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A Night Time Stroll Through Inazuma - Arataki Itto x Listener

The audio begins with the sound of crickets, a gentle river and some petals falling around the listener. They're walking along, when they suddenly bump into someone.

Itto: Oof! Whoa whoa easy there! Ya know.. It's not very nice to go bumpin' into people like that!

(a pause)

Startled me! Heh. Well uh, you okay? You're not drunk or anything.. Are you? Cause if so, I could totally walk you back home safe! It's not a great idea to be wandering around so late, *especially* if you've been drinking! Ahhh come on, It's what a gentleman would do, it's no biggie~

Eh? Wait, you don't live here? Huh....well.. That makes sense! Haven't seen your cute face around the city before. Biiiiit late to be wandering around isn't it? Especially if you're not from here!

... What are you doing in Inazuma anyway? Traveling? Touring? Oooh I bet you're here for the awesome food, aren't you? If that's the case, you gotta try the Kitsune ramen! It's reeeally good but... **(shudder)** Never again.

I think *you'd* like it though~ **(flirty)** I could ah...heh..show you to the place if you want?

Oh, you're not hungry? Ahhh you already ate, eh? Well..? Hrmm.. You got any pressing matters to attend to right now? Liiiiike...anything super urgent?

(a pause)

No? Wellll since you're not busy, how about we go for a walk huh? The city's beautiful at night and you don't have to worry about safety at all cuz you've got Arataki "Numero Uno" Itto at your side!

That's m'name by the way. Arataki Itto at your service~ But you can call me Itto for short, I know my greatness is..heh..kind of a mouthful.

Now~ Come on! Right this way~

(Footsteps as they begin walking)

Sooo where are you staying tonight anyways? Hopefully someplace with a roof.

(a pause)

Ohh! That's a pretty nice place from what I've heard. I'll be sure to walk you there at the end of this so don't worry about it! To be completely honest with ya, It's nice to see fresh faces around here! So it's no big deal or anything, If I didn't wanna do all this I wouldn't have offered.

(a pause)

Heh, you're very welcome~ And don't think I haven't noticed you staring at my horns. Heh, how about from this angle? Pretty cool right? This is my best angle by the way, so if you're gonna take any pictures it should be from this side, got it?

Heh.. I'm half crimson oni y'know~ That's where I get 'em from. Well my horns and these markings. Not just super epic tattoos y'know?

(sounds of water, lil frogs added to the ambience)

You know... Me and my boys look after this place, so you don't have to worry about anyone getting any bright ideas. Even still, I'm glad that you bumped into me! Not that often I get to show someone around~

Whoop! Careful there. **(playfully)** You're a clumsy one, aren't cha? Got two left feet or somethin? Bumping into a stranger, and then nearly falling into the pond? **(cocky, lighthearted laugh)** Ahhh.. Naaah I'm sorry, I'm just playing with you! That stone was a little loose, so I'll let you slide on this one. **(sarcastic)** It tootally wasn't your fault.~ Heh.

But I'm gonna have to watch you around the water, the last thing we need is you slipping in and taking a swim with the frogs! You might catch a cold haha! Here, how about...to avoid any more accidents, you just hold onto my arm as we walk around it okay?

That way, if you trip again, I'll be able to catch you right away~ Huh-? Wh- ahah..! **(A little shyly)** I mean no, it's not like..! .. Like *that*. Unless you want it to be? I mean- You know! **(clears his throat trying to be confident)** I wouldn't mind it, I mean...

Uh.. Anyways, though! What brings you to Inazuma? You know, if it's not the food then it must be somethin' important, right? Maybe some super secret mission that you can't tell anyone-

.. Oh, so you're just traveling huh? Well, that's fine! I mean.. Traveling's cool. Getting to see the world and whatnot.. Sounds nice.

I've done a *little* bit of traveling, but ahhh my heart is here. Me and my boys couldn't leave this place behind. It's our home y'know? But hm...maybe someday I'll go on a great traveling adventure like you~

Speaking of that, you must have been traveling all day. Here, lemme take your pack for ya.

No no no I insist, I promise I'm not gonna run off with it or anything. You can hang onto me nice and tight if you're that worried haha! I can tell you're kinda draggin' your feet a bit so, let me handle this for a bit! Nothin' that Arataki "The Strongest Oni Around" Itto can't handle!

(slight shuffling, footsteps stop as they hand the pack over)

Oof! Oh ho ho man! This bag's way heavier than I thought! I'm pretty impressed! And you walked all the way here with this on your back huh? Heh, not bad sweetheart, not bad at all~

You're a lot tougher than you look! Er.. I mean, you look like you could hold your own, I didn't mean that in a bad way or anything!

Ahh- Just...gimmie a sec here, gotta adjust...

(small shifting) Pull that over there, loosen that a smidge and...*there* we go! That's way better! How do I look?~ **(Soft laugh)**

(satisfied huff as they continued to walk)

So, what do you think of the city huh? Beautiful isn't it? You should see it during the day~ There's people bustling about, lots of kids playing around and the trees are even more amazing! They're the perfect place to settle under and take a nice nap after a good lunch y'know?

Ohh and the shops, They have pretty much anything you could ever need! **(Whispers)** annd if you mention my name they *might* give you a little bit of a discount~ Heh! So make sure you take advantage of that when you're shopping, 'kay?

... Hmmm. How long you hangin' around Inazuma, anyways? Just passing through or are ya planning on staying for a bit?

Ooooh a whole week?! Hah, well.. That's perfect then. I know it's a little late tonight, but tomorrow.. If you'd like of course, I could uh.. You know! Take you out, show you around a little more when it's less dark out. I could take you to the shops, we can get some ramen.. It'll be fun!

You'd like that, huh? Well of course you would! This way, you don't gotta wander around by yourself. You got your own personal tour guide right here! So lemme show you the best of Inazuma while you're here!

Oh.. Hey. Why don't we sit down here in the grass for a bit? The stars tonight are SUPER bright, and to be honest.. Before you bumped into me I was thinkin' I'd just lounge around and watch the stars tonight. Did you wanna join me for a bit before I walk you to the inn?

(A pause)

Haha great! Stars are the best when you have someone t'watch 'em with y'know? It's pretty nice to just take it all in.. But when you're alone? That gets- well. You know. Lonely.

(shuffle as he settles down on the grass)

Ahhh.. Whew! There we go...I'll put your bag right over here~ And don't you worry, no one's gonna get any bright ideas with me around.

(shuffles as they both lay back)

Ahhhhhh there we go. Nice and comfy. Here..**(pats the grass next to him)** Plenty of room for one more. C'mere you.

(Listener settles in)

Hmm..moments like this are important, yknow? People are always so busy with running around doing this and that...that we kinda forget to take a moment to breathe y'know?

(deep breath, sighs it out happily, a few moments of silence with them)

Oh! Hey! Look! Shooting star! Did you see that? Make a wish on it quick! Hurry, you better wish or it won't work!

Ahhh crap, what do I wish for uhh.. Hmmm- OH. I got it. Hrrnnnggg- ... okay, okay I made my wish. Did you make yours?

Nononono! Don't *tell* me what it was! If you do it won't come true y'know! If it *does* come true though, you'll have to come back and tell me. **(soft chuckle, the two of them settle into silence for a few more moments)**

I bet it was something great, though. **(bit of a loud stretch)** Ahhh.. Hmm. So, you~ How long have you been traveling for anyways?

.. Woah, seriously?! Well, color me impressed! You really *can* hold your own, huh? There's so many dangers out there but wow, hah. Look at you go~ Maybe we can have a spar later on? Let me see some of that strength for myself!

I mean, there's no way you could actually *beat* me, but you could try~ **(Chuckle)**

Huh? Ohhh I see how it is~ Well, if you're so confident you could kick my butt then it's on! Tomorrow, I challenge you to a fight! And then.. After, we can go stuff ourselves full of food. Sound like a plan?

Hah, it better! You're pretty sure of yourself.. I like that. Even if I AM gonna wipe the floor with ya~

(Cocky laugh, until he suddenly realizes he's getting a little close and personal to the listener)

(Slightly nervous, flustered) Mn- Uh.. Sorry! Got a little close to you there for a sec. My bad! Uh- **(Clears throat)**

I'll just.. Scooch a little back over- .. huh? Oh, you.. You're okay with it? **(nervous, talking a little fast)** Okay that's cool! I won't move then..! That's uh, yeah no that's more than fine! I mean.. I'm comfy. If you are- You are? Okay cool! Then I'm comfy too!

Heh.. hah.

(soft breaths, the two of them lay there in silence for a bit)

Oh, uh.. Hey...I feel you leaning against me pretty hard. You okay? You sleepy or something?

(a pause)

Aw, wiped out already huh? Well it's to be expected since you traveled all the way here with this heavy bag on your back! Haha...c'mon sweetheart, take my hand, I'll help you up~

(A shuffle as he stands up with a sigh) There we go!! Lemme get this bag back on...Ow. Alright strap, work with me here. Gotta adjust that a little...oof. That's better! Now let's get you to your inn! Which one was it again?

(a pause)

Ah! Right! I was just testing you to make sure you remembered too~ **(playful chuckle)** Well not to worry, we're not too far away from it actually. Think you can stay awake long enough to get there?

(teasing) If not, I could always carry you y'know? OHH come on, don't be a wuss! I bet you weigh like nothing, I could totally carry you! No biggie!

(footsteps as they begin to walk)

(laughs) Haha! Aw heh, that look on your face is really cute. All flustered and stuff... Heh.

(a pause)

Whaaat? Mean? Me? Never! I was just telling the truth is all! Oni's are excellent judges of pretty things y'know~

(small swatting noise, he laughs, bright and playful) Hahaha! Ow! Hey! Easy there, I gotta use that arm later~ ... I mean, for my weapon of course! What were YOU thinking? **(laughing)** Okay okay I'll stop~

We're almost there anyway! Just around the corner.

(A bit more walking and then he huffs happily)

Tadaaaaa! Your inn!

Safe and sound just like I promised. I am a man of my word after all. **(soft chuckle)** I hope I get to see you around later? Just ask around for me, someone'll point you my way if you wanna hang out after you're done with your business.

And here's your things back~

(shuffling as he removes the bag and hangs it back over)

You go get settled in...you've had a long night huh?

(playfully) Try not to miss me too much alright sweetheart? Heh...I'll see ya later~ Sweet dreams!

(footsteps as he walks off, humming to himself)