

“Now, if what this guidebook says is correct, there should be a youkai that haunts these woods!” Renko says as she walks around a dark and misty forest with Maribel, Boyfriend and Girlfriend following closely behind.

“How many times have we listened to these dumb tourist guidebooks again Renko?” Maribel asked as she holds a flashlight, seeming to be quite bored.

“Bep boop!” Boyfriend chirps in.

“And not a single time have we ran into a youkai, it’s always been some homeless dude, a rich person trying to scare people away for the sake of real estate, or it’s some washed up celebrity trying to earn back their fame by ruining a beloved property.” Girlfriend says with a tired smile. “Huh, kinda reminds me of this one show I used to watch, we just need a funny talking animal side kick and we’re all set!”

“Oh hush, those experiences were still fun! Besides, isn’t this what the secret sealing club is all about? Solving mysteries, getting into car chases, and shooting guns!” Renko says with an all too eager smile, pulling out her trust Colt Python and spinning it around like she’s a certain ocelot.

Maribel baps Renko on the head with a huff. “Stop spinning that thing around like it’s a toy! You’re going to get one of us killed one day!” Maribel grumbled. “Don’t you know proper gun safety?”

“Relax Merry, everything will be fine!” Renko laughed, putting her gun back into it’s holster. “Besides, I worked hard to get my license for this bad boy, so I have to show him off every now and then!”

“Well, from where we’re from, you can just, go to Walmart and get one.” Girlfriend said with a shrug.

“Skbeep ba boopo.” Boyfriend beeped, mentioning Pico.

“Well, Pico is a mercenary, I’m certain he got his guns through means that aren’t legal.” Maribel said before sighing.

As the four of them bicker back and forth with one another, they hear the snapping of twigs, causing the Secret Sealing Club to instantly turn their heads towards the sound of the noise. Renko pulls out her revolver and aims it at the general direction, arms shaking softly. “Freeze! Come out with your hands up!” Renko said, a small hint of fear in her voice.

“Oh! A human acting sooo tough yet I can smell the tasty and delicious fear coming from you!” Giggled a youthful voice. Two large glowing red eyes shine towards the four, with a sharp pearly white grin reflecting the light from Maribel’s flashlight. The creature walks forward, revealing to be a blonde haired girl with a red ribbon and wearing a black dress. “Your fear will season that yummy and tasty flesh of yours!” She growled.

Maribel grimaces as she stares at the creature. “This... there’s no doubt about it, that’s a youkai.” Maribel said as she can read the energy it emitted.

“You can feel it too huh?” Girlfriend said, a serious look on her face.

“Hehehe, yep! I am a youkai! The youkai of darkness, Rumia!” The youkai introduced herself happily, spreading her arms out.

“Beep bep skboop!” Boyfriend said, taking a step forward, pulling a mic out from his pocket and holding it up, getting ready to sing.

“Oh? Is that so?” Rumia asked, tilting her head. Boyfriend looks at the youkai with a confident smirk, before it soon falters as she slowly shambles towards Boyfriend, his smirk slowly disappearing as he’s confused as to why the youkai won’t sing with him.

“B-beep?” He asked, offering the mic to her.

“Hmmm, nah, singing isn’t my thing. Instead, I think I’ll eat you!” She snarled, getting ready to pounce towards Boyfriend.

Without hesitation, Renko fires her gun towards the youkai, causing her to stumble back slightly. “Get away from him!” She shouted.

There was a large hole within Rumia’s head, which was quickly healed up by a pitch black goo as the youkai seemed to be unaffected by the bullet. “Hey! Don’t do that! That hurt! Though, not really~” She taunted, giggling happily.

Renko fires another shot at Rumia, to which the youkai dodged gracefully. Though Maribel noticed that with each flash of the muzzle, Rumia winces softly. She starts to formulate a plan as she looks down at the youkai. “Renko, don’t stop shooting! Boyfriend and Girlfriend, keep your flashlights on it and run!” Maribel said as she starts to run away with the group.

“You don’t have to ask me twice!” Renko said, shooting her gun several more times before running out of ammo.

Girlfriend and Boyfriend shine their flashlights onto Rumia’s eyes, causing her to let out a disgruntled groan from all the light. “Hey! Stop it! That’s too bright!” She whimpers, before creating a large ball of shadow to envelope herself. The ball seemed to absorb all the light that was shone onto it, almost as if it was a black hole. The large orb chases after the group as evil giggles echo through the woods.

As Renko runs and shoots, she takes a moment to reload, taking the empty bullet casing and putting it in her pocket so that she can refill them later. She stumbles slightly as she runs, causing Maribel to pick her up onto her back so that Renko can focus on shooting. “Thanks Merry!”

“Don’t thank me yet, give me the keys to the car!” Maribel asked, holding out her hand, to which Renko takes a brief moment to grab her keys and give them to Maribel.

Renko takes another shot at Rumia, but this time, the bullet ricochets off of the barrier, firing flying back at Renko. Girlfriend was able to move just fast enough to catch the bullet between her fingers, sighing in relief. “That was too close.” She said, dropping the bullet and continuing to run away.

“Thanks GF! You’re a real one!” Renko said happily.

Once the four of them arrive to their yellow 1969 Fiat 500, Renko jumps off of Maribel's back to give the blonde Irishwoman covering fire. Merry slides herself into the car and starts it up. "Cover your eyes!" She shouts as she turns on the brightlights, flashing a powerful glow within the orb.

"Gah! How is that so bright!" Rumia cries, the dark bubble disappearing as she covers her eyes, trying not to get blinded. "Forget this! I'm leaving! You guys are no fun!" She grumbles, flying away back into the woods.

The secret sealing club takes a deep breath, feeling their nerves finally leave their bodies. They slowly get into the car, with Renko sitting in the passenger seat and Boyfriend and Girlfriend sitting in the back seats. They sit in silence before they all laugh softly. "That was actually pretty fun!" Maribel said happily as she looks back at the group.

"Yeah! Who knew that being in genuine danger was so much fun! Perhaps this is why people like to go sky diving." Girlfriend said with a soft smile.

"Yeah!" Boyfriend cheered. "Bee bap bo..." he said soon, his expression getting a bit sad.

"That is odd. Normally, for some reason, you challenging people to rap battles work quite often, yet when you challenged that youkai to one, she rejected your offer. Perhaps that rule doesn't work on youkai?" Renko speculates, humming softly before shrugging.

"Well, how about some McDonald's to cheer you up Bf!" Maribel asked with a smile. The rapper nods his head happily, holding Gf's hand. "Alright! A trip to McDonald's it is! It'll be my treat!" Maribel said with a smile as she puts the car in reverse and starts to drive onto the road towards the nearest fast food restaurant.