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Eternal Nightmare || The Curse of Kuroyami EP. 3

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The Audio starts with the ambience of the forest at night. But it's slightly distorted, as if something's off.

Deku: (stirring awake softly for a bit, before he awakens with a gasp. Pants for a bit as he slowly comes to.) ah-! ... Snowfall, you're here..! I.. I don't know what happened. I saw something in the dark, and it.. It did something to make us all fall asleep. Are you okay..?

I.. I don't know where we are. We're definitely not in that basement anymore... That's for sure. Somehow we ended up.... Outside? .. It's so dark. **(huff as he stands)** Here.. Take my hand. ... Those monsters are *definitely* real. Or at least.. Real enough to affect us. I can't tell for sure what happened, but... I feel like we might have been attacked, and taken somewhere...

Here, let me get Todoroki up... it looks like he hasn't woken up yet. **(gently waking him up)** ... hey.. Shoto? Mm.. are you okay? It's time to get up, we need to figure out where we are.. We.. could really use your fire right now- **(Yelps as Todoroki jolts awake suddenly)**

Todoroki: (gasps a little as he wakes up, his voice trembling, a bit frantic) We have to destroy the amulet. The one that was around the cult leader's neck- We have to-!

Deku: H-hold on! Shoto.. it's okay. You're okay! C-calm down..

Todoroki: we have to... they're all connected to it-

Deku: Connected? Wait, slow down! Shoto.. What did you see...?

Todoroki: (soft breaths, composing himself)

Deku: Breathe, Shoto.. It's alright..... ah? What did you say, Snowfall? ... Kacchan..? (Soft shaky breath, before the realization sets in) ... Wait. Where's Kacchan?

Todoroki: (soft breaths) it took him...

Deku: (worried about Bakugou) ...what? What took him..? Shoto how do you know all of this..? What did you see?

Todoroki: I don't know- I.. I remember passing out, but.. I saw things. I heard it. The creature that had attacked us in the basement.. It was speaking.. to the cult leader.

Deku: (Panic) Speaking.? But he was bones... A skeleton- .. What did it say? Where did it take Kacchan?

Todoroki: I don't know... It... Said something about.. An entity in the sky. Mentions of worshiping it.. Sacrifices... Something they called 'the end'.. (Growl of pain at the sharp headache) .. Hnng- .. My head.

Deku: (Worried) Shoto... ... Can you stand? Here.. Let me help you up...

Todoroki: (Grunt as he's helped to his feet) ... Thank you, Izuku. (soft sigh) .. I don't.. Remember it well. It's as if it were some kind of.. Disjointed dream. I can't recall things properly. But what I overheard was... Mostly about the amulet. Mm.. Something about 'the dark dimension' .. And.. Something about the cult leader's murder.. (Serious) And.. Revenge.

Deku: Wait- Murder..? Revenge? ..The cult leader was.. Murdered?

Todoroki: It's.. (Pained hum at his headache) .. What it sounded like. I also heard something about needing one more sacrifice.. I don't remember much after that.

Deku: ... One more... Sacrifice.. (sharp gasp, his voice is full of worry) Kacchan..! Oh god, oh god..! We have to find him! (Scared breaths)

Todoroki: (Certain, serious) We'll find him. We won't let anything happen to him. Nngh.. We need to get our bearings.. I'll look at the map on my phone....

Deku: Right! Okay, let me- ... H-huh?

Todoroki: Are you two seeing this as well..?

Deku: The time on my phone is freaking out.. Is this a glitch?

Todoroki: Mine's doing it too.. It's like it's on fast forward or something. Snowfall, let me see your screen... What the hell..?

Deku: L-Let me check the location of the abandoned cabin that Miri gave me, I think if we can find our way back there we could potentially find Kacchan- ... wh.. What? My map, it's just.. Blank..

Todoroki: .. Let me try mine. What.?.... How is this even possible? Mine's blank too. The app isn't frozen, or unresponsive, I can still move the screen around... It's as if it doesn't know where we are.

Deku: We.. We really need to find Kacchan, I- I don't want to think about what could happen to him if we don't..! (**panicked but quiet breaths for a bit**)

Todoroki: Don't panic.. It's Bakugou. He's okay.. He's been through a lot worse.

Deku: .. (**Very worried, panicked**) Y..yeah.. Right.. I-.. mm..

Todoroki: .. Midoriya.. Use float. Maybe you can see what's above the trees.. See if there's any clearings or.. Anything at all nearby. See if you can find which direction the cabin's in.

Deku: O-okay, okay yeah I can.. Let me just..... W-wait.. Hold on.. Why can't I...?

Todoroki: .. What's wrong?

Deku: (**concerned, scared**) I.. can't use my quirk.... Let me try blackwhip. ... hn- Wh-why isn't it working..?

Todoroki: .. Mine aren't either. Snowfall... Try using yours.

Deku: (**Horried**) .. You can't use yours either..? What is happening..?

Todoroki: I don't know... But.. Now that I'm really looking around, this place seems.. Off.

Deku: It .. It *feels* off. I agree... I've been in the woods at night before and it's not.. Like this.

Todoroki: (**Softly, nervous**) Almost feels as if the air is heavy to breathe in...

Deku: .. Yeah... It's.. Really weird. I'm wondering if somehow we got quirked into some different plane of existence or.. Something.

Todoroki: Quirked... I'm not sure. By who..? That monster that attacked us?

Deku: .. I-.. I don't know. Whatever those things are, do you think they have the ability to.. Transport people to.. Wherever this is?

Todoroki: Dark dimension... Hold on. This.. This must be what I heard about the place they call 'the dark dimension.'

Deku: All of this goes so much deeper than I think any of us were prepared for. **(serious, almost stern)** We need to figure out where Kacchan is right away, and put an end to whatever plan is going on behind the scenes here. We can't let them unleash whatever evil it is they want on the world.. And I *won't* let them use Kacchan as a sacrifice to their means. **(soft, nervous huff)** .. Snowfall, do you still have your bag of supplies? .. Oh good, perfect.. Okay.. We don't have our quirks at our disposal right now, but we do have what we packed..

Todoroki: Mm.. I think our flashlights got left behind in that cabin when we were attacked. But we do have the flashlights on our phones.

Deku: Right. We need to use them sparingly, though... Even though it seems we don't have any service at all in whatever place this is, I don't want all of our phones to die.. Just in case. Mm.. We have rope, water bottles, a first aid kit, a compass... hold on. The compass... Look.

Todoroki: ... It looks like the arrow is pointing in one direction, like it's magnetized to that spot.

Deku: ... Snowfall, could I see that for a moment please? ... Thank you. Woah. When I turn in a full circle, the arrow is still stuck following the same spot.

Todoroki: Like it's some kind of.. Magnetic field nearby or something?

Deku: Yeah... Maybe that's our way out of this situation... **(Soft, sad sigh)** .. but Kacchan. He's still out there somewhere..

Todoroki: ... Well, this is our only lead for now. We should follow the compass.. Maybe we'll find something important. It's.. a start.

Deku: .. Right.. Yeah. ... Don't worry Snowfall, we'll find him. Nothing.. Nothing will happen to him. Even without his quirk, he's.. Always been incredible and strong. **(soft huff)** ... Okay, let's go.

Todoroki: Mm... Right behind you, Izuku.

(They start walking through the strange forest)

Deku: (Keeping his voice down) Stay close, whatever you do... We're.. Unfortunately pretty helpless without our quirks.. At least against those big creatures. And.. try to keep your voice down when you speak, just in case we're not alone in this place...

Todoroki: (Whispered) Right.

(They continue to walk through the dense trees and brush, the atmosphere hanging heavy in the silence. There's strange sounds in the distance here and there.)

Deku: (soft, quiet gasp) ..

Todoroki: ... Get down. It's one of them..

Deku: Shh.. keep down. Stay quiet... the bushes should hide us. Let it pass...

(they keep quiet as the creature passes by.)

Deku: (Lets out the shaky breath he was holding, panting very softly for a moment) ... So they *are* here..

Todoroki: yeah... and it seems to be heading in the same direction we are. ...What do you think that compass is leading us to?

Deku: I don't know.

Todoroki: Are you okay, Snowfall..? Let me help you up. Take my hand... **(soft grunt)** there you go. It'll be okay.. I know you're scared. I think.. we all are.

Deku: I.. **(almost a little emotional, worried)** Kacchan's probably scared right now too. All on his own.. Who knows what he's dealing with right now. **(Soft sigh)**

Todoroki: (whispering for a while) Let's keep going. We need to keep following the compass.. We need some kind of lead. Anything at this point... **(reassuring)** Izuku, we'll find him.

Deku: .. **(certain)** we will. I.. I know we will. Okay.. Come on. **(They start walking slowly, keeping his voice down for a while)**.. we need to stay extra quiet, especially now that we know those creatures are here..

Todoroki: .. Maybe this place is where they're from. ... Maybe this is where they go during the day.

Deku: M-..mm.. Yeah. I don't.. Know how we ended up here, but.. We'll figure all this out. W-wait.. Up ahead. I see a clearing in the trees.. Do you hear that?

Todoroki: I do... Chanting of some sort. What's happening..? I see so many of those.. Things.

Deku: Let's.. Get down in the bushes for now. Something important looks like it's happening if they're all gathering like that.. Here... Let's be careful to not get too close. I.. Don't want to risk getting spotted by that many of them, especially while we're quirkless.

(they situate themselves in the brush, to watch the clearing)

Todoroki: .. What are they doing?

Deku: Do you think.. This is the sacrifice they were talking about? **(Staying quiet, but panicked)** What if they have Kacchan?

Todoroki: Stay down.. We need to assess the situation first before we make any rash decisions.

Deku: I- .. I know.. Don't worry. I'm staying right here, until there's an opening of some kind. For now, we have no idea what's going on, or what we're up against or... where Kacchan even is.

Todoroki: I wonder what this chant is even about...

Deku: I don't know, but what Miri said about all this cult stuff seems more than plausible now. Look... The symbol we saw on the trees around that cabin is scratched into the ground in the clearing. Look.. under all of the creatures' feet.. It's there.

Todoroki: I see...

(the chanting continues, and suddenly, a portal begins to open)

Deku: Wh-what's that?

Todoroki: Looks like a portal is opening up. Stay down.. I don't know what's coming, but it won't be good.

(the portal opens, and the cult leader steps out. His form is like the other creatures, but larger. He wears the amulet around his neck, and he's carrying something. The portal closes behind him)

Deku: Someone's coming out... **(Gasp, shaky voice, worried)** It has Kacchan... Oh god.. No.. We have to do something.. He's out cold..

Todoroki: We will, we'll get him to safety.. We just need.. An opening. We need a plan... Wait, look.. Around that creature's neck.. The one who has Bakugou.

Deku: The amulet... D.. Do you think that creature is.. Araki? The cult leader..?

Todoroki: He's.. he's dead, though. We saw his remains...

Araki: (slow and deep voice) The time has come. We may have misplaced the other sacrifices, but it's no matter. This.. This hero's blood will be the last we shed for tonight. It won't be long before the lost ones become husks like us, anyways.

Deku: (very worried) we need to do something.. They're going to hurt him..

Araki: Come, followers. Husks of what once were... Take this hero and lay him down. Our great god will arrive shortly to accept this sacrifice.

Todoroki: We may have an opening to grab him here soon, they're laying him on the grass.

Deku: (shaky) Kacchan...

Araki: He arrives... Bow down, followers of the void, to your god.

(Chanting begins again)

Todoroki: (scared) What.. is that? ..

Deku: (scared) It- ... it looks like some kind of black hole in the sky but.. It's.. it's moving closer. That... that must be the 'god' they worship.

Todoroki: I've never seen anything like this before...

Deku: (During the dialogue) We need to move now, while they're focused on that.. Thing in the sky. Shoto, Snowfall if possible.. Could you create a distraction? I think I may be the fastest, and strong enough to carry Kacchan. You get their attention from the edge of the woods while I run out and grab him.. Then we'll make our escape together.

Todoroki: Got it. If only that portal back to our world had stayed open... **(huff)** Alright. Let's do this. Come, Snowfall.. Let's get a bit further into the bushes. Izuku... Go get Katsuki back.

Deku: (Sincere) .. I will. **(Shaky huff)** Wait for me to move a little to the other side of the clearing, then get their attention. Please... Please stay safe and hide the best you can from them. I promise I'll bring Kacchan back to us.

Todoroki: Mm. Go. We'll be okay. Good luck out there.

Deku: Same to you two.. Here I go.

(Deku heads off to the other side)

Araki: (loud preaching) Oh great and powerful void. Entity of the unknown... Thee who sit and watch over us in the blackest of eternal night.. In the name of our cause, with endless admiration and respect, we ask that you accept this final sacrifice. We shall spill this blood tonight in your name, for in return we ask for your power. Your power to purge the earth of self righteous scum, heroes who believe they run the world. Heroes who believe they can take human lives into their hands, make decisions that are no right to be theirs. Oh, mighty void.. I ask you for the power to travel back to my dimension, to be born anew in this body there. For the sacrifices we have brought you, for the army I have created for you... Grant us power. This last sacrifice that you have asked of us will fulfill the dedication we have for you. The blood I am about to spill should satiate you, my lord. Please, accept this final sacrifice as your own, let this gift to you signify our devotion.

Todoroki: We'll give him a moment.... Then we'll create an opening for him. When I call out, I need you to stay close and stay hidden so they don't find us. **(soft huff)** ... Okay. I think we've given him enough time. Ready? ... Okay.. Let's do this.

Araki: Take this sacrifice, oh mighty entity-! **(cut off)**

Todoroki: (shaky huff, before yelling to get their attention) Hey! You said you lost your sacrifices, well.. We're right here! So come and get us!

Araki: .. Ah?! How dare you interrupt the ritual! Go after them, capture them now!

Todoroki: Run, get down.. Quick. Come on, follow me. There's thick bushes this way we'll hide before they see us.. **(huffing as he runs, they dive into the bushes. The creatures scatter after them, running by them, furious)** Shhh...shh..

Araki: Ah?! Give me back our sacrifice you filthy hero scum! GIVE HIM BACK! All of you, after him! **(the creatures scream and start chasing Deku, who's heading near todoroki and listener)**

Todoroki: I think he's coming this way.. **(calls)** Midoriya..! Here! Come quickly!

Deku: (Panting, scared) I got him..! I got him! Let's- **(he barrels into todoroki and the listener, although a strange sound happens. They're sucked into a portal, transported to another area of the dark dimension, and fall to the ground)**

Todoroki: (Yelps, grunts as he hits the ground)

Deku: (Yelps, grunts as he hits the ground)

Deku: (panting) Wh-what happened?! **(shaky breaths for a bit)**

Todoroki: Ngh- I.. I think we.. teleported? **(shaky breaths)** H..How did this...

Deku: I think I know.... Look. **(opens his palm, showing the amulet he snatched)**

Todoroki: You got the amulet... How did you get it from him?

Deku: He tried fighting me off when I grabbed Kacchan. I.. I took the opportunity to snatch it from his neck. This must have been what teleported us... This amulet.. Is a portal.

Todoroki: Wait.. The compass, let me see. Look, this is what it was pointing at. The amulet.... This is our way out of here.

Deku: (Shaky breath) ... We have Kacchan now. Thankfully... He's safe. I don't know how to trigger this amulet's power, whatever just happened to teleport us here was definitely unintentional but.. I'm thankful. Let's... wake up Kacchan, and see if we can figure out how to use this...

Todoroki: mm..

Deku: (softly) Kacchan... Please, wake up. .. Kacchan...

Bakugou: (Soft stirring, groaning) ...

Deku: We need to get out of here Kacchan, please..

Bakugou: Ngh- ... nnn... Zuku...

Deku: (relieved) There you are... **(Soft sigh)** .. You're okay. They were going to... sacrifice you... but you're safe now..

Bakugou: Nnngh... **(Grunts as he sits up, a little delirious)** ... Sacrifice... fuck.. My head... **(huff)** .. I remember them dragging me... Trying to use my quirk but I couldn't... Shit, I still can't. The hell is going on, did we get injected with some kind of quirk suppressor?

Deku: I don't know.. But we think it might be this place. This is some other dimension... And it seems to be run by some entity in the sky. It looks.. Like some kind of black hole.

Bakugou: The hell... **(pained grunt as he gets up)** .. Well then, let's get the hell out of here. The less time we spend in this damn place, the better.

Deku: Agreed.

Todoroki: Mmm.. Do you think we could use the amulet to... **(Trails off)**

(The sound of the entity can be heard in the distance, growing closer)

Bakugou: What in the hell is that..?

Deku: It's that black hole entity... th-that's the sound it was making earlier when it appeared..

Todoroki: The sound's getting closer, we need to hide, now.

(they rush to the bushes,taking cover.)

Bakugou: (Keeping his voice down) What did you mean, 'black hole entity?'

Deku: (keeping his voice down) It's.. I don't know what it is. But it's big, and it must be powerful if this cult has been sacrificing people to appease whatever it is. ... Look.. overhead. Th-there it is..

Bakugou: The hell.... /s that thing..?

Deku: (whispering) Do you think it.. Sees us?

Bakugou: (Aggressive whisper) I don't know-! just.. Stay down..

(all three breathing nervously for a bit)

Deku: (strange, soft whisper) It's... The more I look at it, the more I.. Feel it's presence. It's... **(shaky breath, almost emotional)** beautiful...

Bakugou: (shocked whisper) What..?! What are you on, nerd? Oi.. Stop.. staring at it like that. Come here, close your eyes.

Deku: ... It wants us to join it. I don't.. Know how or why but I feel it's emotions.. It's so... very lonely..

Todoroki: (concern, whisper) Izuku... **(Sudden realization)** .. The entity is getting closer.. It has some kind of hold on him. Quick, give me the amulet. We need to use this to get out of here, now.

Bakugou: How the hell are we going to figure out how to use this shit?!

Todoroki: I'm trying... **(huff)** Izuku, what did you do to activate this when we teleported earlier, do you remember?

Bakugou: Crap, those bastards are coming.. I hear them! That damn asshole in the sky must have told them where we are! Deku you bastard, stop zoning out and come back to us! We need to get the hell outta here..!

Todoroki: I can't- I can't figure this out..

Deku: need to.. Nn.. need..

Bakugou: Ngh-! Deku..! Get the hell back here! Stop running towards them..! You idiot..! The hell is wrong with you right now?!

Araki: You... You! **(threatening)** Give me back my Amulet!

Bakugou: Izuku you idiot..! Ngh- Get away from him you bastard!

Araki: You have NO idea the power that holds, return it to me!

Deku: **(gasp, as if he's waking up) ... (his voice is stern, angry, accusatory)** Araki!

Bakugou:... Deku?

Deku: **(angry)** The Entity... It showed me everything..! I saw how you discovered this place after finding this amulet.. I saw you bring your cult here, and watch as this place sucked the life out of them, and transformed them into those mindless monsters!

Araki: What of it, you insolent hero?!

Deku: It showed me that you were planning on using it's power to destroy the world. That you planned on using the entity's power to restore yourself back in the real world... Why?! Why do you want to destroy innocent people?!

Araki: Your kind has done nothing but plague the world with your values... You THINK you can trick us by preaching your fake peace. A HERO murdered me in the end with his god forsaken ability. Where is the JUSTICE hero kind always speaks of?!

Bakugou: Deku?! The hell are you doing?! Talking to this thing isn't going to do anything! Don't tell me you're trying to save him you goddamn nerd!

Deku: I'm...

Bakugou: **(exhausted in the bg)** motherfucker..! Some people are a little past that, don't you think?!

Deku: I.. I know that. Which is why...

Araki: Don't you DARE you cursed hero..!

Todoroki: Midoriya..! That's our only way out of here!

Deku: this needs to be destroyed, for the sake of the world..! **(Softer)** and so you and your following.. and the people you've sacrificed to this place can be put to rest, finally.. **(sudden yell as he smashes the amulet down and stomps on it, shattering the gem inside)**

Araki: NO- **(screams)**

(The audio goes dark suddenly, the portal overtaking them. They awake in the normal world once again, in the forest. It's sunrise)

Todoroki: **(awakens)**

Bakugou: **(awakens)**

Deku: **(awakens)**

Bakugou: god damn it my head.. we better be back in the normal world or so help me.. **(small explosions in his palm) ..**

Deku: Kacchan your quirk is back.. I think we're okay.

Todoroki: **(soft huff, creates a small flame)** mine is too... **(relieved breath)**

Deku: I... I think it's alright. **(Soft, tired but relieved huff)** ... I think it's over.

(The scene fades, back into them in the car heading back)

Bakugou: Thank god that's over with, that shit... was the worst mission I've ever been on!

Deku: **(soft laugh)** Worse than the end of first year...?

Bakugou: Tch.. at least I could use my quirk then!

Deku: hah, I guess you have a point...

Todoroki: We got to make it to Mina's party at least.

Bakugou: **(parks car, huffs)** Yeah, bet the second we walk in they're gonna laugh at your stupid ass costume Icy Hot. Yours too, Snowball!

Deku: Kacchan they look great! I for one like the matching dinosaur costumes. They're cute!

Todoroki: Thanks Midoriya, it was Snowfall's idea.

Bakugou: stupid.

Todoroki: I think your matching Barbie and Ken costume with Midoriya is pretty cute-

Bakugou: Shut up!! It was the damn nerd's idea! **(Gritted)** The least he could have done is let me go as Ken.. ugh.

Deku: **(giggles)** but the cowboy hat and pink vest combo looks so good on you, Kacchan!

Bakugou: Let's just go! I need a damn drink. **(Gets out)**

Deku: **(laughing as he gets out)**

Todoroki: **(soft laughs)** Let's go, snowfall. **(They get out, but stop outside by the car)** I think.. we deserve some time to have fun tonight after all of that. You uh.. were really brave on that mission. And that being your first one.. I'm very proud of you.

I'm really lucky to have found such a strong sidekick to fight alongside me. **(soft)** .. Mm-

Bakugou: You losers coming up here or what?!

Todoroki: ah- yes, we're coming! ... Well, let's head inside Snowfall. After you.

Deku, narration: It was a mission we'd all never forget... One that admittedly at times keep me up some nights till the waking hours. But the three of us held strong and pushed through, putting an end to the misery that hung over the town of Kuroyami. The things I saw back there, in that.. strange dimension.. I'll never forget. The horrors that man had committed against people, the way he used them as sacrifices to appease some.. being.

We have no idea what that thing was capable of, but all I knew was that the portal between our world, and that things'.. needed to be severed. It may have been too late for Araki's blind followers, and the innocents that he brought there that turned into those monsters. But at the very least, they're sealed away. Kept away from the people of Kuroyami.

The curfew was lifted there after the amulet was destroyed, because the monsters had no way to get back to this world. The look on Miri's face when I told her everything made me remember why I became a hero. Saving people, bringing happiness and light back into their lives.. it's worth it in the end. seeing the people of the town look so hopeful now that the curse was lifted, it makes all of this worth the hardships we go through.

Araki was scheduled to be given a proper burial. I requested it... Despite being a villain, his life was still taken away from him, by a hero no less. He may not deserve peace after what he did to so many innocent lives, but at the very least.. He needs to be put to rest, so the people of Kuroyami can move forward with their lives. Move on from all of this...

And as for tonight... The four of us are going to enjoy a little bit of a break from the hero work.~