KOYOHARU GOTOUGE

Volume 2 is out! Thank you! I’m troubling a lot of people, but I’ll keep doing my best. On the way to the convenience store in my neighborhood, I came across vomit on the ground three times, but I’ll keep doing my best.
In Taisho-era Japan, young Tanjiro makes a living selling charcoal. One day, demons kill his family and turn his younger sister Nezuko into a demon. Tanjiro and Nezuko set out to find a way to return Nezuko to human form! They meet Giyu, a member of the Demon Slayer Corps. At Giyu’s urging, Tanjiro decides to join the Demon Slayer Corps, and goes to train with Urokodaki. Having completed the strict training, he advances to the Final Selection. Tanjiro confronts a deformed demon with a grudge against Urokodaki, and although he tries to use the new fighting techniques he has learned, they may not be enough...

A kind boy who saved his sister when the rest of his family was killed. Now he seeks revenge. He can smell the scent of demons and his opponents’ weaknesses.

A member of the Demon Slayer Corps and the one who led Tanjiro to them.

A trainer in the Demon Slayer Corps and Tanjiro’s master.

Former pupils of Urokodaki. They assist with Tanjiro’s training.

An organization of a few hundred members and not officially recognized by the government. They hunt demons, but details such as who their leader is remain shrouded in mystery.

Their principal food is humans. They have powerful physical capabilities and their wounds heal quickly. Some demons can transform and have supernatural abilities. Only sunlight or beheading with a special sword can kill them.

Tanjiro’s younger sister. When she was attacked by a demon, she was turned into a demon, but unlike other demons, she tries to protect Tanjiro.

They assist with Tanjiro’s training.
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CHAPTER 8: BIG BROTHER
THAT SOUND...

A SOUND LIKE RAGING WIND.

I'VE HEARD...

...THAT SOUND BEFORE.
UROKODAKI!!!
MY BODY IS CRUMBLING AWAY! I CAN'T STOP IT!
CURSE YOU! CURSE YOU! DIE!!
...I can't change where my head is pointing!

No! I'm too scared to close my eyes, but...

He will look at me with despising eyes.

And now, he too will look upon me as something unclean.

The last thing I will see is a demon hunter's face...

How did this happen?
I'M SCARED.
I'M ALONE IN THE NIGHT.

WHY DID I BITE MY BROTHER AND KILL HIM?

WHO IS MY BIG BROTHER?
SMELL... SADNESS...
PLEASE,

REBORN...

'LET HIM

<

...DON'T
LET HIM
BECOME A
DEMON.

PLEASE,
GOD...

WHEN
HE IS
REBORN...

CRUMBL
CRUMBL
WELL, IF I HAVE TO! YOU'RE SUCH A SCAREDY-CAT!

PLEASE, PLEASE! HOLD MY HAND!

SABITO...

MAKOMO
THE OTHER CHILDREN PROBABLY BECAME SPIRITS.

...AND RETURNED AS PROMISED...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE.

IF I HAD DIED, MY SPIRIT WOULD HAVE RETURNED...

...TO NEZUKO AND UROKODAKI TOO.

...AND TO THEIR HOME ON MOUNT SAGIRI.

TO UROKODAKI, WHOM THEY LIKED SO MUCH...

SEVEN DAYS LATER, IN THE EARLY MORNING...
I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS FOR A TIME AND... I GUESS HE DISAPPEARED...

I COULDN'T SAVE HIM.

WE STARTED WITH NEARLY 20.

ONLY FOUR OF US?

THAT ONE KID ISN'T HERE EITHER...

SO? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?

DIE... I'M GONNA DIE, DIE, DIE, DIE.

EVEN THOUGH I SURVIVED HERE, IN THE END, I'LL DIE.

WHERE'S MY KATANA?

Mumble Mumble.
YOUR CORPS UNIFORM.

KINE, KINOTO, HINE, HINO, TSUCHINO, TSUCHINO, KANOE, KANOTO, MIZUNOE, MIZUNOTO.

RIGHT NOW, YOU ARE ALL THE BOTTOM RANK OF MIZUNOTO.

FIRST, WE WILL PROVIDE YOUR CORPS UNIFORM.

WE WILL TAKE YOUR MEASUREMENTS AND THEN ENGRAVE YOUR RANK.

TODAY YOU WILL CHOOSE THE ORE FOR YOUR SWORD. THEN IT WILL TAKE UP TO TWO WEEKS FOR THE KATANA TO BE FINISHED.
Kasugai crows are generally used for communication, but not always.
I DON'T CARE...

...ABOUT CROWS!

A DEMON SLAYER CORPS KATANA!! A COLOR-CHANGING KATANA!!

KATANA! I WANT MY KATANA! AND I WANT IT NOW!
GRAB!!

HUH? WHO'RE YOU?!

JUST YOU TRY IT!!

IF YOU DON'T, I'LL BREAK YOUR ARM!!

LET GO OF THIS CHILD!!
...PLEASE CHOOSE THE ORE FOR MAKING YOUR KATANA. THEN COME OVER HERE...

ARE YOU DONE TALKING?
... THE ORE FOR THE SWORD THAT WILL KILL DEMONS...

I'M PROBABLY GONNA DIE SOON ANYWAY.

... AND PROTECT YOU.

OH...
My children have increased in number again.

I wonder what kind of swordsmen they will be?
ORIGINAL ART FOR USE AS A SURVEY PRIZE
REGIONAL-THEMED ILLUSTRATION
1. TANJIRO (AS NAMAHAGE, AKITA PREFECTURE)
DURING FINAL SELECTION, I ENCOUNTERED EIGHT DEMONS...

...BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO TALK WITH ANY OF THEM.

THEY ALL RUSHED IN TO KILL ME...

I NEVER GOT TO ASK HOW...

...TO RETURN DEMONS TO HUMAN FORM.
EVER SINCE I STARTED COMING DOWN MOUNT FUJIKASANE, I'VE BEEN OVERWHELMED BY A HORRIBLE EXHAUSTION.

I WANT TO GO BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT MY WHOLE BODY HURTS, SO I CAN'T. EVEN MY UNIFORM FEELS HEAVY.

I MADE IT.

AH... THE SUN IS ALREADY SETTING.
...YOU'RE AWAKE!!

AAAGH!

NEZUKO! YOU...

THUD

UGH!

CLUNK

GAW

NEZUKO...
HUG
I thought you might die!

Oh, Nezuko!

And why didn't you wake up for so long?!

Why did you fall asleep like that?
YOU CAME BACK TO US ALIVE!

WAAAHH

TING

IS THAT UROKO-DAKI?

OH!

FIFTEEN DAYS LATER...
I am called Haganezuka.

I am he who forged Tanjiro Kamado's katana.

I... I am Tanjiro Kamado!

Please, come inside.
THIS IS A NICHIRIN SCARLET IRON SAND AND SCARLET ORE...

THE IRON SAND AND ORE THAT ARE THE MATERIALS FOR A NICHIRIN SWORD ARE GATHERED AT THE MOUNTAIN CLOSEST TO THE SUN.

...BOTH ABSORB SUNLIGHT.

IT IS NEVER CLOUDY AND RAIN NEVER FALLS.

THE SUN SHINES ALL YEAR ON MOUNT YOKO...

YOUR FUROSHIKI WRAP IS GETTING DIRTY.
A WOODEN FESTIVAL MASK

COME ON. JUST FOR A SECOND!

WON'T YOU GET UP...

AS USUAL, HE DOESN'T LISTEN TO WHAT ANYONE SAYS.

...OFF THE GROUND?

GAH

WHOA!

*A WOODEN FESTIVAL MASK

HMM?

A HYOTTOKO* MASK!!

HMM?
OH, YOU'RE A CHILD OF BRIGHTNESS!

WHAT LUCK!

HOUSES WHO WORK WITH FIRE HAVE SUCH CHILDREN.

YOUR HAIR AND EYES ARE REDDISH.

BE HAPPY FOR YOUR GOOD FORTUNE.

NO, I'M THE SON OF TANJIRO AND KIE!

THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT.

OH, REALLY?

RIGHT, UROKO-DAKI?

THAT MEANS YOUR SWORD MAY TURN RED.

I HAD NO IDEA.
He finally came inside.

All right.

Go on, draw your sword.

Yes.

Their color changes depending on who is holding them.

Nichirin swords are also called color-changing katana.
OHH!
THOUGHT

WAS GONNA
GET TO SEE A
PLEASE, BRIGHT RED
CALM DOWN! BLADE! DAMN!

NO,
IT'S NOT,
BUT...

THAT JET
BLACK IS
RARELY
SEEN.

IS IT
UNLUCKY?

IS BLACK
BAD?

A/A EEE!

I'M
37.

OW!
CARE-
FUL!

PLEASE,
CALM DOWN!
HOW OLD
ARE YOU?!

I THOUGHT I
WAS GONNA
GET TO SEE A
BRIGHT RED
BLADE! DAMN!
DEMON HUNTER!

THIS IS YOUR FIRST JOB!

YOU MUST HEAD FOR A TOWN TO THE NORTH!

IN THIS NORTHERN TOWN!

GO, AND BEWARE!

JOB?!

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT!

YOUNG GIRLS ARE DISAPPEARING!
GIRLS...

GIRLS...

DISAPPEARING!!!
ORIGINAL GOODS FOR USE AS A SURVEY PRIZE
REGIONAL-THEMED ILLUSTRATION
2. NEZUKO (UDON, KAGAWA PREFECTURE)
NICHIRIN SWORDS change color depending on their bearer and each color has distinct characteristics.

However, very few people have black swords, so many details are unknown.

...That it is said that unsuccessful swords-men have black blades.

So unknown...
DEMON SLAYER CORPS UNIFORMS ARE MADE FROM A SPECIAL FABRIC.
Even the claws and fangs of lesser demons...

EVEN THE CLAWS AND FANGS OF LESSER DEMONS...

...cannot rend this corps uniform.

...cannot rend this corps uniform.

It breathes easily, and resists both water and flame.

IT BREATHES EASILY, AND RESISTS BOTH WATER AND FLAME.

I coated it with rock lacquer to harden the exterior.

I COATED IT WITH ROCK LACQUER TO HARDEN THE EXTERIOR.

It is also stronger than a normal box.

IT IS ALSO STRONGER THAN A NORMAL BOX.

It's a box for carrying your sister during the day.

IT'S A BOX FOR CARRYING YOUR SISTER DURING THE DAY.

I made it from an incredibly light wood called Kirikumo Cedar.

I MADE IT FROM AN INCREDIBLY LIGHT WOOD CALLED KIRIKUMO CEDAR.
...NEZUKO MAY SLEEP TO REPLENISH HER STRENGTH.

...BUT INSTEAD OF EATING THE FLESH OF HUMANS...

BECAUSE HE WAS WITH SATOKO WHEN SHE DISAPPEARED.

LOOK, KAZUMI IS SO PITIFULLY HAGGARD.
KAZUMI!

WISH

WHEN NIGHT COMES...

...ANOTHER YOUNG GIRL WILL DISAPPEAR.

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT. IT'S SO CREEPY.

YES, IT'S AWFUL!

I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

IF I MAY?
I BELIEVE YOU!

YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE ME, BUT...

THIS IS WHERE SATOKO DISAPPEARED.

WHAT IS HE DOING?

WHO IS THIS KID?

...BUT IT'S UNEVEN...

THE FAINT ODOR OF A DEMON REMAINS...

TRULY!

I ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE YOU!
DONT JOKE WITH ME!!
YOU SAY SHE DISAPPEARED? WHY YOU—

PLEASE STOP!

DON'T JOKE WITH ME!!
YOU SAY SHE DISAPPEARED? WHY YOU—

WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE GIRLS.

I HOPE THEY'RE ALL RIGHT.
WHAT HAPPENED?!

HE'S FAST!

THE SMELL IS GETTING STRONGER!!

IT'S A DEMON!
THE STORIES ARE TRUE...

...AND THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS!

HE...

THAT JUMP!

HUP

HERE!!

IT'S HERE!!

A DEMON...

...AND A HUMAN WOMAN!

TWO DIFFERENT SCENTS!
...the scent is strongest...

...but...

I don't see them...

shu

here!!

gyaah!!!
SOMETIMES, YOU MAY HAVE TO FIGHT A DEMON LIKE THAT.

DEMONS THAT USE SPECIAL POWERS KNOWN AS THE BLOOD DEMON ART HAVE SUPERNATURAL ABILITIES.

A DEMON WITH SUPERNATURAL ABILITIES!!

WHERE ARE THE GIRLS YOU KIDNAPPED?!

ALSO, TELL ME ABOUT...
IF YOU STAY INSIDE MY REACH, I CAN PROTECT YOU!

KAZUMI! TAKE HER! AND STAY BY ME!

BUT WHILE THIS DEMON IS SUBMERGED UNDERGROUND, ITS SCENT DOES NOT FADE!!

IT MIGHT EVEN APPEAR OUT OF THIN AIR!

IT CAN PROBABLY COME OUT OF THE GROUND OR WALLS.

WATER BREATHING: FIFTH FORM...

IT'S COMING!!
THREE OF THEM!!!
I CAN DO THIS!!

GOTTA STAY CALM...

EIGHTH FORM

WATERFALL BASIN!!
Three men have asked Tokie to marry them. She's an excellent cook!
CHAPTER 11: SUGGESTION
...Over a thousand years ago...

The one who became the first demon...

...Has blood...

And I think...

In other words, Tanjiro, it is that demon who killed your family.

...That can turn humans into demons.

This demon's name is...
...BECAUSE I SWITCHED MY FORM MIDSWING!

I MISSED ALL THE DEMON'S VITALS...

TOO SHALLOW!!
THIS MUST BE ONE DEMON SPLIT INTO THREE.

ALL THREE SMELL EXACTLY THE SAME!

USUALLY DEMONS DON'T TEAM UP SO...

I NEED TO GET THEM TO TALK ABOUT MUZAN KIBUTSUJI, AND A WAY TO TURN DEMONS BACK INTO PEOPLE!!

FIGHTING THREE DEMONS WHILE PROTECTING TWO PEOPLE!!

CAN'T LET IT GET TO ME!!
TOTAL CONCENTRATION...

AGH!

WATER BREATHING

WATER WHEEL!!

SECOND FORM

TOO SHALLOW AGAIN!!
AND STILL PROTECT THESE TWO.
I HAVE TO LURE THEM BACK IN.

URGH!!
I CAN'T FOLLOW TOO FAR...

...AND STILL PROTECT THESE TWO.
I HAVE TO LURE THEM BACK IN.

YOU BASTARD!
YOU'LL RRRUIN THE GIRL'S FFFRESHHHNESS!

DON'T INTERFFEEERE!

SHE GETS LESSSSS AND LESSSSS TASSSTY WITH EACH MOMENT THAT PASSSSSES!

SHE ISSSSS ALREADY SSSSIXTEEN YEARSSS OLD!

THERE'S ALWAYSSS TONIGHT.

OH WELL.

NEVER MIND.

I MUSSSST CALM DOWN.
I'm still hungry!!

Well, not good enough for me!!

You monster...

You took her two nights ago!

...let Satoko go...

Good enough for me.

I've eaten quite a few sixteen-year-old girlss in this town.

They were all meaty and quite tasssty!

Satoko?

Who issss that?
IF HER HAIRPIN IS AMONG THIS COLLECTION, I'VE ALREADY EATEN HER.
GWHISH
It sinks into the ground so quickly! Missed again!

Uh-oh! I got too close...

To the wall!!
TOTAL CONCENTRATION

WATER BREATHING
WHY ISSSS A HUMAN...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
A SSSWORDS-MAN AND DEMON TRAVELING TOGETHER?
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHO ARE THESSSSSE PEOPLE?
SWEP

GLUP GLOP
NEZUKO...

WHF
"ALL HUMANS ARE YOUR FAMILY."

"PROTECT HUMANITY. DEMONS ARE YOUR ENEMY."

"IT MAY ONLY HELP TO CONSOLE HER, BUT I PLACED NEZUKO UNDER A SUGGESTION WHILE SHE WAS ASLEEP."

"NEVER FORGIVE DEMONS FOR THE HARM THEY DO."
EARLY STAGE Tanjiro / Nezuko (The first time I drew these two.)
NEZUKO!! DON'T FOLLOW IT!! COME BACK!!

SHASHASHA...
NEZUKO IS A DEMON NOW, TANJIRO.

...SHE ISN'T WEAK. SHE DOESN'T NEED YOUR PROTECTION.

YOU MUST REMEMBER...

IF SHE PROTECTS THOSE TWO, I CAN FOCUS ON THE ATTACK.

IS IT ALL RIGHT? CAN I LEAVE THIS TO HER?
AND ARE THESE THE CLOTHES AND BELONGINGS OF THE PEOPLE THE DEMON TOOK?
YOU PLUNGED IN WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT, YOU FOOL!

YOU CAN'T MOVE LIKE YOU DO ABOVE GROUND! SO TAKE THAT!!

THERE ISSS ALMOST NO AIR IN THIS BOG!

HEH HEH HEH!

ARE YOU SSSUFFER-ING, BOY?

INDEED...

...THE DARKNESS OF THIS BOG SSSURROUNDS YOU AND WEIGHSSSS YOU DOWN! HA HA HA!!
WHERE DO YOU THINK I TRAINED?! DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME!!

FURTHERMORE...

...I KNOW A TECHNIQUE FOR GENERATING STRENGTH UNDERWATER!

THE AIR ATOP MOUNT SAGIRI WAS THINNER!!
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER!! I'LL JUST KILL IT WHEN IT CLOSES IN!!

IS IT POSSIBLE TO MOVE LIKE THAT IN A BOG?!

A FORCEFUL TWIST OF THE UPPER AND LOWER BODY TO GENERATE A STRONG SPIN.

THERE IS A FORM TO USE IN AN UNSTABLE PLACE WITHOUT FOOTING...
THERE'S ITS SCENT!! THE OPENING THREAD!!
TOTAL CONCENTRATION: WATER BREATHING

SIXTH FORM— WHIRLPOOL!!
...dragging in anything around it and cutting it up.

THE SPIN BECOMES A LARGE, SHARP BLADE...

UNGH...

I BETTER GET GOING.

EVEN I'M ALMOST OUT OF AIR.

NEZUKO!
THIS WOMAN IS STRONG!!
She doesn't seem to have any supernatural abilities yet, but she is still quite strong!

...but I'm getting used to her simple attacks!

She moves so fast that I can't submerge into the bog...

Even if she kicks hard enough to take my head off, or ruptures my guts...

Ah!!

...I can immediately heal!
I’LL VENTILATE YOUR FACE!!
HANDS OFF MY SISTER!!

HE KILLED TWO OF ME!

DID HE KILL ME?
HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU KILLED?!

YOU GUYS STINK LIKE ROTTEN OIL!

IT'S A FOUL SMELL!

YOU SHOULD THANK USSS!

LET WOMEN AGE, THEY GET UGLY AND TASTE TERRIBLE!

THAT'SS WHY WE ATE THEM!!

IF YOU

GYAH!

THAT'S ENOUGH.
TELL ME ABOUT MUZAN KIBUTSUJI.
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CHAPTER 13: IT WAS YOU
YOU MUST NEVER TELL ANYONE ABOUT ME.

YOU MUST NOT SPEAK.

I'M ALWAYS WATCHING YOU.

IF YOU DO, I WILL KNOW IMMEDIATELY.

I SMELL FEAR... SHAKING DEEP DOWN IN HIS BONES.

I CAN'T TELL YOU! I CAN'T TELL YOU!

SHMP

SHMP

I CAN'T TELL YOU!

I CAN'T TELL YOU!

TREMBLE SHAKE
I CAN'T TELL YOUUUUUU!!!
HER BLEEDING HAS STOPPED.

ASLEEP TO HEAL HERSELF?

JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME. BECAUSE YOUR BIG BROTHER...

...IS GOING TO MAKE YOU HUMAN AGAIN.

I'M SORRY.

SO SORRY.
LOST MY BETROTHED KAZUMI

SATOMO...

KAZUMI...

...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

KAZUMI...

I'VE LOST MY BETROTHED...

DO YOU THINK I'M ALL RIGHT...
YOU MAY LOSE AGAIN AND AGAIN...

YOU'RE JUST A KID!!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!

...BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO KEEP LIVING.

NO MATTER HOW BEATEN DOWN YOU MAY BE.
DID THIS HAPPEN TO YOU TOO?

DID IT?

I HOPE YOU FIND...

...SOMETHING OF SATOKO'S IN HERE. TO REMEMBER HER BY.
I'm sorry! I'm sorry for saying such a mean thing! Please, forgive me!

...thick and hardened from training and combat...

Those hands, those wretched hands...

They weren't the hands of a boy.
IT ISN'T JUST ME.

MUZAN KIBUTSUJI ...

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAS HE KILLED? HOW MANY MORE MADE TO SUFFER?

I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU.
HUH? I'M OFF ON MY NEXT JOB ALREADY?

YES! GO!

RUMORS TELL OF A DEMON HIDING THERE!

NO WAITING!

WAIT A SECOND!

NEXT YOU GO TO ASAKUSA IN TOKYO!
THE BUILDINGS ARE SO TALL! WHAT THE? THE CITY... THE CITY...

WHAT KIND OF TOWN IS THIS?! IT'S NIGHT, BUT IT'S BRIGHT OUT!!

I'M GETTING DIZZY...

LET'S GO OVER THERE, NEZUKO.

YAMAKAKE UDON, PLEASE...

*cart: udon

I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A PLACE LIKE THIS. THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE.
THAT SMELL!!
WHY HERE?!!
IT'S THE SMELL THAT WAS LINGERING AT MY HOUSE!

MUZAN...

KIBUTSUJI!!

GRAB
IT'S HIM!!
THIS GUY...

IT'S HIM!!
IT'S HIM!!

HE'S PRETENDING TO BE HUMAN!!

IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?

YOU APPEAR TO BE QUITE UPSET.

...WHAT'S WRONG?

OH DEAR...

MOM-MY!

THE GIRL AND WOMAN SMELL COMPLETELY HUMAN!

THEY'RE HUMAN!
DONT THEY KNOW?
DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND?

ERHA a No.
saree NOT AT ALL.

WHAT A NUISANCE.

.. MISTAKEN ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE?

PERHAPS HE HAS...

NO. NOT AT ALL.
WHAT A NUISANCE.

I DON'T KNOW HIM AT ALL.
Taisho Whispers & Rumors

I won't teach anyone how to make the soup.

I hear Toyo at the udon stand can also make soba. And I hear it's tasty. I wanna eat some!
WHAT THE?!

BLOOD!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

KYAAHH!

AGH!

WHAM
Her wound isn't fatal, so she'll be fine.

This man hasn't killed anyone... yet!!

It'll be all right! I'll handle it somehow!

Use this cloth and put pressure on the wound!

Ma'am!! Don't worry about him and take care of yourself!!

Let's move away.

Rei, this is dangerous.
I CAN'T LET THIS GUY GO!!

NO! NO!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT BOY?

TSUKIHKO...

WHEREVER YOU GO...

MUZAN KIBUTSUJI!

...YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME!
...AND YOUR NECK WILL FEEL THE EDGE OF MY SWORD!

I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL...

FORGIVE YOU!
YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

ARE THEY DRUNK?!

BREAK IT UP!!

STEP BACK! STEP BACK!

NO! HANDCUFF HIM!

PLEASE!

THOSE EARRINGS...
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SUBDUE HIM!

DON'T INTERFERE! PLEASE!!

I DON'T WANT THIS PERSON TO KILL ANYONE!!

PLEASE, STOP!

AGH!

WHAT THE...?! LOOK AT HIS FACE!

GET HIM OFF THIS GUY!

HE'S LOST HIS MIND!

YESSIR!
SCENT OF...

...ILLUSORY BLOOD, VISUAL DREAM!

WHAT IS THAT SMELL?

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!

WHAT'S THIS PATTERN?
YOU...

IS THIS SOME SORT OF ATTACK?!
UH-OH...

AND YOU TRY TO HELP THEM.

...STILL USE THE WORD "PERSON"...

...FOR DEMONS.
YOU... YOUR SCENT...

WHY?

SO I SHALL HELP YOU.

I...

INDEED.

I AM A DEMON...

AND I WOULD ALSO SEE KIBUTSUUJI OBLITERATED.

...AND ALSO A DOCTOR.
I'VE GOT TO GO TO WORK. I HAVE SOME MEETINGS. AREN'T YOU COMING?

I'LL JUST ASK THE POLICE TO KEEP WATCH.

I'M STILL DISTURBED BY WHAT WE SAW EARLIER.
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!

MY APOLOGIES.

OWN...

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!
EXCUSE ME, BUT...

...I'M IN A HURRY.

AND WITH THAT PALE FACE OF YOURS...

...YOU LOOK HALF-DEAD!

HEY, HEY, THOSE'RE SOME FANCY DUDS YOU'RE WEARIN'!!

AND I DON'T LIKE IT!
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' TO MY LITTLE BROTHER?!

HEY!

Y-A-CHAN'S NOT BREATHING!

HE'S DEAD!
DOES MY COMPLEXION LOOK POOR TO YOU?
OH NO, NO, NO...

I AM AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CREATURE.

SHUF

TCH

DO I LOOK LIKE I'M DYING?

DOES IT SEEM LIKE I DON'T HAVE LONG TO LIVE?

IS MY FACE PALE?

DO I LOOK SICKLY?
THE HUMAN BODY CANNOT WITHSTAND THE SPEED OF TRANSFORMATION.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I GIVE YOU A LARGE AMOUNT OF MY BLOOD?

YOUR CELLS WILL RUPTURE.

THE HUMAN BODY CANNOT WITHSTAND THE SPEED OF TRANSFORMATION.

GYAAAH!

BLOOD

SHHUP
WE WILL DO AS YOU WISH.

BRING ME THE HEAD OF THE DEMON HUNTER WITH THE EARRINGS THAT LOOK LIKE HANAFUDA CARDS.
Rejected Tanjiro / A.K.A. Botsujiro

I planned this for the cover of chapter 7, but it was no time for smiling, so... Botsujiro.
WHAT I CAN'T ACCEPT IS THAT YOU WON'T EAT MY UDON!

LISTEN! WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY ISN'T ABOUT MONEY!

IS IT A CHOPSTICK CASE?!

FIRST, TAKE OUT THAT BAMBOO GAG!

WHAT'S THAT EVEN FOR?!

THANKS FOR THE MEAL!!

IT WAS DELICIOUS!!
SORRY TO LEAVE YOU ALONE, NEZUKO.

AS LONG AS YOU GET THAT, FINE! COME AGAIN!

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"Isn’t she a demon?"

"Does he mean ugly, who?"

"Hag... hag?"

"What’s more, she’s a hag."

"Nezuko?"

"Nezuko was known as the town beauty!"

"She’s not ugly! Take a good look at those features!"

"Look at her someplace with better light!"

"Okay, but calling her a hag is way out of line!"

"Let’s go."

"Like over there!"
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS MUZZLE!

WE'RE BACK.

LOOK AT HER AGAIN AFTER I TAKE THIS OUT!!

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS MUZZLE!

WE'RE BACK.

OH!

ARE THEY ALL RIGHT?

SORRY TO JUST LEAVE THEM TO YOU.

WELCOME BACK.
BUT HER HUSBAND...

IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT WE MUST CONFINCE HIM TO AN UNDERGROUND CELL.

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO VIOLENT?

AREN'T IT HARD FOR YOU TO TREAT PEOPLE'S WOUNDS?

AREN'T YOU SUGGESTING THE SMELL OF FLESH AS WE TREAT HUMANS...
DID NOT TELL YOU MY NAME.

My name is Tamayo. This boy is Yushiro.

OR MAYBE, IMPOSSIBLE!

PLEASE, TRY TO GET ALONG.

I DID NOT TELL YOU MY NAME.

MY NAME IS TAMAYO. THIS BOY IS YUSHIRO.

I HAVE ALTERED MY BODY AND REMOVED KIBUTSUJI’S CURSE.

IT ISN’T HARD. I THINK IT IS CONSIDERABLY EASIER THAN FOR NORMAL DEMONS.

IT IS ENOUGH TO DRINK JUST A LITTLE HUMAN BLOOD.

I NO LONGER NEED TO FEED UPON PEOPLE IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

Pardon me.

ALTERED YOUR BODY?
OF COURSE, WE NEVER TAKE SO MUCH THAT IT HARMS THEM.

...BUT WE BUY BLOOD FROM PEOPLE IN NEED OF MONEY, TELLING THEM IT'S FOR BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS.

YOU MAY THINK IT'S DISGUSTING...

BUT THEY DO NEED HUMAN BLOOD.

STILL, MAYBE NEZUKO CAN...

OH... SO THAT'S WHY THESE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE DISTINCTIVE SMELL OF DEMONS.

I MADE HIM A DEMON.

YUSHIRO NEEDS EVEN LESS BLOOD THAN I DO.
AND THAT IS BASHLY CORRECT.

YES. THEY SAY THAT KIBUSTUJI IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DEMONS...

IN OVER 200 YEARS, YUSHIRO IS THE ONLY ONE YOU COULD DO IT WITH?!

HOW OLD ARE YOU, TAMAYO?!

IN MORE THAN 200 YEARS...

DON'T ASK A WOMAN HER AGE, YOU LOOT!!

...YUSHIRO IS THE ONLY ONE I WAS ABLE TO DO THIS WITH.
YUSHIRO!
ALL RIGHT!!
EVEN HER ANGRY FACE IS BEAUTI-FUL...

IF YOU PUNCH HIM AGAIN I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!

I ONLY TREAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN INCURABLE ILLNESS OR INJURY...
...SO THEY CAN LIVE A LITTLE LONGER.

ONE THING I DON'T WANT YOU TO MISUNDERSTAND...
I'M NOT TRYING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DEMONS.

I CAN TRUST HER. SHE SMELLS PURE AND WITHOUT DECEIT.

...IF THEY WANT TO LIVE LONGER IF DOING SO MEANS THEY'LL BECOME...

...A DEMON.

AND I ALWAYS ASK THOSE PATIENTS ...

wu lF THEY WANT TO LIVE LONGER IF DOING SO MEANS THEY'LL BECOME...
...IS THERE A WAY TO MAKE THEM HUMAN AGAIN?

TAMAYO...

...ONCE PEOPLE HAVE BECOME DEMONS...

Veen
POK POK POK

BMP BMP BMP

TING TING TING

CANT YOU SEE?

THAT'S THEM...

I CAN SEE, I CAN SEE... FOOTPRINTS.
They went around there...

How shall we kill them? Tee hee hee!

Power swells within me...

There are three of them carrying a large box...

Because I just took the blood from that big shot.

How will we kill them? Brutally of course!

...Demons back into humans...?
IT DOES EXIST.

CLOSE TO TAMAYO!!

PLEASE, TELL ME!

DON'T GET CLOSE TO TAMAYO!!

SAME DIFFERENCE!

I JUST THREW HIM. I DIDN'T HIT HIM.

YUSHIRO...

...AT PRESENT, MAKING A DEMON HUMAN AGAIN IS IMPOSSIBLE.

EVERY INJURY AND ILLNESS...

HAS A MEDICINE OR TREATMENT.
THELESS, WE...

...WANT TO ESTABLISH A TREATMENT.

I WANT TO ASK TWO THINGS OF YOU.

TO DO SO, WE NEED TO STUDY LOTS OF DEMON BLOOD.

...I WANT YOU TO GET A SAMPLE FROM A DEMON WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF KIBUTSUJI'S BLOOD.

TWO...

ONE...

...I WANT TO EXAMINE YOUR SISTER'S BLOOD.
I understand she slept for two years, so her body must have changed during that time.

Right now, Nezuko is in an extremely rare and special condition.

Lady Tamayo is beautiful again today.

I bet she'll be beautiful tomorrow too.

It will grow violent, without fail.

Usually, if a demon cannot ingest human flesh or animal meat for such a long time...

I think this miracle will prove to be the key.

Surprisingly, Nezuko does not have those symptoms.
...MEANS A DEMON CLOSE IN STRENGTH TO KIBUTSUJI.

THE OTHER TASK WILL BE DIFFICULT.

IT WON'T BE EASY TO STEAL BLOOD FROM SUCH A DEMON.

A DEMON WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF KIBUTSUJI'S BLOOD...

IF THAT'S THE ONLY WAY, I'LL DO IT.

STUDYING BLOOD FROM MANY DEMONS TO MAKE A MEDICINE.

BUT WILL YOU STILL TRY?
...not just Nezuko, but lots of people, right?

It will help...

Yes.

?! Gah

UHH-OH!
BASH

BAM

BAM

BAM

GET DOWN!

KTUNG
When you ask Yushiro if he likes Tamayo, he turns beet red and goes silent!
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YOU SAID, YAHABA!

A BUILDING APPEARED WHERE THERE WAS NOTHING BEFORE!

JUST LIKE YOU SAID, YAHABA!

KYA HAHAA!
AND IS THE DEMON SLAYER WITH THEM? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

SEEMS LIKE THEY’VE LEARNED TO USE THE BLOOD DEMON ART WELL.

MY KIMONO GOT ALL DUSTY. AND IMPETUOUS, BUT MOST OF ALL...

BUT STILL, SUSAMARU...

TCH! MESSY. THE WAY YOU DO THINGS IS CHILDISH...

*A BALL MADE OF LEFTOVER KIMONO SILK*

AND YOUR KIMONO ISN'T DIRTY. YOU'RE TOO FUSSY. MORE TIME TO PLAY.

HUSH. THANKS TO MY TEMARI* BALL, WE FOUND THEM RIGHT AWAY. GREAT!
A TEMARI BALL!

KYA HAH HAH! FOUND YOU!

SHE COULD SMASH UP THE HOUSE JUST BY THROWING THAT BALL?!

IS SHE ONE OF KIBUTSUJI'S MINIONS?!

THAT WOMAN...
NEZUKO!! GET THE WOMAN ASLEEP BACK THERE SOMEWHERE SAFE OUTSIDE!!
IT’S AN INTENSE SMELL.

IT’S SETTLING HEAVY AND DEEP IN MY LUNGS!!

SHE CLEARLY SMELLS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER DEMONS SO FAR!! HOW STRONG IS SHE?
TAMAYO!

FALL BACK AND HIDE!

WE'LL BE FINE EVEN IF YOU DON'T PROTECT US.

SO THE DEMON SLAYER WITH THE EARRINGS...

SHE'S AFTER ME?!

...IS YOU.

...DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, JUST FIGHT.

WE ARE DEMONS AFTER ALL.
EVEN IF I DODGE, THAT BALL FOLLOWS ME!!

WATER BREATHING!

TOTAL CONCENTRATION
Among the ten forms, the fastest thrusting technique is...

Drop Ripple Thrust-Curve!

Seventh Form
HE STRUCK IN AN ARC FROM AN ANGLE TO LESSEN THE BALL'S IMPACT.
It isn't spinning a special way, but...

...this...

It was moving unnaturally when it hit Yushiro too.

How does this ball move?

Snap, Krak, Pop.

Lady Tamayo!!
I SAID NOT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE DEMON SLAYER!

MY CONCEALMENT SPELL ISN'T PERFECT!

AND THE MORE THERE ARE, THE MORE TRACES REMAIN, RAISING THE POSSIBILITY OF KIBUTSUJI FINDING US!

I CAN HIDE A BUILDING OR THE SIGNS OR SMELL OF PEOPLE, BUT THERE'S NO WAY TO HIDE THEIR EXISTENCE ENTIRELY!

WAS THAT BECAUSE OF YUSHIRO'S BLOOD DEMON ART?

THE DEMON GOT CLOSE, BUT I DIDN'T SELL ANYTHING UNTIL THE ATTACK.
I'll never forgive this!!

I hate when anyone interferes with the time you and I spend together! I really hate it!

This is all so much fun!

What are you on about?

She reports directly to Kibutsuji!

Twelve Kizuki?

Consider it an honor that I, one of the 12 Kizuki, will take your life.
LET'S KEEP PLAYING...

...UNTIL DAWN! UNTIL YOUR LIFE ENDS!
AND YUSHIRO NEEDS TIME TO PREPARE AN ATTACK.

IF I USE A SPELL HERE, IT WILL GET TANJIRO TOO.
...there are two demons. I can also tell their location by smell.

There are two distinct scents, which means...

But it still comes for me!

When I cut it, it loses force.
STAB

BAM

IT DIDN'T HIT ANYTHING, BUT ITS PATH CHANGED!!
HEY, YOU STUPID DEMON SLAYER!!

IF YOU LOOK AT THE ARROWS, YOU'LL KNOW ITS DIRECTION!

WE WILL HEAL, SO DON'T MIND US!!

HERE, I'LL LEND YOU MY SENSE OF SIGHT!!

THEN YOU CAN CUT OFF THAT WOMAN'S HEAD! YOU CAN DO THAT, RIGHT?
I CAN SEE!! THE OTHER DEMON USES THESE ARROWS TO CONTROL...

THE PATH OF THE BALL!!

THE TREE!! UP IN THE TREE!!

THANKS, YUSHIRO!
Who knows?
WATER BREATHING: THIRD FORM

FLOWING DANCE!
Amann said, "I believe so.

...Are these two demons close to Kibutsuji?!

Tamayo...

Then I'm gonna get you some of their blood!
Tanjiro, a boy who continues to break school rules.

Nezuko, a girl with French bread in her mouth.

I might start this one up.
Words of Gratitude

Hello, I’m Gotouge. Volume 2 is out! Thank you. I’m causing trouble for a lot of people and getting help from a lot of people too. Thanks to everyone in the editorial department, my editor and assistants, and everyone reading and cheering for Kimetsu, I’m able to draw manga again today. I’ve failed so many times that a day doesn’t pass when I don’t worry about whether it’s okay for me to draw manga, but I plan to give my best! Thanks!!