

GOMENASAI GOMENASAI!!!! TT.TT My browser (Safari) has been hating FF.net, and I couldn't upload anything! I just got Firefox, and it'll let me upload stuff. So I'm UBER sorry for the super long wait for you guys! TT.TT

Trying to wrap up this fiction... Hope that all of you out there liked it, and like this chapter as well. There might be a chapter 13, depending on if I don't finish it up this chapter.

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Fireworks

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oO Chapter 12 - Cheating Oo

"Naruto?"

No response.

"Naruto?"

Still no response.

"Naruto!"

"Huh?" Response.

"So are we... uh..." Hinata began, blushing and twiddling her fingers. This was an old habit that had she had stayed true to for years.

"Hm?" Naruto mumbled finishing his... uh... what number bowl of ramen was that?

"G-girlfriend and uh..... um... b-boyfriend?" She blushed even harder after this last word as she braced herself for the worst.

Naruto blushed along with her as both turned back to the hard-wood bar in front of them. "Uh... Do you uh... want us to be?" Naruto asked, avoiding her eyes.

Hinata's eyes lit up as she looked at the handsome blonde boy beside her. She had come this far, this was her chance! Her chance to finally be held in her beloved's arms, feel his breathing... taste his lips...

But, Hinata, being Hinata, her shyness got the best of her. "Y...es..." She whispered in an extremely small voice.

Seeing as it was past midnight and the ramen bar was only open because of Naruto's ramen spree, Naruto knew that the owner wouldn't mind if he... took advantage of the situation... so to speak.

"I'm sorry, what did you say? I couldn't hear you." Naruto asked Hinata, inwardly smirking.

"Yes..." Hinata whispered again.

"I can't hear you. What?"

"Yes."

"What?"

"YES!"

"Heh..." Naruto half-giggled, smirking evilly at his new girlfriend.

Hinata blushed intensely and she was sure that if she looked in the mirror she would have discovered five new shades of red. She tried with all her might not to make eye contact, but couldn't help but look deeply into his shimmering sea-blue orbs when he gently took hold of her chin and turned her to face him.

They both leaned in, but just before they were about to kiss...

"More Ramen, Naruto?" The bar manager asked, turning a corner in the small "building".

"No, I'm done for the night." Naruto answered, sweatdropping.

Hinata blushed even more with this turn of events and looked away most likely thinking something to the effect of, *'I don't exist, I don't exist... I don't exist, I don't exist...'*

Naruto wrapped his arm comfortably around Hinata's waist and lead her away from the bar and towards his house.

"So..." Naruto wondered aloud, breaking the serene silence that had been holding the couple's throats for well over ten minutes.

Hinata giggled out of the blue, which perplexed Naruto. Usually her laughs were shy, barely audible, but this one was open and... free.

"What's so funny?" Naruto asked.

"Oh, nothing..." Hinata replied slyly.

"C'mon, tell me!" Naruto insisted.

"Just thinking back to old times... When I would watch you from afar, admire you, I dreamt of this day for years..."

"..."

"To tell the truth... I never thought it would actually happen..."

"..."

Another awkward silence ensued this confession. It followed the couple the entire way to Naruto's House.

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"Hello?"

"Hi, "sensei"."

"What do you want?"

"I've won the bet."

"Oh, is that so?"

"Yes. It is. She's my girlfriend."

"Can I hear it from her?"

"She's asleep at the moment."

"How can I tell you're not lying to win the bet?"

"Would I lie to my "sensei"?"

"I guess not... Well, congrats."

"Make sure *he* finds out."

"Sure. Heh... Have fun for me tonight, 'kay?"

"Will do."

"Oh, and be gentle with her, alright?"

"Okay, "sensei". I will."

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-Morning-

"So, as I was saying before, we should really find out what happened to her because-" a nurse said as she opened the supply closet and two forms fell out.

"Ow!!" Sakura groaned, as she rose to her feet and rubbed the large bump on her head.

"Uh..." the nurse mumbled, looking at the half-nude forms of Sakura and Sasuke. Sakura and Sasuke were both in only underwear...

Sakura looked down and guess, just guess what she did...

"AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!" Sakura screamed, grabbing her clothes and dashing into the bathroom that was conveniently placed across the hall from the closet, closing and locking the door behind her.

Sasuke simply stood, and slipped into his clothing quickly before walking off to his room as if nothing had happened.

"Well... that solves that mystery..." a second nurse said bluntly, still astonished from the scene that had played out before her and the other nurse.

Sakura dressed herself quickly before exiting the bathroom, blushing hard as ever.

"So, Sakura... Mind telling us why you were locked in a closet with one of your patients in only your underwear?" the first nurse asked Sakura.

"Um..." Sakura mumbled.

"Yes, please enlighten us of this, Sakura," the second nurse agreed.

"Shut up, Shinji," the first nurse told the second.

"Sorry, Kagura..." Shinji apologized.

"But anyway, we would like to know why, Sakura," Kagura told Sakura.

"Um... I kind of tripped... and ended up stuck in the closet with him..." Sakura began.

"And...?"

"And... we decided to set aside our differences, 'cause Sasuke, Naruto, Hinata, and I have been having kind of a... feud, so to speak, over the last while over who's going to date who, so now Sasuke and I are finally together... We just kind of got carried away last night... I mean... What else is there to do when you're locked in a closet with no one else around in the middle of the night with your boyfriend, huh?" Sakura asked.

"Hm..." Kagura thought aloud.

"Y'know, Kagura... She's got a point... If I were in her position I would have done the same..." Shinji pointed out.

"Shut up." Kagura commanded.

"Sorry." Shinji shut up.

"We'll just ignore this incident this time, but if anything else happens like this again with you, Sakura, you're going to be in a heck of a lot of trouble, go me?" Kagura growled at Sakura.

"Got it, Sir! Er... Ma'am!" Sakura responded, saluting Kagura. Kagura and Shinji then returned to their duties.

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"Dammit!" Sasuke cursed, slamming the phone back down on the receiver.

"Something wrong?" a female voice asked from the doorway to Sasuke's hospital room.

Sasuke turned to see the warm smile of Sakura looking at him.

"No, nothing, I just had to tell Kakashi something las' night and he didn't pick up when I called him just now..."

"Why didn't you call him from your cell las' night then?"

"I tried. Cell phones don't get service in the hospital as it turns out.

"Oh, sorry..." Sakura sighed, walking up to Sasuke and giving him a sad look.

Sasuke sighed before kissing Sakura on the forehead and suggesting, "Hey, why don't we blow this pop stand and do something fun?"

"It's a date." Sakura answered coolly, smiling and kissing her boyfriend lightly on the lips.

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"Mmm...." Naruto groaned as he stretched out his arms in bed and opened his eyes to the new-morning light.

"Naruto... kun..." Hinata's voice mumbled from beside him as she slipped her thin arms around his half-nude figure.

"Hinata-chan... time to get up..." Naruto whispered in her ear as he returned the embrace and wrapped his strong arms around her nude body.

"Five more minutes..." was her response as she simply hugged him closer to her.

"I'll make you blueberry pancakes if you get up now..." Naruto bribed his girlfriend.

"Blueberry?!"

"Yes... blueberry."

"Then what are we waiting for?!" In just a few moments Hinata had bounded out of bed, despite now having nothing around her nude upper-body.

"Heh..." Naruto chuckled, also slipping out of bed. "You look beautiful, Hinata-chan..."

"Th-thanks... Naruto-kun..." Hinata thanked her boyfriend as she covered up her upper-body with her arms and blushed.

"You really do look fantastic..." Naruto cooed, coolly wrapping his arms around her waist and pulling her into a passionate kiss.

Once the kiss had ended Hinata asked, "So... about those pancakes..."

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Naruto dumped some of the blueberry-filled batter into the steaming pan and returned to his spot at the table, across from Hinata.

Sipping her coffee, Hinata asked, "Naruto-kun..."

"Hm?" Naruto was snapped back into reality from his pancake-filled thoughts and his strong coffee by this.

"Do you think that Sasuke and Sakura will ever enjoy a morning like this...? Together...?"

Naruto took a nice, long sip of his coffee to contemplate this. "Most likely they're already together by now... They probably will someday soon..." Naruto answered.

"That's kind of relieving..."

"How so?" Naruto asked, setting his mug down and returning to the stove where he flipped the large pancakes over skillfully.

"I dunno... I would kind of feel like a traitor if we were together, and this happy if they weren't... 'cause, despite this past while... Sakura's my best friend... I would never want to hurt her..."

"Yeah... I see your point... 'Cause despite everything that Sasuke and I have been through, we're best friends too..." Naruto sighed, setting his spatula back down.

"Can you really be sure that they're together by now...?" Hinata asked, sipping her hot coffee again.

"No... Not really, we could call, if that would make you feel better?" Naruto asked, returning to his spot at the table once again.

"Yes... Indeed it would. But can I do it? I'd like to hear it for myself."

"Sure." Naruto took the phone off the nearby wall without getting up from his seat and tossed it to his girlfriend. "I don't have Sakura's cell in the contacts, but I do have Sasuke's. Try calling that first."

"Okay... Thanks." Hinata thanked her boyfriend before calling up Sasuke's cell from the contacts stored in the phone.

Ring. Ring. "Hello?" A voice growled from the other end of the phone.

"Uh... hi... Sasuke?" Hinata asked.

"Who's calling, and what do you want?" Sasuke growled.

"Uh... Naruto wants to talk to you." Hinata lied, handing the phone to Naruto.

Naruto sighed, and gave Hinata a disappointed look before taking the phone and growling into it, "So, whatcha been up to, Sasuke-baka?"

"Nothin' much. Heard you won the bet. I suppose that was Hinata who had the phone before?"

"Yeah, what's it to you?"

"I would have won, but I couldn't call last night. I was locked in a closet."

"Hah... Nice. So, you and Sakura are together. Congrats, dude."

"Just call me when you want your ramen, Naruto." Sasuke growled before closing his flip phone.

"Heh..." Naruto chuckled before putting the phone back on the receiver.

"So, they're together, right?" Hinata asked hopefully.

"Yeah, apparently they got locked in a closet together last night. I suspect they had sex afterwards..." Naruto's voice trailed off.

"Well, that's... good..." Hinata chuckled awkwardly, thinking back to their night.

Naruto stood again after taking a gulp of his coffee and put a large stack of blueberry pancakes on a plate and dumped some more batter into the pan. He then returned to the table and set the plate in front of Hinata, who already had out a fork, knife, and bottle of syrup.

"Your blueberry pancakes, Princess." Naruto joked when he set the plate down and kissed Hinata on the cheek.

"Thank you, Naruto-kun!" Hinata exclaimed before digging into her stack of pancakes hungrily.

Naruto took his seat at the other end of the table and slowly sipped his coffee as he watched his girlfriend devour the pancakes at an alarming speed. "So, what is it with you and blueberries, anyway?" Naruto asked casually.

"I've loved them ever since I was a kid, just can't stop eating them..." Hinata gulped as she gobbled down the remainder of the pancakes.

"Ah, I see..."

The rest of breakfast was spent reminiscing about old times, past experiences, and talking about odd food cravings.

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A/N: Heh... Sorry for lack of SasuSaku this chapter... I just kept writing and writing NaruHina... But there will be plenty of SasuSaku next chappie! I promise!

-Riri