-full of Aerith's cookies before walking out the door

"So what do you have in mind for everybody, Kei?" Koji said snatching one of the cookies out of Kei's hands and cramming it into her mouth before Kei could get it back.

Kei grinned. "I'm gonna get EVERYONE the best Christmas gifts ever! This will be the best Christmas ever!"

Koji shoved her hands into her pockets. "I'm not going into any boxes though."

Kei giggled. "Of course not, we're just kidding...course...if we REALLY can't find anything..."

"Your still not going to shove me into a box," Koji said finishing off Kei's sentence.

Kei grinned evilly. "Are you SURE?"

Koji frowned. "At least I HOPE you aren't going to shove me into a box and give it to Leon!"

Kei cackled evilly and ran ahead to jump into the snow. "WHEE!"

Tori smirked and, leaning over, scooped up a handful of snow, formed it into a ball, and hid it behind her back. "Oh, Kei!"

Kei bounded over. "Yeah!?"

"Look over there!" she said pointing to nothing.

Kei looked over. "What!?"

Tori grinned and threw her snowball right at Kei's back.

WHAP! "GAAH!" Kei cried, falling over and failing in the snow. "I'VE BEEN HIT! EVEYRTHING IS GOOOING DAAARK!"

Tori started laughing but suddenly stopped as an icy snowball hit her face. Tori glared at Koji who was busy looking at the snow. "SNOWBALL FIGHT!" Tori yelled scooping up another snowball and throwing it at Koji.

Kei twitched in the snow. "...WAIT FOR ME!" She jumped up and scooped up two snowballs and threw them at both brunettes. "HA!"

Koji stumbled backwards, having been hit by two snowballs at the same time, but quickly

formed another snowball and launched it at Kei.

Tori ducked under Kei's snowball and scooped up another snowball, throwing it at Kei.

KEI Fell over. "ARGGGHHH! I'M BEEN HIT! Everything...is...going...dark..." She declared in an overly dramatic voice

Koji rolled her eyes. "Dog pile!" she said running up to Kei and throwing herself over her.

Tori ran after Koji and sat down on the two, triumphantly.

".... Pain...massive.....pain...world of pain..." Kei grumbled, face down in the snow.

"Now GET OFFA ME!"

Koji grinned and pushed Tori off her back, who fell back first into the snow, Koji picked herself up and fell backwards onto Tori. "That... was not comfortable!" Tori said pushing Koji off her stomach.

"You two are heavy.... Loose some weight." Kei declared, sitting up.

Tori pushed herself up from the snow and looked at Koji, "Yeah, you need to lose weight."

Koji giggled. "Too many Christmas cookies!"

Kei giggled as well. "C'mon lets go!"

Tori stood up and looked backwards. "We've gotten far, it's been five minutes and we're only about one hundred yards from the house!"

Koji laughed and stood up, "Well if it wasn't for the snowball fight we would be farther."

Tori shrugged. "Hey, it was all fun so why does it matter?"

Kei began to run. "C'MON! WE GOTTA GET TO THE MALL!"

Koji grinned and ran after Kei. "Yeah, we gotta get there before nightfall!"

Tori sweatdropped. "It's ALWAYS dark in Traverse Town, Koji," she said also running after Kei.

"I know that, I'm just playing with you!" Koji said, still grinning.

"So? We gotta there fast! I gotta get the best presents!" Kei smiled.

"Yeah, and I still have to find something for Leon... and Cid" Koji paused. "Why don't I just get them both a nice, handy, toothpick holder!" Koji grinned.

Kei giggled. "Nah."

Koji nodded "You're right, I got them that the Year before... and the Year before that... and the Year before... an-"

"We got the picture, Koji," Tori sighed.

Kei sighed as she walked. "This is gonna be tough..."

Tori nods. "Especially Leon, He is such a stiff and gets angry at everything, so we have to get him something he likes... that doesn't contain alcohol..."

Kei snapped her fingers. "Darn it."

Koji blinked. "What?"

Kei grinned. "I was thinkin' of just getting 'em some Sake...but...nope..."

"Oh, sorry," Tori grins.

Kei looked up. "WE'RE HERE!"

"Yay! Let's start in the leather shop!" Koji suggests.

Kei blinked. "Why the Leather shop?"

"Because I know Leon likes leather and we HAVE to get him something... besides me"

Kei shrugged. "Yeah, but the Leather store sells leather key chains and stuff like that. Not the stuff Squall-san likes."

"He needs a new leather jacket, his old one is... well... small!" Koji blinked.

Kei giggled. "Yeah, so we could try in the CLOTHES shop."

Koji sweatdropped. "Yeah, that would work too."
Kei nodded. "Yup!" She poked Tori. "You alive?"
"Yeah, I hope I am if I'm standing here," Tori blinked.
Kei grinned, grabbing both her friends. "Then c'mon lets go!" and so it began.
"Where are we going to start?" Tori asked.
Kei shrugged. "Who knows?" She asked, humming cheerfully.
"Let's start at one end and work our way towards the other end," Koji suggested.
Kei was already gone, rushing into a store.
"Or we could run around the mall like chickens with their heads cut off..." Koji said
grabbing Tori's arm and following Kei.
Kei had just entered the store and was gazing at the things inside. "...NOPE!" She
declared after a moment and charged into the next shop.
Tori sweatdropped. "Kei, We'll meet you back here in two hours, Okay?"
"Okay!" Kei said, bouncing before running into the next shop.
Tori blinked. "She is hyper! Let's start at one end like you said, Koji." Koji nodded and
started walking towards the nearest end of the mall.
"Hmm... now what would be the best gift?" Kei mused aloud.
Koji quickened her pace. "Now what would be the best gift for Leon and Cid?" She
asked Tori.
"I dunno, just get them what you think would be good," Tori shrugged.
Kei was walking around when she noted the Mall Santa. Something was oddly familiar
about him. Kei's eyes suddenly widened. "OH MY GOSH!"
"Cid should be easy, all he wants is tobacco or alcohol." Koji thought aloud.
"But you can't buy any of that stuff... You're too young," Tori noted.
Koji sighed. "You're right, I guess he won't be that easy."
Kei ran up to the mall Santa. "Leon!? Is that you!?" She cried.
The Mall Santa blinked. "WHAT THE F-"
The little kid on Santa's lap blinked. "...Santa?"
"...Uh.... HO HO HO....who are YOU little GIRL!?"
"...HA! IT IS YOU!" Kei fell to the floor laughing. "LEONS THE MALL SANTA! HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA AW THIS IS TOO FUNNY! MWA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!"
Koji stopped and turned around, having heard familiar laughing. "Kei must have found
some dancing singing Santa toy." She shrugged and turned to enter one of the shops.
Leon glared at Kei. "Shut Up!" He hissed.
Kei continued to laugh, now rolling around in laughter. "HA! HA! Leon...I. didn't think you
LIKED kids!"
"It's for extra munny okay...now go away!" Leon growled.
"HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!"
Leon's eyes narrowed. "Go away or else I'm gonna take this here tinsel junk and strangle
you with it."
"HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!"
"GRRRR! THATS IT!"
Koji blinked. "That must be a REALLY funny Santa toy," she said turning back to one of
the isles. "Nope... not this," she said placing the item back on its shelf.
The little Kid on "Santa's Lap" was thrown into his mother's arms and Leon jumped up
and grabbed the giant candy cane from the ground and held it like his Gunblade. Kei's eyes
widened and she turned tail and ran. "AHHHHHH! SANTA'S GONE PSYCO!" Kei screamed.

"GET BACK HERE!!!" Leon roared, jumping off of the pavilion he'd been sitting on and proceeding to chase Kei.

The little kid who had been sitting on Leon's lap blinked. "...Mommy...Why is Santa attacking that girl?"

"...I'll.... tell you when you're older..."

Tori and Koji both blinked. "Santa's gone psycho?!" they said in unison.

"AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!! NO, NO, LEON LEMME ALONE! YOU'RE SANTA REMEMBER!? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE NICE TO ALL THE GOOD LITTLE GIRLS AND BOYS!!!" Kei howled, running as fast she could.

Leon took a swing with his candy cane weapon and missed. "TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT GOOD! NOW GET OVER HERE!!!"

Tori and Koji both looked at each other and ran out of the shop to see what was going on. Both girls' jaws dropped at the view of Leon in a Santa outfit. "... Leon's... Santa!?" Koji blinked

"AHH! NO, GO AWAAAY!" Kei cried, running past Koji and Tori, Leon following closely behind howling "GET BACK HERE!"

"Now what has Kei done!" Tori said running after Leon.

Koji, meanwhile, stayed behind, "Leon's... Santa?!" she muttered.

Tori sighed and grabbed Koji, "C'mon, we gotta see how this ends!" she grinned.

"NOOO! GO AWAY GO AWAY GO AWAY SANTA'S SUPPOSED TO BE NICE!" Kei cried, having climbed up a beam to get away from Leon while Leon grabbed a table so he could climb on it and get up there.

"What did you do to get him so angry, Kei?!" Koji said looking up at Kei.

Kei blinked. "I didn't DO anything! It's not MY fault that no one can picture him in a SANTA suit with little kids on his lap!" She howled from her spot atop the column, It was then that she lost her grip on the bows string round the cello and slipped down...no sooner had Leon found his table. Kei's eyes widened. "GOTTA RUN!" She ran.

Tori and Koji both sighed. "Man Kei, you sure got him mad this time!" Tori said while running after Kei.

Kei was now atop the statue in the middle of the fountain, grinning down at Leon. "Okay Squall-san, I'm reeeaaaallllyyy sorry...you can put down those various weapons of mass destruction..."She said.

"Leon, this isn't the best thing to do right now. Don't you think we could solve this somewhere else!" Koji said walking up to Leon.

Leon growled and Kei found this time to discover that the fountain lights up.

"...Oohhh...pretty colors..." She said, getting absorbed in the pretty colors and lost her footing. "AHHHH!" She tumbled down the waterfall and SPLASH! Into the water.

Leon growled, holding up his candy-cane turned weapon.

"Now I gotcha!" He cried. Various shoppers watched as Santa appeared to be ready to whap a blonde idiot over the head with a candy cane.

Kei gulped. "Uhh...LOOK! A PINK MONKEY!"

"What?" Leon blinked, turning around. Kei took this opportunity to run.

Tori ran up beside Kei. "You are running out of mall" Tori paused for a moment and started grinning. "Go into the women's bathroom, Leon will leave you alone there!"

Kei blinked. "GOOD IDEA!" She cried.

Meanwhile Koji was running behind Leon. "Oh, come on Leon, just give up and leave her alone... I was shocked too, seeing you in a Santa outfit! Just let her go!" She said trying

to convince Leon to stop running after Kei.

Leon rolled his eyes. "Nope.... must.... hunt.... down..."

Koji sighed and, seeing the end of the mall, decided to sit down and watch the show. 'At least I tried' she thought, flopping down on a bench.

Eventually Leon gave up on finding Kei (he was secretly planning the bop her as soon as they got home) and went back to his job. Kei went back to shopping, and had paused to look at the giant tree, which they were setting up. She ran up to the tree and poked the ornaments. "...Wow...." She said, eyes wide.

Yuffie apparently had been shopping as well and walked up. "Yeah, cool isn't it? Last Year they had this awesome sound system in it..." Kei nodded and poked the ornaments again.

"Hey, get away from my tree!" The tree suddenly yelled.

Kei yelped. "AHHH! HAUNTED TREE!" She ran.

Cid popped his head out of the tree and blinked. "...Okaaay..." He said finally, and went back to setting up the sound system

3 - Part Three

Eventually everyone got their stuff and they all went home...well...Kei did. A few minutes after she got home Aerith walked into the living room. "Ahem..." She coughed, trying to remove Kei's attention from the TV for five seconds.

Kei looked over to see Aerith holding a completely empty cookie plate.

"...ISWEARIDIDN'THAVEANYTHINGTODOWITHIT!" Kei said quickly.

"I didn't eat them ALL, I just helped Kei... uh... empty the plate!" Koji said looking up from the TV.

Tori sighed. "You both ate the cookies together, don't deny the obvious."

"WE didn't eat them, the SQUIRRELS DID!" Kei declared.

Koji nodded. "Yeah! The squirrels did, nothing to do with us!"

Tori frowned, "Then how do you explain the cookie crumbs on your front?"

Aerith tapped her foot slightly, raising an eyebrow. "...Okay, fine! We ate them! But it wasn't our fault! The DEVIL made us do it!" Kei declared.

Koji nodded nervously. "Yup, the devil!"

Tori sighed again and hit Koji upside the head. "Oh come on, there is no way he can 'make' you do that!"

Koji frowned and rubbed the back of her head. "Can you be any more serious, we are just joking around!"

Kei was still going with the devil theory and Aerith obviously wasn't buying it. "You see, the devil suddenly appeared and he pulled out MIND CONTROL devices and he chanted 'EAT THE COOKIES!' and me and Koji were like 'NOOO' so the devil pulls out this remote control and he MADE US eat the cookies!" Kei cried, throwing around random hand motions.

Koji nodded again. Tori rolled her eyes and lifted her hand like she was going to hit Koji again. Koji's eyes grew wide and she covered her head with her hands, "No more!"

Aerith shook her head as she walked back into the kitchen. "You better be good then."

"We will! As long as you don't call cloud we'll act good!" Koji said frantically.

Kei sighed in relief when Aerith finally left. "I don't need TWO big men with BIG swords on me, thank you very much."

"Yeah, you already have enough trouble with Leon... speaking of Leon, where is he?"

Koji said turning back to the TV and is instantly glued to it.

Kei pulled a pillow over her head. "Hopefully, no where near here with that stupid candy cane of his." She said.

Koji shrugged. "He doesn't have his candy cane anymore, he has his Gunblade!"

Kei's eyes widened. "Oh craaaap..."

Koji shrugged again. "Don't worry, he won't kill you."

Kei gripped the pillow tighter and her eye twitched. Yuffie laughed from her spot beside the Keybearer. "Aw, dun worry, like Koji said, Squall won't kill you. Don't worry yourself over it. "

"Who's worried?" Kei asked in a squeaky voice as her eye twitched. "I'M not worried..."

Koji nodded, still glued to the TV. "He'll just beat you up real-"

"Koji! Your NOT helping!" Tori said hitting Koji upside the head again.

Koji looked over at Tori, "Stop hitting me!" she said moving away from Tori.

Kei whimpered and gripped the pillow so hard it looked about ready to pop. Frowning, Koji looks at Tori and then turns back to the TV and is instantly hypnotized, a half-dazed expression on her face.

Kei blinked and looked over at Koji. "What?" She asked.

Koji pointed at the TV, which was playing a commercial for the latest issue of "Teens" magazine, "He is SO cute!" she said as a picture of a teenage boy flashes up on the screen.

Kei blinked. "I thought you liked Squall-san?"

"Of course I do!" Koji said taking a quick look around to room.

Kei grinned evilly. "Ohh, maybe I better go tell hiiim."

Koji grumbled. "Fine, but I would suddenly disappear for a few days."

Kei giggled. "I wouldn't really tell, that would be mean."

Koji sighed. "Maybe I should wrap myself up in a box..." she thought out loud.

Kei laughed. "Hey, that's MY idea!"

Koji blinked. "I know it is... I'm just thinking I may do what you suggested."

Kei shook her head. "Don't REALLY do it, I was just joking."

"Yes, but I still don't know what to get him..." Koji sighed again.

Kei giggled. "I already got him something...maybe I should give it to him early so he won't beat the crap outta me."

"What did you get him?" Koji said turning her full attention to Kei.

Kei grinned. "I got him a leather jacket, it has a demon wing and an angel wing sewn in the back and it has the kanji for light and dark sewn on the arms."

Koji nods. "That'll fit him."

Kei giggled. "I figured, what would be a better gift for him then one his girlfriend thought up? I think Koji should get him a necklace."

Koji raised an eyebrow. "... Necklace?"

Kei grinned and nodded. "Yeah! He'd love one of them big chained ones, ya know?"

"Oh Yeah, I know those... but he already has one," Koji said.

Kei grinned. "Then find him a new one."

Koji shrugged. "Yeah, I suppose."

"Get him one with a heart, Koji," Tori chuckled from behind her magazine.

Annoyed, Koji looked over at Tori. "Don't push it!"

Kei giggled, then looked out the window. "AW CRAP!" She cried, quickly creating a fortress out of the couch pillows.

Koji grinned. "I don't think that will help you much, Kei."

Kei whimpered from inside her fort.

Tori laughed from behind her magazine. "Don't worry, he doesn't have his Gunblade yet... Its up in his room."

Kei grabbed another cushion and added it to her fort. "Just in case...I better go find some candy canes to bribe him with..."

Koji raised an eyebrow. "You're not going to find any underneath your fort... maybe you should help Aerith with her cookies, She'll guard you."

Kei jumped out of her fort. "GOOD IDEA! MAYBE I CAN AVOID BEING MURDERED BY CLOUD TOO!"

"You better go do it too, Koji... unless you want to be beat up by cloud." Tori said looking up.

Koji jumped off the couch, "Yeah! Good idea!" she said and then ran into the kitchen.

Koji skidded to a stop beside Aerith. "Hey Aerith, mind if I help you make some cookies?!"

Kei bounced over. "Yeah, or just give us some cookies...or at least give me some so I can prevent my demise at the hands of Squall-san?"

Koji nodded in agreement. "Or better yet, from the hands of Cloud!"

"I'm hooome!" Leon called as he walked in.

Kei's eyes widened. "CRRAAAAAAAAPP!"

"Hi Leon!" Koji said cheerfully.

Kei grabbed several candy canes, quickly ran over. "Merry Christmas, don't kill me!" She cried, throwing the candy canes into Leon's hands before charging to her room.

Leon blinked. "What was that about?"

Tori looked up from the couch. "She doesn't want to be killed from your experience in the mall... remember?"

Leon blinked. ".... Oh yeeeeeeeeeeeeaaaaaaah..."

Tori grinned and went back to her magazine. "I thought you would."

Koji bounded out of the kitchen and ran up the stairs with a dozen cookies in a napkin.

"Kei! Let me in before Cloud comes over!"

Kei blinked from her spot on her bed at the door. "Eh? He's not really gonna kill you, he's too much of a softie to actually hurt anyone, it's only when you make him mad." She explained as she opened the door.

Koji shrugged and unwrapped the fresh, warm cookies from the napkin. "Yeah he is soft... well eat up before Aerith comes up!"

Kei munched on a cookie and continued to watch the Zim Christmas special again

"These are even better when they're warm," Koji said through a mouthful of cookie.

Kei continued to munch and nodded.

Koji sat up in her bed and looked out the window at the snow drifting silently to the ground. 'Ok, any minute now Kei is going to run down the stairs yelling something about the day and then will run into the wall,' she thought to herself.

Kei bounded down the stairs. "IT BE THE TWENTY-FORTH, AND WE HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREEE TO GET...OW!" And as usual, ran into the wall.

Tori looked up from the couch and looked over at a clock. "Kei, you're a few minutes late."

"Yeah, I was...wrapping stuff..." Kei mumbled into the wall.

"Oh, well that explains it," Tori shrugged and went back to watching the weather channel.

"More snow..." She sighed.

Kei pulled herself from the wall. "YAY!"

"What was that about a tree, Kei?" Koji said walking down the stairs.

Kei grinned. "We're gonna go get a Christmas tree, after I con Squall-san, Yuffie-chan, or Aerith-chan into paying for it!"

Koji laughed. "Yeah, that would be nice if they did."

Leon rolled his eyes as he came down the stairs. "Well I'M not paying for it." He stated.

"Then we'll just ask Yuffie and Aerith to pay for it!" Koji grinned.

Yuffie laughed from her spot on the couch. "Uh, no."

Koji blinked. "Then I'll ask Aerith..."

Aerith shook her head from the kitchen. "I need the munny to buy food for the Christmas party tomorrow."

Leon groaned. "DON'T remind me of that." He growled.

Kei giggled. "Just think Squall, in about Thirty-six hours EVERYONE from YOUR world will be in THIS house!"

Koji smiled. "Yay! That is going to be fun! Right Leon?!" Koji said grinning in Leon's direction.

Leon rolled his eyes. "...Suuuure.... so long as you didn't invite Tidus I'm fine."

Kei grinned. "She did!"

".... Noooooooo...it'll be like having THREE Hyper-active BLONDE'S in this house! CLOUD'S BAD ENOUGH!"

Tori shrugged. "You can keep everyone in order with your Gunblade."

Kei whined. "Don't give him any ideas...I still have SCARS man!"

Yuffie giggled. "Don't forget, Auron's gonna be there too!"

"...AW MAN, THAT OLD GEEZER!?"

"Hey, He's really strong... don't underestimate him." Tori said looking at Kei, surprised.

Kei grumbled. "Yeah, but he's such A GROUCH!" She whined.

"You just gotta get used to him." Tori said turning back to the TV. "Darn, we're expecting snow for the next week!" she said frowning

Kei grinned. "AWESOME!"

Koji looked over at the kitchen, "I'm getting breakfast... and then we can go get a tree!"

Kei's eyes widened. "BREAKFAST!?"

Leon sighed. "...I'd better get something before she eats it all..."

"Pop tarts!" Koji said running into the kitchen.

Kei grabbed a pop tart. "Yay!"

Koji dug through the pantry. "Darn, we're out of s'more pop tarts! Oh well, I guess I'll have to settle with a cinnamon one." she said grabbing a pop tart and popped it in the toaster.

Kei munched on a pop tart. "CLOOUD!" A voice suddenly cried, which was followed by a disgruntled "UMPH!"

Koji blinked. "Is he here early?"

Kei walked out of the kitchen to be met with the sight of Aerith glomping a rather muscular spiky blonde haired guy. Kei grinned. "HI CLOUD!"

Koji ran out of the kitchen with her pop tart at hand. "Hey Cloud!"

Cloud blinked slowly from his spot on the floor as many people ran into the room.

"...Uh...Hi."

"Long time, no see!" Koji smiled.

Aerith squealed in delight again and kissed Cloud. Kei blinked and whispered to Koji.

"Why are they trying to eat each other?"

Koji shrugged. "I guess they like each others taste?"

Tori raised an eyebrow. "There's an empty room upstairs," she said pointing to the stairs.

Both blushed and pulled back and Aerith hopped off of Cloud, still red in the face, and the chocobo haired warrior pushed himself up, also blushing. "Aerith and Cilllooud sitting in a tree..." Yuffie began. Cloud glared. "...Uhhh.... and... Uh...oh look at the time, I have to go!"

Yuffie ran out of the room.

Tori rolled her eyes. Koji looked back and forth between the two lovebirds, blinking in confusion.

Kei only giggled, not getting any of it but finding it amusing anyway. "Uh, Cloud, I don't suppose you could come with us and help us get a Christmas tree, since Squall-san-"

"IT'S LEON!"

"...Ahem, Squall-san suddenly became busy *cough* he's a jerk and doesn't want to come *cough* and we were wondering if you could come?"

Koji nodded in agreement, excitement sparkling in her emerald green eyes.

Cloud blinked slowly as he looked down at the pleaded Kei and to the bouncing Koji, raising an eyebrow.

"Just go with them, for heavens sake," Tori said flopping back down on the couch and opening a magazine.

Kei blinked. "You're not going?"

"I hate the cold, you know that," she said looking up from her magazine.

Cloud sighed. "Oh Yeah. Okay fine, I'll go."

"YES!" Kei cried happily.

Koji grinned up at Cloud. "Oh, and can you pay for it?!"

Cloud sighed, pulling out his wallet. "Fine..."

Kei grinned, grabbing his wrist. "Okay, lets go!" She cried, dragging him out the door.

"WAIT! PUT A COAT ON OR YOU'LL CATCH PNEUMONIA!" Aerith roared.

Kei ran right back and pulled her coat on. "There, happy!?"

"Yes..."

"Okay, SEE YA!"

Koji bounced over to the door, grabbed her coat, and pulled it on. "Let's get one of the REALLY big ones, eh Kei," She said winking.

Kei grinned. "Yeah!" Cloud sighed as he was pulled along. "I'm going to regret this..." He grumbled.

"Come on let's run! We gotta get there today!" Koji said pushing on Clouds back.

Kei laughed. "We dun need to run, it's not that far." She said. Cloud only blinked slowly at the two girls as he was pulled and pushed along.

From about fifty feet away from the entrance to the tree farm Koji pointed at the tallest tree she saw. "That one!"

Kei pointed to another tree. "NO THAT ONE!"

Koji grinned pointing to another enormous tree. "That one!"

Kei pointed to yet another one. "That one! That one!"

"No, that one!" she said pointing to a tree and dragging Cloud in its direction.

Kei grabbed Cloud's other arm and began dragging him towards yet another tree in the opposite direction.

Koji's grin grew wider as she pulled Cloud harder towards another huge tree.

Cloud's eye twitched. "Please girls, I'm sure ANY tree is fine." He said through clenched teeth.

"No! We HAVE to get the perfect tree!" Koji said scraping her feet across the ground as she tried pulling cloud towards a tree.

Cloud twitched as Kei began pulling her in the opposite direction. "Can't you two just AGREE on a tree!?"

Koji shook her head and pulled harder, her boots digging into the ground.

Cloud again twitched as Kei pulled him another way.

"This way Kei!" Koji said turning around and digging her heels into the ground, trying to gain some distance.

Kei looked at the tree Koji was pulling Cloud towards. "It's perfect!" She cried, letting go of Cloud and running to the tree.

Koji's eyes grew wide as she was suddenly falling backwards, grabbing onto Cloud

tighter so she wouldn't fall but ended up brining him down with her into the icy cold snow.
"GET OFF ME CLOUD!! YOUR SQUISHING ME!!" Koji said from somewhere under Clouds body.

Cloud blinked, jumping up. "Are you okay?" Kei poked Koji.

Koji twitched and squeaked out what sounded like a "Yeah."

Kei glared at Cloud. "You Brokeded her!"

Cloud sighed, holding a hand out to Koji. "Sorry." He apologized.

Koji looked up at Cloud and suddenly grinned, grabbing for his arm she pulled herself up.

"Come on!! We're wasting precious time!" she said running towards 'her' tree.

Kei ran over as well. "IT'S PERFECT!"

Cloud sighed and held up his Buster Sword. "Then stand back!"

Koji grinned and jumped backwards away from the tree.

Kei on the other hand, jumped in front of the tree. "WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?" She cried.

Cloud blinked and raised an eyebrow. "I'm gonna chop it down."

"Oh no you don't!" Kei cried. "Not this tree!"

Koji blinked. "What's wrong with it?!"

Cloud blinked as well. "Yeah, what's wrong with it?"

"You're killing an innocent tree!"

Koji sighed. "But it's going to be THE tree! The best one ever!"

Kei shook her head. "It's Christmas, nothing should die during this time of Year," She insisted.

Cloud sighed. "Fine, what do YOU suggest then?"

4 - Part Four

~A few hours later~

"We're baaaaaaaaccck!" Kei sang as she bounced through the door.

Tori looked up from her spot on the couch. "About time! That sure took you forever!"

Yuffie looked up as well. "So what kinda tree did you get?"

Cloud sighed as he walked in through the door, carrying a box with a Christmas tree printed on it and the words "100% artificial" in red and green letters. "Kei wouldn't let us chop down a real one, so we got a 100% fake one."

Koji had a somewhat disappointed look on her face. "I was hoping for a REAL tree!"

Tori blinked. "You fell for yet another one of her Christmas tree jokes!"

Kei grinned. "Look on the bright side, no trees were harmed!"

Koji frowned. "Yes, but look on the dim side, we can't enjoy the wonderful smell of a fresh cut tree."

Kei shrugged. "So, Tori always passes out after a few days of smelling that anyway.... or else she gets high off of it."

Tori suddenly found interest in her magazine again.

Kei grinned evilly. "Yessiree, I recall a certain Tori a few Christmases ago, dancing around wearing her under wear on her head, using candy canes as pistols and believing she was an old western person."

Tori's face turned red as she looked closer at her magazine.

Yuffie burst out laughing, Aerith giggled at the image, and Leon and Cloud both raised their eyebrows and stared at the brunette on the couch.

Tori sunk deeper into the couch, her fists tightening around the magazine.

Kei poked Tori as she giggled. "See, we do not wanna provide anyone with any disturbing images now do we Tori?" She asked cheekily.

Tori narrowed her eyes as she felt her cheeks burn. "I can't help it if I react that way to Christmas trees!"

Koji blinked at Kei. "Uh.... I think that's enough for now, don't you think so Tori?" Tori sunk into the couch more and grunted in reply.

Kei shrugged, pulling out a Christmas CD and popping it into the stereo. "Well, lets get started!" She said cheerfully. "We gotta assemble the tree first!"

Koji grinned and ran into the kitchen, coming back out with a knife, she slit the box open.

Kei sweatdropped. "You could have just opened it up by the opening you know."

Koji shrugged. "I was hoping to shred the instructions so we could buy a real tree."

Kei grinned as she pulled the instructions out of her pocket. "I figured as much."

Koji grumbled under her breath as she grabbed the instructions out of Kei's hands and looking them over. "Man, this is complicated!"

"Nice try Koji but we are putting the tree up," Tori said from the couch.

Kei grinned as Leon and Cloud sighed, Yuffie cheered, and Aerith went to make snacks.

~Another few hours later~

"Finally!" Leon sighed as he and Cloud placed the top onto the tree.

Cloud flopped onto the couch. "Stupid Christmas tree." The blonde sighed, eyeing the tree.

Tori looked at the finished tree. "Now to put lights and ornaments on it!"

Kei bounced and cheered. "YAY!"

"I've got all the lights!" Koji said from behind a big box that she was carrying down the stairs.

Kei poked Leon and Cloud. "Can you guys get the ornaments?"

Leon rolled his eyes. "Fine..."

"Oh, and don't forget, you have to put the lights on the tree... you're the tallest of us" Koji grinned, setting the box down on the floor next to the tree.

Cloud twitched. "...I shoulda stayed at the coliseum..."

Koji grinned again. "Yes, but if you stayed at the coliseum you would of missed Aerith!"

Cloud groaned, running a hand through his blonde hair as Kei giggled, sucking on a candy cane.

"Now go get the ornaments before Kei gets so hyper from her candy cane that she knocks the tree over," Koji said pointing to the stairs.

Cloud sighed and muttered something inaudible before trudging up the stairs.

Tori sighed. "There must be something good on TV," she said turning on the TV and flipping through the channels. "No... no... no.... ah, here we go... South Park!"

Kei bounced onto the couch. "YAY!"

Koji stared at Tori. "That isn't good," she said running over to the couch and grabbing the remote control, "We gotta find something Kei can watch."

Frowning, Tori grabbed at the remote but Koji just held it farther away from her. "Oh come on Koji, South Park is good!" Koji shook her head and continued to flip through the channels.

Kei whined. "Darn it."

As Koji flipped through the channels her smile faded and became a frown. "We need satellite... cable just doesn't cut it," she said throwing the remote onto the couch, having gone through every channel twice.

Kei shrugged. "I know!" She said, running upstairs.

Yuffie blinked. "...She's not getting anything dumb is she?"

Tori shrugged. "Knowing her... You'll never know."

Kei ran back down, waving videotape in the air. "Woot! It's the ZIM Christmas special!"

Tori blinked and Koji sighed. "I've already seen that twice."

Kei grinned. "So!? I've seen it twenty times!"

"Yes, but you don't get tired of anything." Koji said, sighing again.

Kei only continued to grin, popping the video into the VCR. "Dun worry, you'll still like it."

"But I-" Koji began to protest but Tori hit her upside the head.

"Quit complaining!" Tori snapped. Koji rubbed the back of her head and glared at Tori, but the brunette just shrugged and turned to watch the video.

~ A few minutes later, after Cloud and Leon struggled with the lights~

"BOW DOWN! DOW DOWN! BEFORE THE POWER OF SANTA!"

Tori blinked in utter confusion and Koji sank into the couch, "No more..." she groaned to

herself.

"OR BE CRUSSSSSSSHED, BE CRUSSSHEEED, BYYYYY HIS JOLLY BOOTS OF DOOM!"

Tori blinked again and Koji sweatdropped. "I think I'll go help with the lights..." she groaned again. Koji hopped off the couch and bounced over to Leon. "Need any help... I KNOW you do!" she hinted.

Leon's eye twitched as he attempted to untangle the lights that Cloud had somehow become the prisoner of.

"... I'll take that as a yes," she said stooping to the ground and grabbing one end of the lights.

Leon shrugged. "No, it's okay, you don't have to help." He stated as Cloud attempted to free himself from the lights.

"But I don't want to go back to that movie," Koji whined.

"It's NOT a movie, it's a TV show!" Kei called from her spot on the couch.

Koji sighed. "Whatever... I'm helping." Koji insisted, weaving the strand of lights over another section, attempting to untangle them.

Cloud said something, but his mouth was blocked by the lights he was tangled in, so it came out like "Ank O."

Leon laughed and shook his head. "The moron says thank you." He said with a laugh.

Koji shrugged. "You're welcome... it's not all that hard."

Leon groaned. "Cid shoved these up here last Year...you don't want to know what that old geezer-

"I AM NOT AN OLD GEEZER!"

"...Uhhh.... Cid can do to lights."

Koji laughed. "I think I've already found out what he can do," she said weaving the string though another section, loosening Cloud from his "coils" just a bit more.

Cloud mumbled again and Leon shook his head. "Just don't even bother talking, Chocobo. Figures, only you or Kei could get yourself so hopelessly tangled you can't move that big mouth of yours.'

"Tidus could too," Koji pointed out.

Leon sighed. "Yup, three blondes, three idiots."

Koji laughed. "Good thing I'm not a blonde, I don't know if you would survive!"

Leon sighed again. "Yeaaaah."

"As I said, you can keep everybody in order with your Gunblade," Tori chimed in from the couch.

Leon grinned. "Yeaaaah..." Cloud grumbled something and mock-glared at Leon.

"And you can fend of Leon with your buster sword, Cloud." Tori grinned from the couch.

Cloud mumbled something again and this time he looked a bit more cheerful.

"Maybe we could have a duel!" Koji suggested.

"Uhhhh.... No." Leon stated and Cloud mumbled what sounded like the same thing.

Koji shrugged. "Just a suggestion." Koji wrestled with the lights a little more, enabling Cloud to talk.

Cloud breathed. "FINALLY!"

Koji grinned. "I'd figured you like to be able to talk again."

Cloud attempted to jump for joy. "WOOT-" WHUMPH! "...Ow..."

"You just can't move yet..." Koji said looking down at Cloud.

Cloud twitched and Kei bounded over just for the purpose of poking his eye before going

back to singing.

"Now we can just yank the lights off you." Koji sighed, pulling the end of the string, which was slowly coming off.

Cloud cheered. "Don't get too excited or I swear I'm gonna call Kei over here, she's hyper and she'll bug you to no end." Leon warned.

"Yeah, you are quickly becoming poking material," she said pulling on the string harder.

"Everything's poking material with that girl." Cloud mumbled.

"No, just people who are older than her." Leon stated with a shrug.

"Darn these lights!" Koji said trying to pull more string off Cloud's body but was just tightening the string around him.

Cloud sighed and attempted to untangle himself from the lights

Koji frowned and looked up at Cid. "No more light duty for you, Cid!"

Cid blinked. "What!? They looked FINE to me!"

Koji stared at Cid like he was crazy. "Do these look good to you!" he said pointing to one very tangled Cloud.

Cid nodded. "Yup, looks fine to me."

Cloud glared at him. "You're very lucky my hands aren't free at the moment." He stated.

Koji grumbled out loud. "I'm just about ready to take a knife to these lights!"

Cloud shook his head. "Uhh, no, I'm kind of out of munny after the tree incident."

Koji blinked. "I wouldn't even touch you."

Cloud shook his head again. "It's not that, I don't have any munny to buy any more lights."

"We don't need to rip you off, we can rip someone else's munny off" Koji grinned.

Kei walked over and blinked. "Why does Cloud-san look like a Christmas tree?" She asked.

Koji sighed and pointed at Cid.

Kei grinned. "You guys aren't doing it right."

Koji stepped back. "Be my guest," she said motioning to Cloud.

Kei grinned, walked over and grabbing a strand of lights and looking closely at the strands for a moment. She ran her hands along the single strand and whenever she got to a tangle untwisted it. Eventually she seemed done. "Okay, Cloud, if you end up twirling and running into a wall or something, it's not my fault." Kei stated before bouncing around Cloud and the strand of lights followed. The girl just sort of bounced along, and as she did the lights came off of Cloud. Finally Kei pulled the last strand off. "There we go!" Kei said brightly.

Koji blinked. "... Thanks... Kei...."

Kei grinned. "No problem!" She said before prancing off into the kitchen, dragging the strand of lights behind her while Cloud and Leon stared after her.

Koji blinked again as she watched Kei prance into the kitchen. "... Well.... back to the lights?"

Leon shrugged and Cloud reached for a candy cane to munch on.

Koji pulled another strand of lights from the box. "Now to untangle these."

Cloud and Leon groaned, and Cid cackled evilly,

Koji turned and glared at Cid. "You meant to do this, didn't you!?" she said pointing at him.

Cid only grinned. "Maaaaaaybee."

Koji groaned loudly. "Why am I not surprised?"

Kei popped in, chewing on a cookie. "Cause he's an old geezer." She said cheerfully

before getting a candy cane chucked at her head.

"You wanna untangle these lights?" Koji said holding out one very tangled string of lights to Kei.

Kei shrugged. "Okay."

"Hey, I'll even give you a special Christmas offer! The whole box for free!" Koji said handing the whole box to Kei.

Kei grinned. "Fun!"

Koji sighed with relief. "Yay, no more work for us!" Koji jumped up from her spot on the floor and ran to the couch. Grabbing the remote she searched through the channels until she found a program she liked.

Tori looked up from her magazine. "Good, something other than that TV show Kei was watching!"

Koji grinned. "You liked it that much?"

Tori sighed. "It was so funny it was stupid."

Kei only continued to untangle the lights contentedly

~ Several minutes later ~

Tori turned around in the couch. "You almost done Kei?"

Kei held up the lights and grinned. "Yup!"

"Good!" Tori smiled. "Now Leon and Cloud can hang them up!" she said looking over at the two.

Both men groaned.

"Oh come on!" Koji said bouncing off the couch. "Where is your Christmas spirit?!" she said walking over to Kei and picking up a handful of lights.

Kei nodded. "No reason to send a man to do a women's job!"

Koji nodded along with Kei and handed Tori a string of lights. "Now to light up this tree!"

Kei nodded. "Yup!"

Tori looked at the lights handed her. "This is going to be the best one ever... well, it would be better if it was a real tree but since Kei doesn't want to hurt a tree this will have to do."

Kei grinned, weaving the lights through the lowest branches since she couldn't reach the high ones.

Tori reached up high with her string and started at the top. "We can just make it smell like a real tree by hanging those car scent things in it."

Kei blinked. "Why would you want that Tori, you'll get all high on the scent and wear your underwear on you're head and stuff."

Tori shrugged. "That's what I do in my room."

Everyone gave Tori a bug eyed look. "Too much information..."

"Hey it's my room!" Tori said glaring at the others.

Koji blinked. "I always wondered why your room had a pine tree smell to it."

Kei shrugged, popping yet ANOTHER candy cane into her mouth. "Whatever."

Tori went back to the tree and continued to wrap the top with lights. "You are going to get SO hyper, Kei."

"How many does that make today?" Koji said while wrapping lights around the back of the tree.

Kei grinned. "Twenty-nine!"

Tori stared down at Kei. "You're buying the next box!"

Kei only grinned. "Okay!"

"And the one after that," added Koji.

Kei only continued to grin, sticking yet ANOTHER candy cane into her mouth.

"Leon, you should take the box away from her unless you want to have a jumping bean for the next thirty-six hours." Tori said struggling to reach the very top of the tree.

Leon shook his head. "Nuh uh, I dun feel like being ATTACKED by a keyblade-weilding idiot and having to chop off any more fingers.

Tori shrugged. "Fine, she'll just be extremely hyper and attack you because she feels like it."

Leon groaned. "She's ALREADY gonna be hyper anyway."

"Yeah, that's true," Tori said, shrugging again.

Cloud shrugged as well. "Besides, I figure all we gotta do is find an extra strand of lights and tie her up once she gets too hyper!"

"But you'll still have Tidus to worry about!" Tori grinned.

Leon twitched. Cloud just grinned. "Ah dun worry, Auron's gonna be here, he'll take care of Tidus."

"I can tell you're REALLY looking forward to this, huh Leon?" Koji grinned from behind the tree.

Leon grinned. "Yes! See, apparently all them stupid HYPER people fear Auron! See, this makes me happy!"

"Fear?" Koji laughed. "No stupid hyper person will even be sober enough to think about their own health!"

Leon only continued to grin. "Then they really have it coming to them."

Koji just rolled her eyes. "Yeah I can see it now... Kei, Tidus, and Cloud lying unconscious on the ground in front of Auron."

Leon continued to grin. "Yup...that's gonna be very entertaining to watch."

5 - Part Five

~ A few hours later~

Aerith popped her head into the living room. "You guys better be finished decorating! They'll be here any minute!" The first answer she received was "BOW DOWN! DOW DOWN! BEFORE THE POWER OF SANTA!" From Kei, followed by "OR BE CRUSHED! BE CRUSHED! BYYY HIS JOLLY BOOTS OF DOOM!" Cloud, who also got hyper after Kei had stuck a candy cane up his nose.

Koji and Tori both looked over at Aerith. "We are hurrying." Koji groaned while placing another ornament on the tree.

Leon continued to twitch and looked about ready to pull out his Gunblade as he strung garlands through the star handles.

Tori looked at a glass ornament she had in her hand. "You know, this ornament is probably not going to survive this Year, considering we are going to have three 'hyper idiots' bouncing all over the place."

It was right then that Kei rammed into her, knocking the ornament from Tori's hand while shouting "WHEEE!" Yuffie jumped up and caught the ornament just before it hit the ground.

Tori sighed. "See what I mean..."

"My hair is SO GOOD!" Cloud cried, bounding round the room.

Kei jumped on Leon's back. "HORSEY!" She cried.

Leon's eye twitched. "No."

"HORSEY GO NOW!"

"No..."

"HORSEY GO NOW NOW NOW RACE HORSEY RACE!" Kei screamed.

More twitching from Leon.

Koji grinned and walked up to Leon. "Awwwww... what a cute little horsy!"

Leon twitched. "Don't push it..."

"GO HORSEY GO WE GOTTA WIN THE GOLD CUP!"

Koji just continued to grin.

Tori sighed, "Come on Koji, we gotta finish this tree before everybody arrives!"

"GO RULDOLPH!" Kei commanded and Leon threw her off of him onto the couch. Kei pouted and Leon rolled his eyes.

Koji turned around and bounce back to the box of ornaments. Grabbing several of them she walked behind the tree and came back a few seconds later to get more. "What did you do with them?" Tori sighed.

"I just put them on the tree..."

Tori raised an eyebrow, "All on the same branch?" Koji nodded and Tori sighed again.

Kei had now latched onto Cloud. "GO ROLDOLPH!" She commanded, and Cloud crowed like a rooster and pranced around the room while Leon watched with a slightly scared expression on his face.

Tori blinked, and ornament still in her hand. "Just wait till Tidus gets here... then you gotta watch out!"

~ Twenty minutes later ~

"Aerith! We're done!" Koji yelled into the kitchen.

Aerith grinned as she brought in several plates of snacks and placed them on the tables.

"Perfect! They should be here any time!"

Tori pushed the empty boxes out of view and sat down on the couch. "We have too many ornaments!" she said grabbing a magazine and flipping it open.

Koji grabbed some snacks and sat down next to Tori. "No one can have too many ornaments."

"I can and we have WAY to much" Tori sighed. Koji shrugged and munched on one of her snacks.

"JINGLY BELLS, JINGLELY BELLS, JINGLY ALL THE WAAY!" Kei sang while Cloud followed.

"CRASHING THROUGH THE SNOW, IN A REALLY BUSTED SLIEGH!"

Koji groaned. "Where's the duck tape when you need it!"

Leon sighed. "We used it all LAST TIME this happened, remember?"

"Oh Yeah... then where's the packing tape... or did we use all of that up also?" Koji groaned again.

A nod from Yuffie answered that question.

"Then we need to have an emergency trip to the store." Koji grinned.

"The stores are closed, it's Christmas Eve." Leon pointed out.

"Then our ears are doomed." Koji said covering her ears.

Suddenly Kei and Cloud stopped singing and ran to the window to press their faces against it. "...It really is kinda odd to see Cloud acting like a two Year old..." Leon commented.

"Yes," Tori agreed. "Considering he is considered a 'man' at times."

Kei looked over at Cloud. "Meep?" Cloud nodded, and the two jumped up, waving their arms frantically and shouting something that sounded like "MEEPIN! SQAUKIN MEEP MEEP!"

Tori sweatdropped. "CLOUD! Cut that out! You're acting like an IDIOT!!"

Both Cloud and Kei sweatdropped.

"MEEP! MIPPIN SQEEE! MEEP MEEP!"

Annoyed, Koji looked over at the two blondes. "Go to your rooms, chocobo's."

Kei twitched and suddenly slapped her forehead and pointed towards the window.

"THEY'RE HERE YOU MORONS!"

Koji blinked. "Oh..." was here genius reply.

Kei and Cloud bounced. "TIDUS IS HERE!"

Tori looked up. "Is Auron with him?!"

Kei nodded. "YUPPERS!"

Tori grinned. "Good!"

Leon grinned as well, "This is gonna be entertaining..."

Koji bounced off the couch and ran to the door to open it for everybody. "Hey guys!"

Tidus bounded in, pulling a slightly frazzled Yuna behind him. "HI GUYS!"

"How was the trip?" Tori said getting up from the couch to greet them.

Wakka and Lulu came in, Lulu's hair messed up and Wakka's do pressed down.

"...Uh.....eventful..." Wakka said, flopping down on the couch.

"Who was driving?" Koji grinned.

Tori nodded along with Koji, "Yup, just like in the mall..."

"NOOO! LEMME ALONE! AHH!"

"Too bad she doesn't have any fountains to climb..." Koji blinked.

"Yes... or columns..." Tori added.

TWHACK!

"OW OW OW OW OW HEY THAT HURT!"

"But she still has a bathroom to run too!" Koji said just as Kei ran past with Auron at her heels.

"Oooooowwww Hey that HURT!" Kei cried, now attempting to climb the stairs while dodging a VERY large sword.

"Run faster, Kei!" Tori yelled up at her.

"He's gonna kill me!" Kei cried, running towards the bathroom, narrowly dodging yet another sword strike.

Koji and Tori both, cautiously, started up the stairs after Kei.

"No no no no!" Kei cried...finding the bathroom in use.

"To your room then!" Koji suggested.

"Too late." Auron said bluntly. TWHACK! THUD! "...Anyone ELSE want to make comments about my eye and my age!?"

Tori and Koji quickly shook their heads.

"GOOD!" Auron stalked off while Kei twitched on the rug.

Koji ran up the stairs and stopped by Kei. "You really did it this time!" she grinned.

"Paaaaaaaain..."

"Didn't you know that you'd die if you asked him about his" Koji looked up at Auron who was walking away. "Well... you know..."

Kei twitched again.

Koji shrugged, "Then again, you were so hyper you probably didn't even know better."

"My head hurts..." Kei whined.

"Well you did get hit pretty hard," Tori commented.

"Paaaaaaaain..."

"Come on Kei, get up!" Koji said pulling on Kei's arm.

Kei slowly got up and shook her head slowly, blinking. "Why am I up here?"

"You were trying to run into the bathroom to get away from Auron but found it in use so you tried your room and that's when he hit you over the head," Tori sighed.

Kei blinked again. "Why was he chasing me?"

"He hit you over the head harder than I thought..." Koji mumbled to herself.

"HEY KEI, WANT SOME CAPPICHINO!?" Tidus's voice called. Kei jumped to her feet.

"YAY!"

"Here we go again..." Tori groaned as she followed Kei down the stairs.

~ A few hours later ~

"Okay, night guys!" Yuna said cheerfully as she lugged her knocked out boyfriend out the door.

"Night Yuna, merry Christmas!" Kei said cheerfully, actually having becoming sober (well, as sober as you can get if you're Kei) before the night had ended.

"Bye Yuna, see you tomorrow!" Koji said waving goodbye.

Leon sighed. "That...was...INSANE!"

Wearily, Tori flopped down on the couch; having been tense the whole time the three blonde's were running around the house. "No kidding," she said wiping her brow.

Aerith sighed, apparently content with just observing the sleeping Cloud. Yuffie giggled at the brunette and blonde now sleeping her lap. "Aerith and Clooooouuuuud sitting in a tree..."

"K-I-S-S-I-N-G..." Tori grinned.

Aerith glared at them. "Oh Hush."

"It's true!" Koji pointed out.

Kei bounced over. "Yeah!"

"You shoulda' seen yourself earlier today," Tori cackled.

Kei blinked. "Eh?"

"Aerith knows," Tori said slyly.

Kei blinked again. "Eh?"

Tori sighed. "You know, right when Cloud first came over?"

Another blink.

Tori raised an eyebrow, "Do you remember anything before Auron hit you over the head?!"

"I remember it's Christmas...and we got the tree...right after that it gets kinda fuzzy."

Tori groaned. "Auron really did it this time!"

Leon grinned. "This is kinda amusing."

Koji looked over at Leon like he was crazy. "This is annoying, not having her remember anything useful."

Leon shrugged. "She's not remembering her poking of Auron's eye, that's a good thing, means she might end up poking it again, and if she does, I'm gonna sell tickets!"

Koji blinked. "For what?! Watching her get hit over the head again?"

Leon grinned. "HECK YEAHH!"

Tori rolled her eyes. "She gets hit all the time... she even does it to herself, how is that new?"

Leon continued to grin. "Cause it's funny watching a hyperactive teen being attacked by a guy who's kinda supposed to be dead! It's amusing!"

Koji blinked. "Then you sure get amused by strange things." Tori also blinked and nodded in agreement.

Kei nodded as well, having no idea what they were talking about.

Koji looked at Kei and then cackled. "One ticket in advance, please." She grinned and held out a hand in Leon's direction.

Leon raised a brow. He then picked up a napkin, pulled out a pen, and scribbled on it, then handed it to Koji. "There you go."

"Thank you," she said, shoving the napkin in her pocket. "Okay, now you can go, Kei."

Kei blinked. "...Go?" She said, looking confused.

"Yes. Tomorrow, when Auron comes back over, I'm ready. Don't make me disappointed." Koji grinned again and Tori rolled her eyes.

Kei cocked her head to the side, looking horribly confused.

However, before she could question it further, Cloud happened to drag himself over, grunting in pain. (The sugar had worn off so Cloud was currently suffering from a sort of hangover.)

Aerith giggled, helping the blonde up from the floor. "I think someone needs some sleep, hmmm?"

Cloud blushed and mumbled something incoherent.

Tori sighed. "He doesn't need to rest more, the caffeine tomorrow will keep him running. But..." Tori glanced at Kei, "he should go in order to prevent more disasters. After all, Kei is still wound."

"I am not." Kei pouted. "I'm not hyper at all."

"You're never not hyper unless you're dead serious," Koji pointed out.

Kei rolled her eyes. "I so do not cause disasters, any that may have seemed to be my fault was all coincidence."

"There sure are a lot of coincidences that happen around you." Tori grinned.

Kei nodded quickly. "Yeah, no kidding!"

Koji just shrugged. "You're just coincident prone."

Kei nodded again. "That's right..."

Aerith shook her head. "I still say we should be getting to bed...seeing as it's kind of three AM..."

Tori blinked. "It is? Oops."

Leon blinked slowly. "...Oh...then maybe we should all go to bed..."

Koji nodded. "Yup. You better get your beauty rest."

Yuffie snickered at that and Leon glared at both of them before heading up the stairs.

Aerith giggled and followed, dragging Cloud behind her. "Good night everyone!" She said cheerfully.

Yuffie stretched in an almost catlike way, then headed up the stairs as well.

Kei sat there for a moment. "...Sleep.... or eating candy while no one can stop me...hmmm..."

Tori shrugged and headed towards the stairs. "It's your sugar buzz, don't come to me when you have a splitting headache."

"Me neither," Koji agreed, following behind Tori.

Kei stood there for a moment, contemplating this.

"Sugar...headache...sugar...headache..."

However, at that moment the shiny Christmas tree caught her attention, spoiling Kei's concentration. After staring for a few minutes, Kei couldn't remember what she had been thinking about. "...Eh, I'll just go to sleep...maybe I'll remember in the morning..." With that, she bounded up the stairs as well.

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the Small House

Not a thing was stirring, not even Kei's mouth.

All the walls were patched with super glue

Where Kei had bounced down the stairs and fallen through

Leon was in his leather,

And Tori with her keychain feather.

And everyone had settled down to sleep through the cold weather.

The blowing snow was coming down with such fright

That it hid everything from sight

That blustery, Christmassy night

At that moment, there rose such a clatter

That Kei sprung from her bed to see what was the matter

She rushed down hall

Carefully trying not to fall

But ended up running into the wall
After pulling her head from the hole shaped like her head
She spotted a man dressed entirely in red
He turned, a startled look on his face
Before whisking up the chimney with much grace
Kei blinked slowly at this sight
Then with a shrug, went back to bed for the night
Santa Clause with his present-laden sleigh
Rose up into the sky just at the brink of day
And he said when he was out of sight:
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

6 - Final Part

Leon, personally, had been rather thankful to go to bed, as he had a killer headache and was quite thankful for the blissful near unconscious-ness.

Of course, that didn't last long.

"WAKE UP! WAKE UP!" Kei screeched, bounding through the halls and pounding on doors. "It's CHRISTMAS! GET UP!"

Koji's bedroom door flung open. "YAY!" she cheered, bouncing into the hall, "Christmas!"

But, in Tori's room, all you heard was a ruffle of blankets and a mumbled "Five more minutes...".

Kei pulled open Tori's door. "NO FIVE MORE MINUTES! IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY!"

Aerith popped her head out of the door of her room, looking tired. "Kei...it's six in the morning..."

Kei nodded. "I know! It's so late, we should have been up at four!"

Koji nodded excitedly. "Or maybe three! C'mon!"

Leon groaned as he came out, clad only in black sweatpants and a t-shirt. "...But we went to bed at three..." He muttered.

Kei frowned. "We shouldn't have gone to bed then."

Koji shrugged and grabbed Leon's arm before dragging him downstairs. "We're wasting time!"

It was then that Tori emerged. "Three hours of sleep is not enough. How about one more?" She pushed a lock of hair out of her face and sighed. "Or two?"

Kei gave her a flabbergasted look. "You really want to wait TWO MORE HOURS to open presents!?"

Tori nodded. "Yeah, or maybe three."

Kei stared at her for a moment. "Heathen!" She hissed accusingly, and then ran downstairs.

Cloud groaned as Aerith led him past Tori. The flower girl smiled back at the brunette.

"Come on Tori, you know it's no use."

"True," Tori agreed, grabbing a sweater before plodding out into the hall and down the stairs.

"Okay...um...this one's from me to Koji!" Kei said brightly, shoving a brightly wrapped box into Koji's hands.

Koji blinked and carefully began pulling each taped down corner off before shrugging and ripping off the rest. Her emerald eyes lit up as she held out a Leon plushie. "I love it! Don't you?" she asked, turning to her boyfriend.

Leon stared at it for a moment before nodding slightly. "It's.... different."

Koji grinned. "I know it is. Just think, now I'll never be alone."

Leon rolled his eyes.

Kei grinned, handing another box to Tori. "This one's for Tori!!"

Tori took the small box and unwrapped it, revealing a chain necklace resembling Kei's only smaller, with a violet colored gem mounted in the center of the crown. "Thank you." Tori smiled and fastened the necklace around her neck. "It looks very nice."

Kei nodded. "You're welcome! Okay...um...next I got somethin' for Squall..." she said,

handing Leon a large box.

He opened it to reveal a shirt with a stick figure on it. The stick figure looked rather mad and was shaking its fist in the air, a speech bubble coming from its mouth. The speech bubble said: "I am Squall but you'd better call me Leon or I'll kill you! I'm good at sword fighting and super serious and rant rant blah blah!" Leon smirked at it, then looked at Kei. "Very funny." He said dryly.

Koji grinned. "Funny but true," she admitted.

Kei giggled. "I thought so." She then picked up another present. "Here ya go, Yuffie!"

Yuffie blinked, then opened the box. "Material! SQUEE!" She cried, holding up the green ultima orb. "How'd you get it!!!!?"

"Um...Internet." Kei said brightly, grabbing two more boxes and handing them to Aerith and Cloud.

Aerith giggled at the Cloud plushie in the box, holding it up for all to see, and Cloud looked at the Aerith plushie with a smile.

Kei nodded happily. "Yay! Everyone liked their presents!" She said, sitting down. "Okay, I'm done, who goes next?"

"I'll go next," Tori said, getting up from her spot on the couch and sitting on the floor. She grabbed a present and handed it to Kei.

Kei opened the box, and her eyes lit up. She let out a squeal of delight, holding up the silver bracelet, the feather pendants dangling from it. She immediately put it on. "Oh, thank you so much!"

Tori smiled. "You're welcome." Next, she handed a box to Cloud.

Cloud, after setting the Aerith plushie aside, tore open the box. He blinked at it. "...Azzaro Chrome?"

"Oh, it's cologne!" Aerith said brightly. "See, you do stink after training, Tori agrees!"

Cloud gave her a mock glare.

Tori laughed. "Not exactly but it suits its purpose." With that, Tori pulled out another small present and handed it to Aerith.

Aerith smiled as she opened the gift. "Wow!" She said, her eyes lighting up. "White Diamond perfume!?" She sprayed a bit on her wrist and sniffed it. "Hmm...smells wonderful! But isn't this a bit expensive?"

Tori just shrugged and pulled out a large gift bag. "It's Christmas and munny doesn't matter. Here you go, Koji."

Koji took the gift bag and began pulling out the tissue paper before holding out a puffy, light blue, down coat. "Tori! It's... it's wonderful!" Koji pulled on the coat and zipped it up before squirming in warmth. "I love it! Thank you!"

"You're welcome. I heard you mention that you'd like one so I got one for you," Tori said before handing Yuffie her gift.

Yuffie opened the present, then gave a shout of glee, pulling the Conformer from the box and waving it above her head, nearly decapitating Aerith.

Tori grinned. "Glad you like it. Here you go, Leon," she said handing him an envelope.

Leon opened the envelope and took out a white piece of paper, which read, "I'll give you yours later, Aerith wouldn't approve." With this, Leon glanced around the room and simply said, "Gift certificate."

Tori stood. "That's it for me. Who wants to go next?"

Brunette

"My turn," Koji announced as Tori went back to her spot on the couch. The brunette sat

down on the floor and handed Aerith her present.

Aerith opened the present, smiling as she did so. "Hmmm, I could definitely use this! 'The Big Cookbook of Un-caffeinated Food.'"

Kei gasped, shooting Koji a wounded look. "No caffeine! The horror! That's like... the eighth deadly sin or something!"

Koji grinned. "It'll keep you away from your coincidences." Next, she gave Tori her gift.

Unwrapping it, Tori revealed a dark purple dragon plushie with wings the shade of metallic silver. "It's cute!" she squealed, hugging her present. "Thank you, Koji."

"No problem." Koji pulled out another present. "Here you go, Kei."

Kei, after shaking the present, tore open the wrapping paper. "SQUEE!! A UTADA HIKARU CD AND AYUMI HAMASAKI! THANK YOU KOJI!" She cried at the top of her lungs.

Cloud took the gift and opened it, far more neatly than Kei did. It was a small jewelry box.

He opened the box and his eyes widened. "Whoa!" He said, holding up the pair of earring.

Aerith smiled. "Wow! Those are really nice! I'm sure they'll look great on you, Cloud.

Cloud nodded, as he was taking out his regular silver studs and putting in the crystal ones Koji gave him. Kei stared at them.

"Oooohhh, shiny..."

"Not for you, Kei," Koji laughed, selecting another present and handing it to Leon.

Leon opened the small box revealing a chain necklace, the pendant in the shape of Koji's symbol: a heart with two swords coming out on opposite sides. "Thank you, Koji. It's very nice." He smiled as he removed his original chain necklace and slipped his new one on.

"Koji and Squall-san sitting in a tree! K-I-S-S-I-N- OW!" Kei's chanting was interrupted by Aerith whacking her upside the head.

Koji glared at Kei before nodding at Aerith. "Thank you. Now, last but not least, Yuffie,"

Koji said, grinning as she handed the ninja her present.

Yuffie tore open the wrapping paper Kei-style (throwing the paper everywhere) to reveal a jewelry box. And inside the jewelry box was a shurikan necklace!

"Awesome!" She cried, thrusting the necklace into the air for all to see. She immediately put it on. "Thanks Koji, I love it!"

"You're welcome, Yuffie." Koji stood up. "All done. Who's next?" she asked, walking over to the couch and plopping down next to Leon.

Cloud smiled. "I will." He said, pulling a small box from behind him and handing it to Aerith. "Merry Christmas, Aerith."

Aerith gracefully opened the box, then gasped. "Oh...Cloud..." She whispered. Placed in the box was a thin-chained silver necklace, the pedant shaped like a flower and made entirely of diamond. "It's beautiful..."

Cloud's smile widened as he wrapped an arm around her. "Not as pretty as you are." He said.

Aerith giggled, putting on the necklace. "Oh Cloud...you're too much." She said softly before kissing him on the lips.

Kei frowned. "I still don't get it!" She whispered to Koji. "Why do they keep trying to eat each other!?"

"Because they love each other," Koji smiled. "Like I've said the other million times you've asked."

Kei blinked. "Really? So does that mean you have to eat Squall-san then?"

Koji's smile vanished and color flooded her cheeks. "Um.... no."

Kei frowned. "...So...love is eating people then?"

"You don't have to if you don't want to. You can still love each other and not have to kiss."

Kei blinked again. "Really? So does that mean you don't want to kiss Squall-san?"

Koji began to say something but stopped, seeming to try and think of something to say.

"Um....."

Leon interrupted the rather awkward conversation by coughing loudly. "I...um...got this for you..." He said, thrusting a small wrapped box into Koji's hands.

"Oh?" Koji pulled off the wrapping paper and opened a velvet covered jewelry box to reveal a silver ring on a chain, Leon's symbol engraved in the silver. "It's gorgeous," Koji whispered, slipping the chain around her neck before holding up the ring and admiring it. She turned to Leon. "Thank you very much," she said, smiling.

Leon gave a rare, real smile back.

A cough from Yuffie turned their attention towards her. "Hey guys, look where you're standing..." The ninja said, pointing up at the ceiling.

Leon looked up to spot a sprig of mistletoe hanging from the ceiling. His eyes widened.

Koji looked too and blinked. "How did that get there?" she stammered. "Kei?"

Kei smiled innocently and shrugged.

Yuffie smirked. "No trying to get out of it guys! It's a tradition!"

"Oh, c'mon, Yuffie! Just this once?" Koji begged.

Aerith giggled, shaking her head. "No such luck, Koji!"

Koji turned to Leon. "You're the man of the house. Do something!"

Leon stared at her. "No I'm not! This is Cid's house, he's the one who bought it!"

The pilot entered from the kitchen, carrying some egg nogg. "Ah, just get going, would you!?" He snapped.

Koji blinked again. "Uh... sure, but only because you said so." The brunette turned to Leon and smiled sheepishly. "Might as well get this over with."

Aeris and Cloud hugged each other and watched, Cid lifted his egg nogg glass high, Yuffie whipped out a camera, and Kei began chanting once more. "Koji and Leon sitting in a tree! K-I-S-S-I-N-O-W! Stop hitting me like that Aerith!"

Leon nodded, stepping closer to Koji, a half-smile forming on his face. "...Right."

Koji smiled and their lips pressed together in an affectionate kiss before releasing. Koji blushes and turns towards the others. "There. How's that?" she manages.

Yuffie grinned. "I got pictures!" She cheered as Aerith and Cloud nodded in improvement.

Kei bounced up and down. "Awww, that was so cute! See Koji, you like Squall-san enough to eat him!"

Koji just shrugged. "I guess so. Now, no more mistletoe. If you treasure your life, you'll desist," Koji warned, grinning.

Kei giggled. "Okay, no more mistletoe."

The rest of Christmas day was wonderful. Presents were given, much sugar was eaten (much to Kei's delight and everyone else's dismay) a wonderful Christmas dinner was made by Aerith that everyone enjoyed, and the entire day was a day full of laughter, fun, and happiness. Well, in the words of Kei, it really was the best Christmas ever. Until all the sugar Kei consumed went into effect.