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## Awakening Shadows || The Curse of Kuroyami EP 1

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**Todoroki:** Seems we're almost there...

**Deku:** Mmhm... It sure is dark, isn't it? Mm.. Ah, Snowfall! Are you awake? **(soft hum)** You dozed off a little on the last stretch of the drive!

**Bakugou:** Hmph. Weak.

**Deku:** Kacchan..! Please be nice, it's been a long drive...

**Bakugou:** You're telling me. I'm the one driving, dumbass.

**Deku:** Yeah, yeah.... **(sigh, before he turns his attention back to the listener)** Don't listen to Kacchan, Snowfall. You're okay. I almost dozed off a little myself too... It was a pretty long drive getting all the way out here... Kind of surprising to see just how far away from the rest of civilization this place is. Hmm...Now that I'm thinking about it, I've never heard about this place in my life.. 'Kuroyami', was it?

**Todoroki:** Yeah... I think that's what it was. The mission briefing we got was.. A little concerning.

**Deku:** It.. really was. Makes me wonder why the commission chose all four of us to check this place out. It's a little strange, but if what they told us in the report was true, I feel like the people of Kuroyami could be in danger.

**Bakugou:** It sounded like the work of some shitty villain... I mean come on, 'monster sightings?' It's probably some idiot using a dumb quirk to scare people. Why the hell do we need to be the ones to deal with a buncha crazy people who believe in monsters?

**Deku:** I.. Don't know. But what I do know is that as heroes, it's our job to investigate anywhere that people might not be safe, and fix the problem. We have to make sure that whatever's terrifying these poor residents comes to an end.

**Todoroki:** The report wasn't just monster sightings. There were also supposed disappearances, wasn't there?

**Deku:** Mmhm.. Although they don't know if the disappearances were related to the sightings. But I don't know, it sounds to me like it's a bit of a coincidence, doesn't it?

**Bakugou:** You guys really believe all that crap?

**Deku:** Well... There's been reports for a reason, Kacchan. We were dispatched there by the commission itself, and.. I'm sure there's something going on that we can help figure out. We'll get to the bottom of it.

**Bakugou:** Ugh. Guess so.

**Deku:** (soft) Kacchan, you're usually excited to get dispatched on missions. What's wrong?

**Bakugou:** Tch...

**Todoroki:** Is it... That you were looking forward to Mina's Halloween party this year, and that we're missing it because of this mission-

**Bakugou:** (growl) No! Like I'd ever even want to go to those stupid things...

**Deku:** (soft chuckle) Well.. They *are* pretty fun.. And it's nice to get to see everyone again..

**Todoroki:** Mm.

**Deku:** .... Ah, who knows! Maybe we'll wrap this up before then, and we can go. It'll be Snowfalls' first time going to one of Mina's parties, too.

**Bakugou:** You're not missing much.

**Todoroki:** You're pretty quick to assume you'll have a bad time, Bakugou. Especially since last year you ended up getting wasted and-

**Bakugou:** Oi! You keep goddamn talking and I'm leaving you stranded out here!! **(Huff)**

**Deku:** Hah... Please don't do that, Kacchan. I'm not even sure where exactly we are...

**Bakugou:** Ah? I left you in charge of the damn GPS, so we better be on the right goddamn path!

**Deku:** I-I think we are! Look, it's.. Telling us we're going the right way.

**Bakugou:** I'm driving, idiot. I can't stare at a phone screen.

**Deku:** Then I guess you'll just have to trust me, Kacchan.~

**Bakugou:** Hmph...

**Todoroki:** Snowfall... I apologize by the way, that you got roped into this mission with me. It's.. most likely because you're my new sidekick, the commission assumed that I needed you here.

**Deku:** .. Well, on the brightside this will be good experience for them. Is this your first mission? ... Ah, that's amazing!

**Todoroki:** Mm, they've only just done patrols alongside me so far. So yeah.. This'll be good for your experience.

**Bakugou:** Oi... There's a turn off up here.

**Deku:** Oh..! Ah, yes! Take the turn off, Kacchan.

**Bakugou:** 'Kay.

**Todoroki:** ... Such a narrow road.

**Deku:** Mmm.. And the woods are so dense here. It's... Kinda unnerving. According to the GPS, the village is at the end of this road.

**Todoroki:** This reminds me of a horror movie. Like the one Kaminari put on last Halloween, where a group of people go to a remote village in the middle of nowhere and they all get slaughtered by the crazy villagers-

**Bakugou:** Shut up, lcy hot!

**Deku: (Nervous)** I um...! Don't think we need to worry about something like that- I.. I hope. Whatever's going on there, I'm sure it can all be explained.. We'll figure it out.

**(silence for a bit)**

**Bakugou:** The hell?

**Deku:** Kacchan? What's wrong?

**Bakugou:** ... Thought I saw something.

**Todoroki:** ... What did you see?

**Bakugou:** It.. I don't know. Some animal maybe. ... Oi Deku, how much longer are we on this road?

**Deku:** Um... It says we'll arrive at the destination in about 15 minutes.

**Bakugou:** okay... **(Unnerved huff)**

**(Silence for a small bit, and suddenly there's tires screeching as Bakugou slams the breaks)**

**Bakugou:** Shit-! Goddamnit..! **(Grunts as he swerves the car, trying to stop safely)**

**Deku: (Scared yelp)** K-Kacchan watch out..! **(Strained grunts)**

**Todoroki: (Strained grunts)**

**(All three panting scaredly as the car is stopped)**

**Deku:** W..What was that?

**Bakugou:** I don't fucking know..!

**Todoroki:** It-.. was it an animal?

**Bakugou:** I don't- **(huff)** .. It just ran across the damn road. It was big, I.. I had to swerve. .... Just, gimme a sec. Holy shit...

**Todoroki:** Do you think.. That was one of the 'monsters' the reports mentioned?

**Deku:** .. I..

**Bakugou:** ...Now is NOT the goddamn time to be talking about fairy tale shit. It had to be a deer or.. Something. **(huffs)** I don't know how or why, but I think one of the tires popped.

**Deku:** I felt that too... **(sigh)** .. Well, we have a spare, right?

**Bakugou:** Of course I have a damn spare, you think I'm dumb enough to drive all the way out here without one? Just.. **(Angrily opens the door and steps out)** ... It's dark as hell out here.

**Deku:** I'll help, Kacchan. I brought flashlights, they're in the trunk. **(he steps out and walks around back, opening the trunk)**

**Todoroki:** Snowfall, let's hop out and see if they need any assistance with the tire.

**(Listener and Todoroki exit the car)**

**Deku:** Here Kacchan, flashlight.

**Bakugou:** Just hold it for me, dumbass. I got this.

**(Silence for a bit as Bakugou starts replacing the tire)**

**Todoroki:** This place feels.. Very secluded.

**Bakugou:** Oi! Hold the light steady. Can't see shit.

**Deku:** Ah-! Right, sorry Kacchan.

**Todoroki:** ... This has to be one of the worst possible times to lose a tire. Being stranded in the middle of the woods like this, especially after we saw something run across the road. Something feels really.. Off about this place.

**Deku:** .. Yeah. We just need to stay vigilant, just in case. There's danger here, which is why we were dispatched here in the first place. I.. Don't really know if I believe in monsters, but.. The villagers of this town reached out for help, so.. I'll believe what they say. Someone has to, after all..

**Bakugou:** **(some various cussing under his breath as he screws in the new tire)**

**Todoroki:** ... Guys?

**Deku:** Mm..?

**Todoroki:** **(Soft, nervous whisper)** Do you see that?

**Deku:** (nervous whisper) See what..?

**Todoroki:** There's... a figure. Between the trees up ahead. Through the headlights, it's...

**Deku:** (Shaky breath, soft voice) Y-yeah I.. (Swallow) Maybe it's just the way that tree is shaped.

**Todoroki:** It.. looks like something's peeking out from behind it. Watching us..

**Bakugou:** Ugh- Would you idiots shut up? You're freaking yourselves out. We're in the woods, there's gonna be animals and weirdly shaped trees. (Huff)

**Deku:** R-right..

**Bakugou:** I think I'm done.. (brushes hands together) There. Now get back in the car, all of you.

**Deku:** Mm- okay.

**(They hear a strange sound in the woods, along with some rustling of bushes)**

**Todoroki:** ... What was that? .. That definitely doesn't sound like an animal I've ever heard before.

**Deku:** Let's.. All get in the car, quick.

**(All four of them get back inside the car)**

**Deku:** I.. Don't have a very good feeling about this all of a sudden. ... Whatever was behind that tree, i-it was gone when I looked again. Like it moved.. Do you think whatever it was, it's what made that sound?

**Todoroki:** It.. could be.

**Deku:** Do you think... That was one of the monsters the report was talking about?

**(They hear the sound closer)**

**Bakugou:** Sh-shit.. Buckle up. (Bakugou floors it out of there, fast. He's breathing a bit heavily, as he's scared) And Deku roll up your damn window!

**Deku:** (scared) R-right...!

**(All three breathing a bit heavy as they drive in silence a moment)**

**Todoroki:** That wasn't an animal, Bakugou..

**Bakugou: (Uneasy but trying to hide it) I KNOW.** (Shaky huff) .. I know. .... We.. We gotta stay sharp, focused, or we're not gonna do our job properly. Deku... get the GPS back up.

**Deku:** ..You're right...We can't let whatever this is get the better of us. We have to stay professional... Okay. Here, uh... It's just a straight shot from here, keep going down this road. Shouldn't be long now until we arrive.

**Bakugou:** Yeah.. Right. Feels like this shitty road is never ending. **(Shaky sigh)** ..

**Deku: (soft, concerned)** K..Kacchan your hands are shaking.

**Bakugou:** I'm fine. Shut up and just.. Lemme focus on driving.

**Deku:** M-mm.. Okay. ... Ah, Snowfall, Shoto.. Are you two alright back there?

**Todoroki:** ..Yeah. I'm fine.

**Deku:** Alright... Glad to hear that you're both okay. Whatever that was... We should be far from it now. **(shaky sigh)** .. We just need to get to the inn for the night and get some rest. It's.. Been a long day of traveling. Once we wake up tomorrow with clearer heads, we'll get to the bottom of the mystery here.

**Todoroki:** Yeah.. Right.

**(the audio fades out, and fades back in to them stepping out of the car, opening the trunk and getting their stuff)**

**Deku:** Finally here... Mm. The Whispering Willow Inn.

**Bakugou:** Place looks like a goddamn dump on the outside. **(huff)**..

**Deku:** Here's hoping the inside looks a little less... Dilapidated. **(Softly)** Oh, Snowfall, here let me help with your bags. Don't worry about it, it's not too heavy or anything~

**(They start walking up to the inn)**

**Todoroki:** This is where the hero commission put us for the time we're staying here. And if I remember correctly, this is the only Inn in all of Kuroyami.

**Bakugou: (Frustrated huff)** Not many choices in this shithole, huh? Whatever.. As long as the beds are clean.

**(they step inside, walking up to the front desk. It's empty)**

**Deku:** So quiet in here...

**(Vigorous bell ringing as Bakugou obnoxiously rings the front desk bell over and over)**

**Bakugou:** Hey! Anyone work in this dump or what?! We need rooms! **(Annoyed growling for a bit)**

**Deku:** **(Sharp, embarrassed)** Kacchan..! Stop-

**Old man Receptionist:** **(annoyed)** Cut that out! I hear ya, I hear ya. Don't gotta break my damn bell.

**Deku:** Oh, h..hi sir. I'm so sorry about him.. Uh, we're here on a mission. I'm Deku. This is Snowfall, Shoto and Dynamight. We're heroes.. Um, I think we have a reservation under the name Izuku Midoriya?

**Receptionist:** Mmm.. Heroes huh? This town hasn't seen heroes in decades... **(scoff)** Midoriya you say... I don't see an 'Izuku Midoriya' on this list.

**Deku:** H-huh? **(softly, worried)** I could have sworn that's what the commission put the reservation under...

**Reception:** If you want a room, you gotta pay for it up front.

**Bakugou:** Huh?! It was already paid for! Look again you old piece of sh-

**Deku:** Kacchan!! Stop-! I'm so sorry..

**Reception:** Look kids, I won't tell ya again! You're buyin' a room, or i'm kicking you out!

**Bakugou:** **(Angry growl)**

**Miri:** Wait!!! **(She heads over)** Wait.... Grandpa let me see the reservation list...

**Receptionist:** Hmph.

**Miri:** I got this. Why don't you go finish your show?

**Receptionist:** **(Grumpy grumbles as he walks off)**

**Miri:** **(soft sigh)** ... Midoriya you said?



**Deku:** O-oh! Yeah..

**Miri:** It's right here, you guys have two rooms booked.

**Bakugou:** BAH! I knew that old idiot was trying to swindle us.. **(huff)** Wait.. did you say TWO rooms?

**Miri:** Uh, Mhm.

**Bakugou:** So we gotta share huh? **(Tired groan)** This keeps getting better and better, doesn't it?

**Deku: (Butting-in over Kacchan)** That's perfectly fine-! Two rooms is fine.. I'll share with Kacchan, and Todoroki and Snowfall can have another. Does that sound okay?

**Todoroki:** Mm. Sounds fine to me.

**Bakugou: (Gritted)** There better be more than one bed or so help me....

**Miri: (soft laugh)** You don't have to worry about that. Your rooms have two double beds. Ah- Just follow me you guys, I'll take you up! Just down this way!

**Deku:** Thank you! Ah, I still got your bag, don't worry Snowfall.

**(they follow)**

**Miri:** Alright, just right here. These two rooms are all yours. Let me open one up and go over the basics quickly.

**Bakugou:** Hmph.

**Deku:** Okay!

**Miri:** Alright! You have your bathroom here by the door, there's fresh towels in the closet here. And of course your beds, and there's a mini fridge here with water and soda drinks.

**Deku:** It's very cozy.

**Bakugou:** Tch, more like dusty and old.

**Deku: (huff...)**

**Todoroki:** Thank you very much. We appreciate the hospitality.. It's been a very long ride up here.

**Miri:** Oh, I bet... Kuroyami isn't very close to any of the major cities. We're quite the middle of nowhere village! Ah.. anyways, my name is Miri. You can just come looking for me at the front desk if there's anything you guys need, okay?

**Deku:** We really appreciate it, Miri! Uh, before you go though, I.. Do have a question. Are you.. Aware of the things that have been happening here? I've seen all the reports about people seeing strange.. Creatures lurking around here at night. Do you know anything about that...?

**Miri:** ... **(shaky sigh)** I-... Hold on. **(She closes the door, whispers)** Sorry. My grandfather doesn't really believe in any of the rumors that have been circulating around here—He gets irritated when people talk about it, I.. don't want him to overhear. But.. Well, those reports. I believe those people are telling the truth.

**Deku:** **(Nervous)** Y-yeah?

**Miri:** Mm. I've seen... Something myself recently. I was taking out the trash a few nights ago and some.. *Thing*.. Chased me back inside. I.. can still hear the strangled sounds it made while it ran after me, and- .. and the hot breath against my back right as I flung the door open and locked myself inside.

**Deku:** Holy woah... That's really scary. Do you have any idea what it could have been? Are you certain it wasn't an animal..?

**Miri:** I'm sure. I couldn't imagine what animal would sound and.. *Look* like that. **(soft breath)** I... Can't tell you how relieved I am that you four are here. It's been... A little rough around here lately... We haven't seen heroes in.. well. I can't even remember the last time I saw one around here. It's not a very well known place, so I assume the media coverage here isn't too good. Not many heroes want to work in a place where there won't be any cameras on them. Not good for the rating I assume.

**Deku:** R..right. Yeah...

**Miri:** But.. I have faith you guys can help figure out what's going on around here. It's been plaguing this place for months now and.. I really want the town I love back. My grandpa raised me here and it would mean the world to me. Ah- sorry..! I went off a little on you guys, you're probably all exhausted.

**Bakugou:** **(impatient but soft)** Yeah, we *are*.

**Miri:** I'm sorry..! I'll get out of your way. Just.. Come to me tomorrow morning, and I can tell you everything else I know about the situation, okay? I think I might have some valuable information

about it... But that's for when you guys are well rested! Have a good sleep. And.. Thank you again, for coming here.

**Deku: (Sincere)** You're welcome. We'll do our best.

**Miri: (Happy hum, door closes)**

**Bakugou:** Huff, finally. I'm going to bed, I'll see you idiots in the morning.

**Deku:** Ah, I'll come too. Kacchan and I will go to the room next door. You two.. Make sure to get as much sleep as you can, okay? I feel like tomorrow's going to be.. A little long. We have a lot of work to do if we're going to figure out what's happening here.

**Todoroki:** Mm. Okay, sleep well you two.

**Bakugou:** Come on already, Deku! Hurry it up!

**Deku: (Harsh whisper)** Kacchan, shh..! Don't just yell like that in the hallway you'll wake the other guests..! **(Tired sigh)** .. Night guys. **(door closes)**

**Todoroki:** ... Hey. I.. noticed you looked a little concerned when Miri was speaking. ... Ah, that's understandable. **(sits on the bed with a soft huff)** .. I'm a bit unnerved myself. I've dealt with unsettling quirks from villains in the past and.. That might be what this is, but knowing there's strange creatures that could be the cause of disappearances in the area is.. Scary. But you don't have anything to worry about, we're all together. We'll get through this and figure this all out.

Ah.. Why don't you go wash up before bed? I'll go after you, no worries. Mm.. Okay. See you when you get out.

**(timeskip, fade out and in. Listener is laying in bed and you can hear Todoroki showering in the bathroom faintly. Suddenly there's the strange sound again outside, and you can hear some faint rustling. Then, a scratch on the window. Listener gets up and runs to the bathroom door, banging on it, and Todoroki shuts off the water and opens the door)**

**Todoroki: (startled)** What is it?? What's wrong? ... You heard something scratch the window? Here, let me look..... **(He walks over, looking outside)** .. I don't see anything. No, don't worry... I believe you. There's obviously something going on here, so I won't ever disregard what you say... I don't know what could have caused it, but.. I'm sure we're alright.

**(soft nervous breath)** .. Ah? Oh... Right. I'm in a towel.. Let me go put my clothes on. I can take the bed closest to the window, alright? .. It's okay, we should be safe as long as we stay inside. And.. you don't have to worry, you're my sidekick. I wouldn't let anything happen to you..

Ah.. Let's.. Try and get some sleep, alright? We have a lot of work to do first thing in the morning. **(yawn)** .. Might be difficult because of the circumstances but... We should at least try.

... Goodnight, snowfall.