

Episode 1

[Miyo] The cherry blossom is cascaded, surrounding me and my broken heart.

[sobbing softly]

In the rain of dancing petals,
I cried, always alone.

[sobbing]

The gentle warmth
of sun in the spring,

summer's light through the trees,

the bright glow of autumn
through cloudy skies,

the morning sun
on winter's snow...

No trace of light ever
found its way to me.

Happiness felt like a cruelty,

always beyond my reach.

Every brief hope would
vanish before my eyes.

[gasps]

It all felt so
meaningless...

If this was the person I was destined to be, why was I born at all?

But everything
changed when I met him.

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THE MEETING

[Kaya] What is this?

It's bitter! You
brewed it for too long!

I'm terribly sorry.

Your apology means nothing.

Miyo, how long do you intend
to stay down there?

Go and re-brew it at once.

Yes, right away.

Excuse me.

Goodness! She
can't even make tea properly.

She's a Saimori like me,
so shouldn't she at least be embarrassed?

It's a wonder that incompetent girl shares any relation to you, Kaya.

Just like that
wretched mother of hers.

Kanoko, please
darling, don't blame me.

[Kanoko] You're the one
who made that woman give birth to her. [Shinichi] The past
is dead and gone.

Why don't we let it stay that way?

[housekeeper] Good morning to you, Mr. Tatsuishi.

To what do we owe
the pleasure today?

I'm meeting with Shinichi
to discuss a few things.

These are for the
servants. Please enjoy.

Ah! We do always appreciate
your generosity.

Of course!
Now, pardon me.

[servant] I heard that
Mr. Tatsuishi arrived a little bit ago.

I wonder if he's here
to make marriage arrangements

- for the young ladies?
- [Miyo gasps]

Yes. It would make sense as both Miss Miyo and Miss Kaya are around that age.

And Miss Miyo is
already 19 years old.

She is. But
her Master isn't concerned, right?

It's sad, but
Miss Miyo doesn't really count.

Why are your mouths moving
instead of your hands?

I believe you're supposed
to be doing the laundry.

Do you want to work or not?

- Uh, my apologies, madam.
- My apologies, madam.

[Kanoko] Ladies, can someone come to the living room?

Go on, our Madam
is calling for you!

- Yes, ma'am, right away!
- Yes, ma'am.

Koji... Oh!

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Tending to the yard again, Miyo?

Your hard work shows.

Hello, Koji.

How are you?

Our fathers are having
some important meeting today.

The plants you
have here are so nice.

Thank you. We're
happy to have you.

Yeah, um... I, I, uh...

I asked to join him
because I was hoping we'd get to talk. [soft chuckle]

Hey, put your hand out.

- [Miyo] What is it?
- [rattles]

They're milk caramels.
It's a chewy candy.

When I had them for the first time, they just melted in my mouth.

[soft chuckle]

Mm!

[chuckles softly]

[chuckles]

I'm glad that you enjoy them
as much as I do.

I got them from my big brother who knows all the trends.

It's just as good as you said.

If you ever want more,
I can get you some whenever you want.

If it's something that makes you smile, it's a small price to pay.

Koji, I'm so grateful for you.

Moments like this,
I dream of them going on forever. [Koji] I...

I want to save
you from this place.

You're always saving me.
Please don't worry.

[sighs]

It's hardly enough.

I'd like to... to help
you however I can,

whatever it takes,

so that there's always
a smile on your face.

[chuckles]
You know...

[soft chuckle]

[Kaya] Hey, Father.

I was hoping beyond hope that I could get a new kimono to wear for school.

Is that alright?

Ah, I suppose
the new semester is starting soon?

Well, if that's the case, why don't you buy yourself two or three more then?

Oh! Wow! Really?

[Kaya] Thank you so much, Father! My goodness, sweetheart.

You really do love spoiling
your little girl, don't you?

[Kaya] The one I'm wearing now is getting all worn out.

- [Shinichi] Miyo.

- [Miyo gasps]

Yes?

What do you normally
do at around noon?

[gasps]

Oh...

That's the time I do my cleaning. [Shinichi] Alright.

The day after tomorrow at noon,

I would like for you
to be ready and available. Yes? Oh...

I will be. Yes.

[Miyo] Why
bother with asking me at all?

I'm basically their servant.

I have no choice in the matter.

My father knows that there's no reason to tell me to be at our home tomorrow.

I am always here.

[sighs]

[Kaya] Mother?
Where are you?
Hey, have you seen
Mother anywhere?

[servant] Oh, let me think,
she might be in the annex.

Will you two be
going on an outing?

Yes. I'm getting a new kimono since school is starting soon.

Huh?

Well, would you look at that? [giggles]

My dear elder sister,
why don't you go wash your face? It's disgusting!

On your face!
You've got soot on your face. [Miyo groans softly]

[laughs]

Don't you dare try to welcome a guest into the house
with that mucky face of yours.

You're already enough
of an embarrassment to our family.

I didn't mean
to. I'm sorry.

[birds chirping]

[broom swishing]

Miyo...

He's here!

[panting]

[soft chuckle]

Good morning, Koji.

Your clothes... You decided to wear the Western-style today.

They look so dashing on you. Hm.

[soft gasp]

Anyway, what's the occasion for your visit?

Uh, right...

It's just a discussion,
uh, with your father.

My father?

Uh...

- [Koji] Here.

- [gasps]

A souvenir snack.

Please share it
with everyone else.

[Miyo] Thank you very much. Well, um, I'll see you later. Uh, Koji...

[Koji] Why
does it have to be this way?

- [housekeeper] Miss Miyo!

- [Miyo gasps]

Master is calling for your attendance. You should hurry over there.

[Miyo] Huh?

[housekeeper] He wants you in the drawing room at once.

Yes, right away.

[soft gasp]

The day after tomorrow at noon,

I would like for you
to be ready and available. Yes?

[Miyo] It
would be pointless to expect good... [pants]

...when I know
it's going to be something bad.

Marriage
arrangements with Koji...

I can't get my hopes up.

My head already knows that. But...

[deep exhale]

It's Miyo. May I?
[Shinichi] Come in.

Excuse me.

[Kaya] What's taking you so long?

Could you please
just come in and sit already? [Koji grunts softly]

[soft exhale]

[Shinichi] Let me be clear
about our topic today.

Marriage arrangements
with the Tatsuishis's

as well as our family's future. We've decided to take in Koji.

He will be our son-in-law
and our successor.

The new head of the Saimori's.

The daughter who will support Koji in marriage for our family's lineage...

- will be Kaya.
- [gasps]

[giggles]

[Miyo] I
tried so hard to brace myself for this and I still wasn't ready.

[sobs softly]
It hurts... so terribly.
Why do I continue to hope?

Why do I yearn to be accepted, to exist as one of them?

All I want is a bit of peace.

[Shinichi] Miyo,
we're sending you away to be married. [soft gasp]

You'll wed into the Kudo family.

You will become
Kiyoka Kudo's wife.

K-Kudo?

[Kaya] Isn't that wonderful?

Just how lucky are you to get to marry the famous Mr. Kiyoka Kudo!

[shaky breath]

For someone with no
redeeming qualities,

this arrangement is
more than you deserve.

[giggles]

I'm so curious to see how many days you'll last in that man's house.

I guess we'll find out.

You will gather
all of your belongings at once.
That said, you will be leaving first thing in the morning.

But, uh, Father...

[Shinichi] That is
all that concerns you.

If you heard what I said,
then go get ready.

And don't cause a scene.
You will not embarrass us. [gasps]

[soft grunt]

[Kaya chuckles]

[Miyo] Of
course. Excuse me.

[Miyo sighs softly]

- [rain pattering]
- [Shinichi] Well, then, Koji.

Let's plan the
engagement ceremony...

[servant 1] The rain's not going to stop any time soon.

[servant 2] There goes any chance of putting the laundry up to dry.

[soft gasp]

[Koji]
Miyo...

[Koji] Wait a minute!
Why does it have to be me? Don't make me repeat myself.

You will marry into the Saimori's with Kaya as your wife.

[Koji] How can I possibly accept all of that out of nowhere?

You say you want
to save Miyo, yes?

This is how you must do it.

Shinichi and I have
sorted everything.

She'll marry Kazushi.

And she'll be fine.

As you wanted, she'll
be out of that home.

When you think about it, son,

isn't that what would be best for her life?

What about what she wants?

Why do I have to be the one who ends up with Kaya?

Everything has
been decided for you.

Your only task is
to obey silently for your family. Understood?

[grunts]

[Miyo] My
mother's cherry blossom tree...

I could always come here when I was sad or afraid.

It was the only comfort
I had in this place.

But I won't be able to
come here anymore.

Thank you for always loving me. Goodbye, Mother.

[approaching footsteps]

[Koji] Miyo.

[Miyo] Koji.

[Koji] I'm so sorry.

I was totally
worthless in the end.

[sniffles] I
couldn't do anything for you.

[Miyo] Oh, Koji!
Please don't apologize for this. It isn't your fault.

It was luck. And
mine just so happened to be bad.

[Koji] Don't say that!
It's not about luck!

It's alright.
I may find happiness
with the family I marry into.

I'm not concerned
one way or the other.

So you don't...

you really don't
resent me for this?

How could I resent you?

I've distanced myself
from any sort of feelings.

I only ever wanted to save you,

to spend all of our days
happy together like when we were kids.

- I wanted us to be...
- [Kaya] Oh, Koji?

[Koji] Kaya.

What are you two talking about? I... It's nothing.

Then come inside.

- [Miyo] Koji.
- [gasps]

I'm grateful.

Thank you for everything.

[footsteps receding]

[soft chuckle]

[somber music]
[housekeeper] Miss Miyo,
may I open the door?

Yes, come in.

The Master said that
he would like you to have this.

It's a new kimono for tomorrow for when you leave.

He said that you
should arrive in this.

My father said that?

[housekeeper] You're to wear it to your new home.

[gasps]

Please listen to me, Miss.

Kiyoka Kudo is rumored
to be a ruthless, cold-hearted man.

He has already had fiancées and they all left him.

So be cautious, Miss.

I understand. Thank
you for your concern.

[sighs]

There must be more.

[housekeeper] Is
that all you're taking?

All of the mementos from my mother were thrown out long ago.
I have nothing
else to bring but this.

I see. This place
hasn't been kind to you.

Take this. I hope it will help you with your journey tomorrow.

[soft chuckle]

I'm sure it will.

Miss Miyo...

Take care and safe journey. [Miyo] This kimono is so nice.

There's no way it would ever look good on someone like me.

[soft sigh]

[door slides open]

That's it. I have no
home to return to.

My whole world was here, and all of my memories...

[gentle music]

[panting, sobbing]

[panting]

[sobbing]

[sobbing]

[cicadas chirping]

[playful grunts]

[gasps]

[somber music continues] [somber music continues] [inaudible]

[music ends]

[Miyo] Is this the right way?

Does the head of the Kudo family really live in this forest?

[birds chirping]

[soft gasp]

This is the house?

His home is more
modest than I thought.

KUDO

[Miyo] Hello?

[servant] Just a moment.

What are we here for today?

Uh, nice to meet you.

My name is Miyo Saimori.

I'm here because of
the marriage arrangement

my family made with
one Mr. Kiyoka Kudo.
Oh, it's Miss Saimori.
I was wondering when you'd arrive!

You may call me Yurie.
I am a servant in the Kudo home.

[Miyo] It's a
pleasure to meet you.

[Yurie] I've heard
some chatter about you.

Please come in and
make yourself at home.

Uh, thank you very much.

[Yurie] The Young Master should be in the study.

You can settle in later,
so why don't I take you to him right now. [soft gasp]

[Miyo] It is a
pleasure to meet you.

My name is Miyo Saimori.

Thank you for taking
me into your home.

[Kiyoka sighs]

[Kiyoka] How long do you intend to stay that way?

I'm terribly sorry.

[Kiyoka] I didn't
ask for an apology.

Well, then, please raise your head
whenever you feel ready to. [Miyo] Uh... oh, alright. [Miyo gasps]

[Miyo] From the moment I saw him, I felt something shift.

What was once a
dark space in my life

has a sliver of
light, a flower...

so small, blossoming
through the snow.

I'm Kiyoka Kudo,
head of the Kudo's.

[gentle music]

What a beautiful person! [closing theme music]

What a beautiful man. Are you the new fiancée? Yes. Remember, while you're here you must absolutely follow my orders. If I tell you to leave, you leave. If I tell you to die, you die. I won't listen to any complaints or objections. Yes, sir. Huh? Is there anything else? I look forward to living here with you. My new life with Kiyoka Kudo started this way in a quiet fashion. [MY HAPPY MARRIAGE] [EPISODE 2] [ABOUT MY HUSBAND-TO-BE] Please use this room, Ms. Miyo. Thank you for your kind consideration. Ms. Miyo. Yes? I'm aware of the bad rumors about Young Master, but actually, he is a kind man. Well, I'll excuse myself now. Thank you, Ms. Yurie. These are high-grade futons. I thought he'd be more abusive or treat me with contempt. I was even ready to be abruptly thrown out of the house. Because I'm from the Saimori family, he probably thinks that I have supernatural abilities. If so... Now, I'm going to test you to see if you have Spirit-Sight. Miyo, Kaya, sharpen your senses. Yes. Yes. I'm opening it. Ah! Stay away. Kaya! No! Don't come near me! If you were able to see the Grotesqueries, you have Spirit-Sight! You'll

also gain supernatural abilities one day. Good job, Kaya! Supernatural abilities? [SIX MONTHS LATER] How nice. So you're able to see even more now? Yesterday, I was able to move the shiki-gami a bit. Wasn't I a good girl? Of course, she has talent. We are Kaya's birth parents, after all. She isn't like that good-for-nothing who can't use Spirit-Sight at all. Ms. Miyo. It'll be all right. I know what terrible things they say about me behind my back. I'm useless because I don't have supernatural abilities. Ms. Miyo... That must mean I'm not wanted here just like Mother's cherry tree. A dream. Oh yes, I don't live in that house anymore. I have to make myself useful in this house. Oh my, something smells good. It looks good. Ms. Miyo. Ms. Yurie, good morning. Good morning, Ms. Miyo. You just got here, and you're already making a meal this early in the morning? Um, I'm sorry I didn't ask for permission. Please don't mention it! You are Young Master's fiancée. It looks delicious! I'm sure Young Master will appreciate it. Preparing meals is my job, but as you can see I'm getting to be an old wrinkled grandma. I'm really grateful that you are helping me. I-I'm glad to. Well, since there's still time before Young Master wakes up, I should go do other things now. Ms. Miyo, can I leave breakfast up to you? Yes, if it's all right with you. Good morning, Young Master. Good morning. Yurie, stop calling me Young Master in front of others. Good morning, sir. Young Master, Ms. Miyo prepared breakfast this morning. She did? Oh, yes. She was very skilled. It was helpful for me. Sit over here. Y-Yes. You try it first. Pardon? You can't eat it? Uh... Well... Did you put poison in it? How transparent. Poison? I can't eat this because I don't know what's inside it. Put it away. Try harder next time. Wait, Young Master? Young Master! Although my intentions were good, it turned out to be a massive failure. [SPECIAL ANTI-GROTESQUERIE UNIT] I welcome you to the Special Anti-Grotesquerie Unit. Through rigorous discipline, I expect you to heighten your supernatural abilities. Supernatural abilities are a potential that lies in your spirit. Telekinesis, pyrokinesis, clairvoyance. Supernatural abilities do not go against the rules of nature of this world. They are the embodiment of the power of the spirit. And Grotesqueries have been living in this nation from ancient times. Often called demons or spirits, they are harmful to humans. The one and only power to fight them off is your supernatural ability. So where are these Grotesqueries? Why train if we're never called to fight? That is why we need to prepare for them so whenever they show up... Huh? Whoa! Uh. Oh. Ahh... With the passage of time, the number of Grotesqueries have diminished. So now, we are rarely mobilized to eradicate them. That's why serious damage and confusion are assumed to occur from such incidents. I expect you to be ready to take the lead and fight the Grotesqueries when the time comes. Yes, sir! Yes, sir! Come in. Commander, I've brought the papers you asked for. I noticed you were exceptionally fired up for that newcomer training. Oh? Not in a good mood today? Can you hear me? Hello? Commander Kudo? Hmm? Could it be that another fiancée has fled your house... Stop yapping and get out of here already. I nailed it, didn't I? Do you want to be burned?

Oops. You seem especially irritable today. Well then. If you would excuse me. Young Master, are you listening? Yeah, I hear you. You really shouldn't have treated her in that way. Ms. Miyo made a serious effort to prepare a meal for you. I can't imagine her putting poison in your food. It's rare for Yurie to defend someone to that extent. I can't believe I'm thinking about this. I must concentrate more on my work. I can't believe I made such a blunder so soon after moving in. If the rumors about my husband-to-be are true, maybe I can't stay here anymore. Your room is ready, Koji. From today, use it as you like. Thank you very much. You need to start preparing to enter this family. The days ahead might get busy. I expect your best efforts. Y-Yes. Where should we move this? Move it into my sister's room, please. Good evening, Kaya. Oh, it's you, Koji. I can move that for you, if you'd like. It must be heavy. You're kind to other servants too, not just Big Sister. It's so like you. Miyo lived in a room like this? If Miyo is thrown out of the Kudo family with nowhere to go, I want to be the one who she feels safe with. Hey, Koji! Can I ask you to move this too? Yeah, I'll be right there. There must be something only I can do. Welcome home, sir. I... What is it? I want to apologize for this morning. I overstepped my position. A man of your status couldn't possibly eat something prepared by one you don't trust. I should have known better. Everything for supper tonight was prepared by Ms. Yurie. On my word, I put no poison in it. Please... It wasn't that I seriously suspected you. I just didn't feel like eating food prepared by a stranger. I'm truly sorry. It's cold. I'm sorry. You don't have to apologize for that. It seems you keep apologizing as if it's natural to do so. Why? You're not answering me, are you? I'm sorry... Don't apologize. If you apologize too much, it loses its meaning. Did you eat yet? Uh, well I... Why didn't you make a meal for yourself? Yurie went home already, right? Yes. Didn't Yurie make a meal for you too? That's not it. I didn't have an appetite, so I told her that I didn't need anything. Are you not feeling well? Don't mind me. It's nothing. All right. As you wish. I'm done. Um, then I'll get the bath ready... I'll do it myself. But... I always do it myself. Instead of making a fire to heat up the water, it's easier if I use my supernatural ability to get hot water. Don't try to do unnecessary things. Since I don't have supernatural abilities, I can't even draw a bath in this house. I... am not useful for anything. Do you have a minute? Y-Yes. Sorry for not eating your breakfast today. Yurie said she'll be a little late tomorrow morning. You're in charge of breakfast tomorrow. Oh, me? If you really attempt to put poison in it, you're done. Of course, I won't! No problem, then. No problem, sir. The bath is still hot. You should go in before it gets cold. Uh, um... Thank you... very much. I couldn't properly thank him. I'm aware of the bad rumors about Young Master, but actually, he is a kind man. He gave me a chance to make up for my failure. I really can't mess it up tomorrow. Hana! Hana! Ms. Miyo, what's the matter? They're gone! Heirlooms from Mother, her cherry blossom kimono... All gone! What? Why in the world...? It must be Stepmom Kanoko. I'll go and get them back. But if you confront her alone, there's no telling what she'll do. It'll be all right. I'll tell Father if anything happens.

You sure are the daughter of that conniving thief. Accusing me of stealing? Your attitude is unbelievably rotten. What rubbish. You still had this, huh? No, don't! That's Mother's... Think about what you did. Don't show your face until you're sorry. Close the door. Let me out! Somebody! Father! Father! Mrs. Saimori, Mr. Saimori, please don't! Silence! Who do you think you are? Servant! But it's cruel to Ms. Miyo... Hana... You know what happens when you challenge me, don't you? Let me out... Somebody, help me... Again. A bad dream. I wonder what Hana is doing now? After she was fired because of that day, I never met her even once. I hope she is happy and doing well. This is also nearing the end of its life. Oh, Ms. Miyo. Good morning. Ms. Yurie? I see you're up pretty early today, too. Yes. Um, weren't you going to be late today? Well, I came early today because I was concerned about what happened yesterday. I'll take care of breakfast, so why don't you relax in the living room? Well, actually... Oh my, is that what Young Master said? If he wanted to eat your cooking, he should have said so. Well, I don't think that's what this is about... But I'm just not so sure of myself. Then Ms. Miyo, why don't you let me help you? Oh, please do. I wonder if this is the right flavor... That's beautiful. I make it all the time. So I'm used to making it fast. But, there's no guarantee of the taste. It looks delicious. As a servant, it's an honor to hear a compliment from a good cook like you. Will he really eat this meal prepared by someone like me? This is my last chance. Now, Young Master should be getting up soon. Would you please bring the breakfast to the other room? Certainly. Good morning. Good morning, sir. Well, let's eat. You should eat too. I-I'm sor... I mean... I will eat too. It's good. It tastes a little different from how Yurie makes it, but not bad. Oh, thank you very much. Why are you crying? I-I'm sorry... I told you not to apologize. Yes, sir. When was the last time I was praised, or accepted by someone like this? Her background is a mystery. She wears such rags that can't even be called old clothes. Her body is so thin that she must have had a troubled life. Her hands look so worn from housework. Is she really from a prominent family? Yurie. Maybe she wasn't raised as a typical daughter from a prominent family. I know what you mean. Yes. Do you think she would tell us if we asked her? That might be difficult. You should discreetly keep an eye on her. I'll do what I can to look into the Saimori family. Very well. How unusual, Young Master. You seem to be interested in this fiancée. Interested? You know, Ms. Miyo might not like you if you can't express your true feelings. She can dislike me all she wants. Most of the women who came here were after wealth or status from the start. I think Ms. Miyo will be a fine wife for you, Young Master. Why do you seem so sure? Anyway, I'm counting on you. Leave it up to me. The Saimori family... There aren't a lot of bloodlines with supernatural abilities. I hope there won't be bad news that comes out. Hey! What are you doing breaking your promise? Don't you understand the value that girl has? What are you talking about? Miyo is none of your business. Stop messing around! You made a firm promise that Miyo, who has the blood of the Usuba family, will be given to the Tatsuishi family!

While Kiyoka takes Miyo out to town, he quickly notices that she behaves very differently from other wealthy daughters he's encountered. Are you getting used to living here? Yes. What do you do during the day? Don't you have too much free time if housework is all you do? Well... I read magazines Ms. Yurie lends me, and I sew some things. Actually, I'm thinking of going into town this weekend. All right. What should I do about preparing your lunch and supper? You're coming too. We're going together. Pardon? You haven't been to town once since you came here, have you? That's true. Don't you want to go? Um... What? I can't go. I don't have a reason to go, and I'll be a bother to you. You won't be a bother, and you don't need a reason to go. B-But won't I be in the way? You won't be in the way at all. You can wear the same furisode you wore when you came here. Is anything else worrying you? No. Be ready to go, then. Thanks for the meal. Sir... At that moment I didn't have any idea what my husband-to-be was thinking. Thus, our first date was suddenly scheduled. [MY HAPPY MARRIAGE] [EPISODE 3] [OUR FIRST DATE] Oh. Ms. Miyo, may I come in? Y-Yes, please. How are your preparations going, Ms. Miyo? Um, fine. Please don't hesitate to use this mirror. How ill-matched we are. Ms. Miyo? Wouldn't you like to put on some makeup? I... I haven't tried using makeup so much. Oh, then leave it up to me. B-But I don't own any makeup or tools. You don't have to worry. Here. I have all the tools you need. This is so nice. Although I don't have anything new and fancy, I'm sure this would look beautiful on you. I'll start applying the face powder, so would you please close your eyes for a bit? There. It's done. I wonder how Young Master will react when he sees how pretty you are, Ms. Miyo. Are you about ready yet? I'll be right there. Pardon me for keeping you waiting. Sir? Uh, no. You didn't keep me waiting. Sorry to have rushed you. It's all right. Shall we go? Yes. Sir, where are we going today? Oh, didn't I tell you? We're going to my workplace first. Huh? Don't get so nervous. I'm just parking the car there before we go into town. I... I see. So this is where he works... Let's go now. Yes. Could it be? Godo. So it is you, Commander. Aren't you off duty today? Yeah, I just came to park my car here. Oh, I see. Uh? Um... Hmm? And, who might this be? My companion. Don't pry into my private life. Whoa! Commander has a companion? That never happens! And such a beautiful companion at that. Hey. Huh? I said don't pry into my private life. Didn't you hear me? Oops. Excuse me. Stop fooling around and get back to your post right now. Yes, sir! Have a nice day, sir. Good grief... He's my close aide, Godo. Despite his behavior, he does have superior supernatural abilities... although I'm reluctant to admit it. Okay. Is there anywhere you want to go? Huh? Don't you have something you need or want to buy? N-No. Nothing in particular... What should I do? I can't think of anything I want at all. Nothing? Then, you should accompany me for my shopping. Certainly. Are you enjoying yourself? I-I'm sorry. I shouldn't have gotten so enamored with the scenery... Don't worry about it. You can

enjoy the scenery all you want. Nobody here disapproves, including me. But... You don't have to think about causing any inconvenience. I'm the one who asked you to come into town with me. Got it? Yes. Just pay attention and don't get lost. I'll be careful. Good. How is he rumored to be a cold and merciless man? Look at how kind he is. We had a deal, didn't we? What deal? Don't play dumb! Why did you give Miyo to the Kudo family? I asked you to let her marry our eldest son. Oh, that deal. At the same time, we had a marriage offer from the Kudo family we couldn't refuse. Miyo's mother is from that Usuba family. But Miyo didn't inherit supernatural abilities. Even so, Miyo might have children who inherit supernatural abilities. You're that desperate to obtain the Usuba family's powers, aren't you? You know the Usuba family's powers are said to be exceptional! If the Kudo family gets even more powerful, our positions will be in danger. Kudo will surely get rid of Miyo when he finds out she doesn't have abilities. When that happens, you can go ahead and bring her into your family. Tsk. She'd be thankful and crying with joy if you picked her up. No matter how much he loves his younger daughter, he must be insane to want to abandon Miyo. Miyo could be the goose that lays the golden eggs. So are we in agreement that the Saimori family will have no say in Miyo's future? Yes. We basically abandoned that child. I'm not interested in her future, regardless of whether she lives or dies. I see. Understood. It will be us, the Tatsuishi family, that will have Miyo Saimori as our own. I'm not letting the Kudo family take her from us. Hey, you. Y-Yes. What's Father talking about with him? I don't know the details, but it seems they are discussing Ms. Miyo. What? Why did Big Sister's name come up? I-I'm sorry, Ms. Kaya. Kaya, you shouldn't raise your voice like that. Koji, are you trying to lecture me? Uh... Why do Father and Mr. Tatsuishi have to talk about Big Sister now? Don't let it bother you so much. I know! Since it's such a nice day, why don't we go out shopping? That department store opened last week. Didn't you want to go? I guess we could go. There's nothing else to do anyway. There's a new shop in Nakamichi. I heard the shop has... Koji probably still has feelings for Big Sister. For all we know, she might already be dead at the Kudo family residence. Gosh. How annoying. [SUZUSHIMAYA KIMONO SHOP] This shop is called Suzushimaya. Our Kudo family has been their loyal customer for years. I heard they've made garments for the Emperor. That is very impressive. Welcome to our shop, Mr. Kudo. I need your help today. We've already selected some fabrics based on your request. Please come inside. Right. Mr. Kudo, I see you've finally... It's not what it seems, really. You don't have to be embarrassed. You've never brought a lady here before. Well, that is true. But... Young Master, have you noticed? Ms. Miyo seems to be mending her old clothes herself. I was going to say something, but I don't think she wanted us to know. She wears worn-out clothes like a poor rural farmer. Probably the only proper kimono she has is the one she's wearing now. She hardly owns anything that a girl of her age who comes from a prominent family should have. Mr. Kudo. Oh, excuse me. What would look good on her? I think that

soft colors like these would suit the lady. Also these, and in these combinations. How about that one? Oh yes. That's a very fine fabric, too. But it takes a while to tailor the kimono, so the season might be a little off. I see. It would be perfect... on her. What would you prefer? Uh, yes. Make one with this. And also some using the selections you made would be nice. Very well, sir. How about this? Do you want to take this home today? Yes. I'll take it now. By the way, Mr. Kudo. What is it? Don't ever let go of that lady. She's like a diamond in the rough with a myriad of opportunities to shine. The items you bought today are only the beginning. With your love and wealth, you must polish her and never let her go. And then... And then? You'll have the enjoyment of dressing a beautiful lady without hesitation! Oh... Good lord. Mother. [SWEETS SHOP] How is it? Um, it's good. Your expression doesn't really say so. I-I do think so. I never see you smile. Oh. I'm sorry. No, I'm not accusing you. It's just that... I kind of want to see you smile a little. Oh? Sir, I think you are a bit strange. Please forgive me for saying something brazen. I'm not angry at you at all. So don't cower like that. But... You and I are supposed to get married if all goes well. I think it's better if we are able to say whatever we want. I'll be happier if you express your honest opinions to me, instead of apologies. Supposed to get married... He probably still doesn't know that I don't have supernatural abilities. I must tell him myself someday. But now I can't help but hope. I'm hoping I can stay with him as long as I can. I'll accept any punishment for it later. So please, let this last a little longer until I can take responsibility. Until that day... Oh, Young Master. Ms. Miyo is taking a bath. Yurie, why are you still here? "Still here?" Isn't that a bit rude? What is that? S-Sir! Is this...? Settle down and just accept it. I can't accept such an expensive gift. There's nothing to worry about. But... Don't worry. Sir... It was you who put it there, right? A comb as a gift has the meaning of a marriage proposal. This one doesn't mean anything special. You're asking her to marry you, aren't you? It's only a comb. I'm saying it doesn't mean anything. Of course, you're right. Ms. Miyo has been using a half-broken comb. Young Master giving her a new comb at this time is nothing special. Ms. Miyo is different from any other woman who has come to this house. I can't agree with you more, Young Master. Like I said, it doesn't mean that... I'm sure Ms. Miyo will be very happy. Anyway, just go ahead and use it. Thank you very much, sir. I'll take good care of it while I'm using it. I guess it's a common domestic squabble in a family of supernatural abilities. Nevertheless, it's excessive. At least it's not behavior expected from a prominent family. Kanoko Saimori, her stepmother, must have held a huge grudge. She and Shinichi Saimori were lovers, but his family forced him to marry and have a child with another woman. They were the worst parents. What about the main issue? Yeah. As you assumed, Miyo Saimori doesn't have supernatural abilities. But her sister Kaya already had Spirit-Sight when she was three. That was probably when they started to treat Miyo, the elder sister, badly. Oppressed by her stepmother and younger sister, without love from her birth father. She grew up all alone in that family. I bet buying her a

new kimono is not nearly enough to heal the wounds of her heart. Oh, by the way, there's one thing that concerns me. Shinichi's first wife, the birth mother of Miyo Saimori apparently came from the Usuba family. What? It was surprising. I didn't think the Usuba family actually existed. The Usuba family bloodline has the supernatural ability to interfere with the human mind. Is that information accurate? Yeah. Miyo Saimori's mother's name was Sumi Usuba. I couldn't find out how she entered into the Saimori family. Good grief... I truly feel like I'm not myself ever since she arrived. How foolish. Such nonsense. These are mere simple shiki-gami. Who could possibly be behind this?

To surprise Kiyoka with a handmade gift, Miyo goes into town to shop for some material. Meanwhile, Kiyoka pays Miyo's parents a visit. Mo... ther. Wait. Please wait, Shinichi. You have it wrong. What am I wrong about, Sumi? About Miyo... No supernatural abilities. She's not showing any signs of them at all. Please don't give up on Miyo. If we were a mediocre family without supernatural abilities, perhaps I could have loved Miyo. I'm sorry, Miyo. Since I don't have much time left, I will not be able to protect you. But I have no doubt you'll be all right. Once you grow up a little bit more, then... Mother... [MY HAPPY MARRIAGE] [EPISODE 4] [THE GIFT] Ms. Yurie. Is anything the matter, Ms. Miyo? Um, may I ask you something, Ms. Yurie? Certainly. Actually, I wanted to give a gift to my husband-to-be. Oh my! Um, shouldn't I do the dishes? Don't worry about that now. It's more important to think about what to give to the Young Master. I only have a very small budget. I don't know if I can buy a gift he would like. You won't need to buy anything expensive if you can make him something by hand. Something by hand? Yes. How about something he uses daily? He would surely love anything you make by hand, Ms. Miyo. Do you... think so? Yes. Me making something by hand... That's a nice kumihimo cord. It's pretty. I think... I'd like to make this. Um, sir? What is it? Would it be alright if I went out for a while today? Why? Well, there's something I want to buy. Are you going alone? No, with Ms. Yurie. I could accompany you on another day. No, there's no need for that. I see. Be careful when you go out. Don't follow strangers. Yes, sir. Also, take this with you when you go out. What's this? It's an amulet. Oh, thank you very much. You must keep it with you at all times, understood? Y-Yes, sir. Do you really understand? O-Of course I do. I'm going now. Have a nice day. He gave me an amulet just for going out. He's being overprotective. Mr. Koji. Ms. Kaya has arrived. If you show up with a disgruntled expression like that, your fiancée will become upset. Big brother! What are you doing here? It must be hard sucking up to Kaya Saimori. I'm not enjoying it. I'm impressed as always, Koji, with you being dutiful and obedient. This is what I have to endure because you're always playing around. Why don't you stop goofing off and act more like the eldest... You're too kind, which makes you unkind. What the hell... Wow! There's so many to choose from. I wonder what color will look good on him? This might suit him. Thank you very much. I'm

glad you found a good color. Yes. I'm looking forward to braiding it. Oh, I just remembered. We are out of salt. Should I go buy some? No, no. It's my job to buy salt. Please wait for me here, Ms. Miyo. Oh! Isn't that Big Sister? Kaya... It's been a long time, Big Sister Miyo. We've been waiting for you, Mr. Kudo. Thank you for welcoming me on such short notice. We're honored that you came here in spite of your busy schedule. So, what brings you here today? It's about your daughter, Miyo. Miyo? What about Miyo? I'm planning to officially get engaged and marry her in the future. I... see. Therefore, I feel that we should make clear the relationship between our families. What do you mean by relationship? Ordinarily, marriages of our kind are established according to mutual interests. However, I feel hesitant to giving anything to your family with this marriage. What are you... Don't you realize? I know what you did to Miyo. I know practically all of it. How surprising that you're still alive, Big Sister. Oh, but... since you're still wearing those undignified clothes, Mr. Kudo must have abandoned you. Poor Big Sister. I... I wasn't... Stop it, Kaya. Well, I guess it couldn't be helped. There's no way a good-for-nothing like you would be matched with someone like him. It's only natural you were thrown out of the house. You should feel lucky you're still alive. That's enough. Let's go, Kaya. Keep quiet, Koji. You experienced things that made you wish you were dead, didn't you? Although I can't even imagine what that was like. I will pay you the betrothal money, but only under one condition. Give Miyo an earnest apology, face to face. Apologize? I won't force you if you don't want to. We'll just cut ties with you in that case. If you need money, just ask. If you get down on your knees and beg, I'll see what I can do. You're being silent like that... It takes me back. Wherever you go, you never change, Big Sister. I... I'm very... sorry... Ms. Miyo. Pardon me for keeping you waiting. Are they acquaintances of yours? Hello. My name is Kaya Saimori. I appreciate you helping my big sister. Are you one of her fellow workers? I couldn't possibly be a fellow worker of Ms. Miyo. Ms. Miyo is the future wife of Mr. Kiyoka Kudo. Future... wife? Yes. Excuse me for not introducing myself. My name is Yurie. I work as a maid for Ms. Miyo. Oh my goodness. Mr. Kudo is a kind man, or a rare kind of man. I was convinced that he had let her go. Rumors are not reliable, are they? Well then, if you would excuse us, we have other errands to do. Let's go home, Ms. Miyo. An apology... Can you give us a little time to think about it? Understood. But I won't wait too long. Ms. Miyo, I'll prepare some tea presently. No thank you, I'm fine. Ms. Miyo? Thank you for coming with me today. You should rest now too, Ms. Yurie. I hate it... I hate myself for being this way. How could he be satisfied with a wife like her? I think Mr. Kudo is very strange. Did we have company? What a beautiful man. I'm home. Welcome home, sir. What's the matter? Nothing. Nothing in particular. When meeting her sister from the Saimori family, Ms. Miyo looked very distressed. She's just been moping since we came home. I'm sorry this happened on my watch. I see. It's me. Can I talk to you for a minute? Just remember this one thing. What's worrying you now is not going to matter after a while. So don't take it so seriously. If there's anything

you want to say to me, I'm always here to listen. I'm... very sorry, sir. What can I do to give her some confidence? The answer is simple, Young Master. A woman builds confidence by being loved. Being loved... It's not that difficult. All you have to do is express to her just how much you care about her. If you engage with her sincerely with all your heart, she will certainly understand how you feel. I'm done braiding the kumihimo cord, but I could never give it to him now. Ms. Miyo. May I open the door? Yes. Come in. You have company. It's really been a long time, Ms. Miyo. Hana! I'm glad to see you're doing well. You too, Hana. I'm so happy to see you're well. I got married. And I have a child now. I live a modest, happy life. That's wonderful. For a long time, I've wanted to see you happy and smiling. From that day... when I was forbidden to be beside you, I lived at my family home. Are you happy now, Ms. Miyo? I don't deserve it... Because... I don't have supernatural abilities. Not even Spirit-Sight. So I don't deserve to be his wife... I don't deserve to be happy! Do you know how I was brought here to meet you? The first time I received a letter from him, I was very surprised. To me, he lives in another world. Ms. Miyo, Mr. Kudo is a good man, isn't he? [TO HANA KANAO] [KIYOKA KUDO] Sir? Why? Did he already know everything? I thought I wasn't worthy because I don't have supernatural abilities, unlike Kaya. I was scared to lose my happiness by revealing this fact to him. I was sure that if he found out the truth, I would be abandoned. I thought my happiness would disappear. I... I was stuck with my assumptions. Ms. Miyo, Mr. Kudo wrote me a letter to help you while fully aware of your situation. So all you have to do is have a little bit of courage. It's all right. I know you are capable. Thank you, Hana. I'll try... I'll give it my best. Sir. What is it, so suddenly? Sir. There's something I... couldn't tell you this whole time. I don't have... supernatural abilities. I don't have Spirit-Sight. At home, I was working as a servant. I'm not capable of doing what a girl from a noble family is expected to do. I purposely kept this fact from you because of my shame. If you tell me to die, I'll die. If you tell me to leave here, I'll leave. I'll do so right away. I wanted to thank you for going into town with me, giving me a comb, and so many other things I'm grateful for. I made this myself to express my gratitude. I don't mind if you discard or burn it if you don't need it. Now I've told you everything that I needed to say. Will you please tell me your decision, sir? How long are you going to do that? I need you to stay with me, because soon, we're going to get formally engaged. Don't you want to keep living here with me? I... I do... I want to stay here, with your permission, sir. Permission? I'm the one who wants you to be here. Nobody but me. S-Sir. Sorry. It's all right. It's a beautiful color. Miyo, would you tie my hair with this? Yes. It's done. Thank you. I'll use it with care. Hana. Thank you so, so much. If I hadn't met you... If you hadn't said those words to me... I would still be sitting alone in my room. I'm honored to have been of help. I'm glad we could talk, too. Goodbye. Godo, take good care of her. Yes, sir. Mr. Kudo. Thank you very much for inviting me today. Ms. Miyo, I wish you much happiness. Don't worry. You'll be able to see her any time. Sir.

Thank you very much. Don't mention it. Miyo is getting along well with Kudo? We must do something fast in order to make her ours. But what? I know. That girl is the answer. She'll dance for us like a puppet on a string.

Engulfed with jealousy, Kaya tries to thwart Miyo's engagement to Kiyoka. Miyo leaves the house and forgets to bring the good luck charm Kiyoka gave her. Will you look at that? The color is perfect too. It matches your complexion. I can't wait till you try it on. It's the color of cherry blossoms, like the kimono my mother used to wear. It suits you very well. Don't you think so, Young Master? Uh-huh. But sir? I can't possibly take all of these nice pieces of kimono. It's to say thanks for the hair string. Just accept them. Okay. It was Mr. Kudo himself who chose this pattern for you. I'm happy for you, Ms. Miyo. Yes. Thank you very much. [MY HAPPY MARRIAGE] [EPISODE 5] [RIPPLES] I never thought she would win the heart of Kudo. That's quite a feat. Mr. Tatsuishi, is that some kind of joke? It's no joke. It's the truth about your older sister. Don't you want to know how Miyo is doing now? That man... It's the man I saw that time. As you can see... Miyo is getting along well with Kiyoka Kudo. This man is Kiyoka Kudo? I still can't believe his bride will be that girl, Miyo. Honestly, it's causing a problem with our plan. We wanted her to be Kazushi's wife. I won't forgive her! Shinichi didn't want you, his beloved daughter, to marry into a family with a bad reputation like the Kudo family, I'm sure. I'm going to go ask Father. You're concerned too, aren't you? Y-Yes. Leave it to me. My father can't say no to me. What a foolish girl. Thanks to her, I don't need to do anything. My husband-to-be arranged for me to have a meeting with Hana. To show my gratitude, I decided to have a dinner party and invite Mr. Godo as well. Boy, am I excited to see Ms. Miyo again! You'd better behave yourself. Aren't you on night patrol from tomorrow? Wow, Ms. Miyo's cooking... I wonder what we're having? Don't say her name like that! Why? Are you jealous? Of course not. I just had a momentary urge for violence. Which is basically jealousy. Did you say something? Uh, no, nothing. Ready. Hurry up and get out! Hey, you don't have to be so rough! I'll tell Ms. Miyo on you! Ow... It's all right if you disappear now. Give me a break... Welcome home, sir. Whoa, Ms. Miyo! Mr. Godo, welcome to our home too. Wow. You look especially beautiful today. Sir, I... You're so... beautiful. You look good in that kimono. Maybe I should go home after all. Oh, pardon me, Mr. Godo. Please come in. Big Sister, happier than me? I will never... ever allow it. Thank you for the meal! It's delicious! It's really good! Please help yourself. To think of being able to eat Ms. Miyo's delicious cooking every day! I'm jealous of you, Commander. Oh, I want to try this too. So good! Mr. Godo, shall I pour you some? Oh, thank you very much. Mr. Godo, thank you for helping me meet with Hana the other day. Um, all I did was drive her here and back. But you did use your precious time for somebody like me. I truly appreciate your kindness. Ms. Miyo! I'm happy because nobody has ever said anything like this to me before! Why don't you leave the fiendish

commander and marry me? Godo! What the hell?! I'm just kidding. Um, Mr. Godo. I appreciate your offer, but I prefer my husband-to-be. I'm so sorry. I didn't think you'd take it seriously... I guess the fiendish commander is a human after all. Did you say something? Uh, no, nothing. Good grief. He definitely had too much to drink. And he's aware that it's going to get busy. Was this dinner a problem for you? No, no. It's not that. Well, it was surprising when you said you wanted to invite Godo for dinner. Were you able to accomplish what you wanted? Yes. Thanks to you, I was able to show my gratitude to Mr. Godo. Thank you very much. Why? It doesn't matter. Forget about Miyo. But I'm the one more worthy to marry into the Kudo family. You just can't. Why? Why won't you listen to what I have to say? Kaya. If you have too much free time, be good and go do some training to become a good wife. Father! You're different from her. You must always be superior to her. Koji? Huh? Why are you here this late at night? Listen, Koji. Wouldn't you rather get engaged to Big Sister? Stay away. Help me. Help... Help me... Stay away... Help... Help... Think about what you did. Don't show your face until you're sorry. Miyo. Remnants of supernatural ability...? But there's no sign of the barrier being broken. What does it mean? I'm so... sorry. Miyo, wake up! Are you all right? Huh? Sir? You were groaning in your sleep. Were you having a bad dream or something? A dream... You don't have to force yourself to remember. If anything unusual occurs, don't hesitate to tell me. Okay. Remember. No matter what happens, I will always be there for you. Understood, sir. Wouldn't you rather get engaged to Big Sister? Mr. Tatsuishi said he'll cooperate. You'll cooperate too, of course, right? What are Kaya and my father thinking? There, done. He's going to be so happy. The Young Master tends not to bother with meals when he's busy. He's probably famished by now. I hope he doesn't mind me going to his workplace. It'll be all right. As soon as you're ready, we should bring these to him together. Yes. Ms. Miyo? Yes. Why don't you bring this drawstring pouch today? The Young Master chose this pattern so it would match that kimono. It's pretty. I think you should use it. The Young Master would love to see it. I will use it. Thank you. Okay then, shall we go? I think we should hurry a bit, so as not to be late for lunchtime. Y-Yes. Father. Do you have a minute? Yes, what is it? Oh, Koji. Kaya. Why are you here? Why? I'm here to trade fiancés with Big Sister. Will you stop kidding around? Kidding? I'm not kidding. I know you like Big Sister better than me. Your father didn't give permission, right? There's no way it would happen without his consent. But what if Big Sister herself agrees to it? What are you up to? Well, you'll see. Just trust me. All you have to do is watch. Miyo. Yurie. What are both of you doing here? Good day, sir. Sorry to bother you at work. Well, I was worried you hadn't eaten properly. So I brought you lunch. Oh, right. That's helpful. It must have been tough walking here under the blazing sun. Do you want to take a rest inside? No thank you. I appreciate it, but I don't want to be in your way, so I'll go home. Okay. We'll be going, then. Miyo, do you have the amulet with you? Yes, I have it in here. Good. I just wanted to make sure. Commander Kudo! I'll be right there! I

would have liked to drive you home, but I don't have time at the moment. It's okay. I'm sorry to have bothered you when you're busy. No worries. Take care going home, you two. The Young Master was being shy, wasn't he? Ms. Miyo? What's the matter? Well, I... um... I seemed to have left the amulet at home. Oh dear! It must be because I rushed you. No, I was not mindful enough. I promised him I would always bring it with me. Ms. Miyo, we must go straight home, without delay. Yes. I can't believe I messed up. That was a precious amulet that he gave me. I was so excited about my new pouch that I forgot about the amulet. Ms. Yurie! Ms. Miyo! Ms. Yurie! Ms. Miyo! Ms. Miyo! Kaya, Father, what are you trying to do to Miyo? We're going to make Big Sister turn down the marriage offer from Mr. Kudo. Right, Mr. Tatsuishi? You know we can't just stand by in this situation. Anyway, I'll be waiting for you at the Saimori house. It's the only way to get that girl. I have no choice. After all this time? Why? This is a matter between families. Miyo being isolated in her family was beneficial to us, the Tatsuishi family. What the hell...? You wouldn't understand. I would do anything for the continuance of our family. It's my duty as the head of the Tatsuishi family. Unforgivable... So all this time... you looked the other way on Miyo being treated awfully for your own advantage? I won't forgive you! Oh? Do you intend to fight me using supernatural ability? I don't want to hear anything from you anymore. It's futile. Stop it now. I won't let you have your way with Miyo's life anymore! Wha...? Impressive. I didn't know you had this much power. Huh? Why won't it...? Move! You idiot. There's no way a barely trained novice like you can withstand my power. If you think you can defy me, stay there on the floor and sleep it off. Damn... Why? Let's go. Yes, sir. Koji. If you want something, you have to select the means to get it. You're perpetually second-rate because you never have any strategy. I am an idiot. Are you going to face down like that and wait for time to pass again? Big Brother... Damn it. I couldn't do anything again. I can't even win against Father. I'm still so immature. Then, are you going to give up? Of course, it's easier not to get involved in complicated matters. But why did you stand up to him in the first place? Go wash your face. Someone is waiting for you, right? Miyo. I'm not going to give up. I've got to save Miyo... I'm sorry, Young Master. Miyo was kidnapped?! I was supposed to keep an eye on her. I'm so sorry! What about the amulet? She must have had it with her. Actually... She realized she hadn't brought it with her after we left you. Ms. Miyo... I know who did it, in all likelihood. I know where Miyo must be... Hey! There's no trespassing here! Let me go! I've come to meet Mr. Kudo! Commander! Mr. Kudo! I know I'm out of line to ask you something like this. But, please. I can't save Miyo alone...

Miyo wakes up to her sister and stepmother threatening her. Together with Koji, Kiyoka arrives at the Saimori home and demands to see his fiancée. Where am I...? Huh? Somebody... Somebody, help me! Somebody! Ah, you're awake already, Big Sister. How are you feeling? Did you have a good dream? [MY HAPPY MARRIAGE] [EPISODE 6] [

DETERMINATION AND THUNDER] We need to go faster! Being impatient like that won't make things better. You should calm down a little. You're awfully calm for someone whose fiancée was kidnapped. We have no idea what she's going through. Are you sure of her whereabouts? Yes. I'm certain Miyo is... at the Saimori house. Since you took so long to come to, I thought your heart finally stopped. W-Why are you doing this to me? You are very irritating. You should have stayed a servant or died in a ditch somewhere. You should know your place! I order you to reject Mr. Kudo's marriage proposal right now. Listen carefully. You must tell him directly that you reject his offer. After all, being a wife to Mr. Kudo is too much of a burden for you, I think. That pretty kimono you're wearing, for example... Don't you think it's out of step with your position? Say, won't you promise us that you'll reject his marriage proposal? Otherwise, I will have to remake this precious kimono of yours... to match your lowly position, Big Sister. Since you got him to buy you such an expensive kimono, it should be easy for you to scrap the marriage proposal. Once I get engaged to Mr. Kudo, I'll give Koji back to you. Well, Big Sister? What are you going to say to Mr. Kudo? No... No? Stop it... No! That's incorrect. Don't! Those are not the words I want to hear. Let me hear from your mouth, Big Sister. Say that you'll reject his marriage offer. Why? Why is this happening? It would be easy for me to give up now. But this... this is the one thing I don't want to give away to anyone. What's the matter? Did you lose your voice? You are so useless, Big Sister. I can't... I can't give in... to a demand like that. I won't do it. Don't defy us! You little... Mother? Leave it to me. Like I thought, the floor suits you better, Big Sister. Hey. You're a failure, aren't you? Unlike me, you have neither Spirit-Sight nor any redeeming qualities. An embarrassment to the family like you can't possibly be Mr. Kudo's wife. It was a mistake from the start. Hey! Open the gate! Don't you think this'll be good for you? You'll have this Saimori house and Koji as your own. Isn't that what you've wanted all along, Big Sister? I... I am the one... I'm the fiancée... I'm the fiancée of Kiyoka Kudo. I'll never give that up. What the... Enough is enough! You owe me for raising you till now. But you bite the hand that fed you as soon as you left to marry, huh? My, such a nasty child! I'm not gonna let someone like you ruin my life! If it was me from the past, I would have apologized... just to let the storm pass... That's how I lived. It was easier that way. But I don't want to give up. I'm not the person I used to be who couldn't do anything. I want to go back... to where my husband-to-be is. Hey, stand back a little. Whoa. What a poor loser you are! What was that?! What the... I can't believe it. Let's go. Huh? Uh, right! What's going on?! Mr. Kudo! Stop! Explain this to me! Where is Miyo, Mr. Saimori? Miyo? If this is about Miyo, she won't be returning to the Kudo house any longer. Father! How could you...? Kiyoka Kudo. I didn't expect you here so quickly. Where is my fiancée? Miyo won't see you anymore. She said she's not going back. I'll verify her will by asking her myself. If you can't answer me, get out of my way. I refuse. If you're forcing your way in, we won't just silently sit back and watch. Then, I will use force to enter. W-Wait! What in

the world is going on, Tatsuishi? Ask your daughter later. The main gate was blown to pieces. If you let him in, the whole house might get destroyed. If that bothers you, then you must lend a hand. Hah! Hah! He's the head of the Kudo family all right. They're just wasting time. Is he a genuine monster...? You're in the way. Move. They're no match for him. Their power is like babies in comparison. So this demonstrates... the potential of the most powerful supernatural ability of today... What was that sound? I'm tired of your behavior! Hurry up and say it! Say that you'll reject the Kudo family's offer! No, I won't. You brat! I'm telling you to remember your place! I'll never surrender to you. For my husband-to-be who believes in me, I'll stand my ground! Miyo... A storehouse? Yes. There is an old storehouse that's rarely used now. Perhaps Miyo was taken there. Show me the way to it. Yes. Don't let him go there! Father! Using fire in a place like this? How could you be so foolish? This is dreadful... I won't let you take Miyo! That's enough. I just knocked him unconscious. Let's hurry. Why is this happening? Say it already! Say that you won't marry him! Now! In the past, I was just waiting for my time to die. Every single day brought more suffering and sadness. I was tired of living with my emotions shut off. There wasn't any place where I belonged. That's what I always thought. But... I was wrong. I'm the one who wants you to be here. This was the place where I belonged. Next to him. Say it! Hurry up! I won't... I'll never say it... Say it! I will be... by his side... Mr. Kudo? Miyo! Oh... He really came for me. Sir... I... never gave up, sir. Miyo. Sir... You'll be okay now. You came all the way here for someone like me. Thank you... very much. What's with all this noise? No... This can't be. No! What were you doing to her until now? She had no way to resist. What were you trying to achieve by hurting her this much? I didn't do anything wrong. All I wanted to do was to correct a mistake, that's it. A mistake? Big Sister doesn't have Spirit-Sight, her appearance is scrawny, and she was even incompetent as a servant. It must be a mistake for a person like that to be accepted into your family. My father and mother both say that I'm the best one. They say I'm nothing like Big Sister. I'm superior in every way to... Shut up. I don't want to hear any more nonsense from you. Why? Why don't you understand? It's not fair! I've heard enough of your stupid bragging. There's not a chance in hell I would choose an arrogant woman like you. Get out of the way. How... How can this happen? Kaya, we should evacuate too. I wasn't wrong. Let go! Just leave me alone! Be quiet! What are you doing? Big Sister is the one you love, right? You don't care about me. Just flee on your own! Yeah, you're right. The one I care for is Miyo! But Miyo would lament your death if you die, even if it's you. It would leave another painful scar on her. And it would be because of you... no, because of us. That's why I'm not leaving here without you. My, you've grown, Miyo. Mother! I'm sorry you had to go through so much hardship because of me. You have to believe in yourself. Believe in the power you have inside you. The power... inside me? Atrocious. Obnoxious. Such an annoyance. That useless Tatsuishi. At this rate, the Usuba blood will be possessed by the Kudo family. Your Majesty. I would like to

ask for your permission. Please give us the opportunity to fulfill our long-cherished wish. So that the thing is placed where it belongs... The situation will change soon. I authorize your action. However, do not get the timing wrong. Yes, Your Majesty. Then as discussed, we will commence the plan. Do not fail to crush that supernatural ability. Sir... Miyo! Sir! Yes, it's me. Don't push yourself. Stay in bed. Um... But... Are you really all right? Yes. Uh, sir... This all happened because I was not careful enough... It wasn't your fault. Not at all. None of it was. You're not to blame. Thank you very much, sir. Ms. Miyo! Ms. Yurie. Ms. Miyo! I'm so relieved! I'm so glad you've awakened! Ms. Yurie, please raise your head. I was so worried about your condition. If something happened to you, I'd... We're so happy you're safe, Miyo. Yes.

Kiyoka accompanies Miyo to the remains of the Saimori home at her request. Later, a stunning visitor comes by their home. What about... the others who were at the Saimori house? Were they all okay? They are all fine. Good. You're still worried about them, after everything you went through? More than anything, I'm so glad you are safe, Ms. Miyo. Um, how about the house? Completely burned down. Completely burned down... Sir, I have a favor to ask. Will you take me to the Saimori house once again? [MY HAPPY MARRIAGE] [EPISODE 7] [GLAMOROUS LADY OF SUMMER] Watch your step. Okay. So it's true, it's completely burned to the ground. Yeah. Having lost their mansion in the fire, Shinichi and Kanoko Saimori let most of the servants go and are moving to their villa in the countryside. Basically a fall from grace, I guess. Although it's true the Tatsuishi family caused this to happen, it's not been made public. There will be no legal consequences for the Tatsuishi family. But to take responsibility, their eldest son Kazushi will take over as the head of the Tatsuishi family. I see. The new head of the family accepted certain restrictions under my supervision. In effect, the Tatsuishi family will be under the Kudo family's command. Then, what about Kaya? She will be sent alone as a servant to a family known to be very strict. It would be good for her to experience the outside world. Kaya. What is it? I'm going out for a while. Are you okay with so few belongings? What's that? Are you being sarcastic? Kaya. This is a new start. Let's start a new life from here. We'll rebuild the Saimori family together. You don't want this to be the end, do you? Don't talk down to me! Weren't you going out? Yeah, I'm going now. That's nice. Good day. This cherry tree was planted on the day my mother got married. Is this what you wanted to see? Yes. I felt like my mother was calling me to come here. What's the matter? Um, nothing. I think what I did was uncalled-for. Sir? I'm partly responsible for the matter becoming as serious as it did. That's not true. What you did for me sir, was not uncalled-for. Miyo. You have made me very happy. Are you done here? Yes. You know, the engagement ceremony may be difficult, given the situation of the Saimori family. The engagement ceremony... Yeah. It's about our future. I'm thinking of starting the procedures for us to get married pretty soon. We might have

to go meet the former head of the family. The former head? You mean... your father? Yeah. He kept pressuring me to look for possible candidates to be my wife. I was fed up with it. So the marriage offer made to the Saimori family was from your father? I have to be sure not to let him down. Why would he be let down? The proposal must have been meant for Kaya. If that happens, I'll turn him into charcoal, without question. Pardon? Koji. Thank you for the other day, Mr. Kudo. Are you recovering well? Yes, thank you for asking. I'm glad. Miyo, can I talk to you for a minute? Koji, I'm grateful for what you did for me the other day. I didn't do anything. All I could do was inform Mr. Kudo. No, he said that he was able to rescue me quickly because of you. Is that right? I have decided to leave this town. Where are you going? To the old capital. I want to retrain myself. I realized how much strength I'm lacking. I don't want to be useless anymore. I'm certain that Kaya will do her best where she'll be a servant. I'll try my best too. I want to be strong so I can protect whom I want when I want. And... Remember? A while ago, when we had a talk, I was about to say something? Huh? I'm sorry. I wanted to help you. I wanted to be able to laugh with you in a normal way like we used to. Because I... I'm sorry. I'm not sure what you're talking about... I see. No, it's okay. It's nothing important. It was good to be able to hear what you had to say. Well, I guess I should go now. Miyo, until we meet again. I've got to strive to be better, too. Our engagement procedure was a simple one. All we had to do was write our names on the form. In the end, the engagement ceremony was not held by the two families. With our two signatures, I officially became his fiancée. [KIYOKA KUDO] [MIYO SAIMORI] Ms. Miyo. Soon you will formally become Mrs. Kudo. Mrs. Kudo? Oh my... Anybody home? I'll be right there. Oh, are you Miyo-chan? Y-Yes. Pleased to meet you. I'm Hazuki Kudo. I'm Kiyoka's older sister. You're saying you want to redo lessons to become a lady? Yes. Is it out of the question? No, I have no objection to it. But do you have to? Yes. I'll find the teacher myself, and I won't cause you any trouble. Please. You don't have to lower your head like that. Your face is red. Do you have a fever? It doesn't seem so. I don't have a fever. I'm fine. Are you sure? Yes, it's just that I... Um... Relax, I'm not teasing you. Well, I guess it's all right. Thank you, sir. I know someone who could be a teacher. I'll invite her over to our house. Thank you... Don't worry about it. It would just be putting a person of leisure to good use. A person of leisure? Please help yourself. Oh, thank you so much. I was just feeling thirsty. So you are my husband-to-be's older sister. Yes. Don't we look alike? People often tell me our eyes are similar. Oh, yes. Um... Ms. Hazuki. It has been a long time. Oh! Yurie! It's really been a long time. How many years has it been since the last time we met? I'm glad to see that you're still doing well. You haven't changed, Ms. Hazuki. Good grief. You really haven't changed, Sis. Oh, Kiyoka. Don't you have to go to work? I'm off duty today. Oh, for heaven's sake! You're always so grumpy. Cheer up. You have this cute fiancée now. It's none of your business. All right, whatever. Anyway, Miyo-chan. Oh, is it okay if I call you Miyo-chan? Y-Yes. Did you know I was called here

by Kiyoka to give you lessons on how to be a lady? Pardon? Uh, Kiyoka. You didn't tell her? Well, I thought I did. I apologize for him. Kiyoka always neglects explanations. I bet he didn't tell you much about me. Uh, well... um... It's okay. I'll take responsibility to make you into a refined lady. Th-Thank you for taking me on. It's the season of tenjikubotan, isn't it? You know, tenjikubotan is called "dahlia" in other countries. Doesn't it sound lovely? I just love these flowers. Come over here, Miyo-chan. Y-Yes. Do you have a favorite flower? Well... I don't know many names of flowers. Ah, those weeds are called Asiatic dayflowers. Do weeds have names too? Of course. No matter how small, all flowers have names. And they're all beautiful. Dayflowers only remain open until around noon. Still, they stand tall and bloom proudly. You know, I've always felt that all flowers are beautiful because they try their hardest to bloom for the limited time they have. Aren't we the same, Miyo-chan? Let's try our best to live beautifully for the limited time we have. Yes. [ENCOURAGEMENT OF HOME MAKING] First of all, you want to learn the proper behaviors of a lady, right? Yes. I-I'm ready to learn. Actually, I had an unsuccessful marriage. But I graduated from Girls' School, and have taken a ton of lessons. So I can teach you the basics with no problem. You can take it easy, okay? Um, I... I'm so happy that you came. I can't believe my husband-to-be's sister came to give lessons to somebody like me. I'm very honored. That's good! Ooh, she's such a good girl! Kiyoka, can I take her back home? No. Be generous. She'll learn more if she buckles down and studies with me. No! I understand. If I took Miyo-chan away from here, you would be lonely without her. Th-That's not... Anyway, if you're gonna study, I think you need some kind of goal. A goal? Yes. If you have a tentative goal, you can work towards it. There's a party perfectly set for two months from now. Both Kiyoka and I are invited. As a first step, you should come with us. You'll be fine. This party is like a friendly social gathering. B-But... Why don't you give it a try? Sir... All your studying won't mean anything if you can't put your knowledge to use. I understand. Please let me go to the party. Don't put so much pressure on yourself. I won't suddenly make you wear a dress and dance. Y-Yes. Your basic demeanor is already proper. You don't have to worry. Do you... think so? Yes. I'll make a timetable for your lessons by next time. Let's work together. Yes. Ms. Hazuki is kind. I want to become a splendid lady like Ms. Hazuki. I want to be a wife deserving of my husband. I sense supernatural abilities... Miyo. I'm coming in. Stop it... You'll be all right. It's all right now. A nightmare again. The remnants of supernatural ability feel similar. The barrier around the house doesn't seem broken. It's unlikely that an outsider has come in. If interference by supernatural abilities was possible... Usuba... Put the barrier up again! Pay close attention! Major General Okaito. Yes. I'm sorry I'm late. I'm sorry to have interrupted your work, Kiyoka. It's fine. I heard Takaihito has received a revelation. I'm having a meeting with him, I'll also report on Tatsuishi. I need you to come with me. Yes, sir. And before we go, there's something I have to tell you.

What is it? There was a tomb break-in. It can't be... It's true. We don't have the details yet, but the Grave was opened. The time has come. We're coming for you, Miyo.

Hazuki and Miyo grow closer through their lessons. Worried, Kiyoka tries to get to the bottom of Miyo's relentless nightmares. Deep inside the forbidden area is the Grave, where those who had supernatural abilities are buried. That is the place where spirits that turned into Grotesqueries because of negative sentiments are meant to be sealed off permanently. If it is true that the Grave was opened and the Grotesqueries were awakened... The imperial city will face an unparalleled crisis. It would not be an exaggeration to say so. Who was it that broke the seal, and for what purpose? Prince Takaihito received a revelation at around the same time. It couldn't be a coincidence. Although, he has said his powers are still unstable because he hasn't succeeded to the throne yet... Nevertheless, we are not in a position to speculate. Ah. It's been a while, Mr. Kudo. Mr. Okaito. Hey, Tatsuishi. Are you going to meet the prince looking like that? Hmm? I'm not a civilian military employee. I thought there weren't any rules I have to follow besides obeying the Mikado. Can't you show a modicum of common courtesy? This is my formal attire. I wish you wouldn't be so uptight. This time only. I won't let you off the hook next time. Come now. You should relax more. Excuse me. It's Okaito, Kudo, and Tatsuishi. We have arrived. Come in. It is nice of you to come. [MY HAPPY MARRIAGE] [EPISODE 8] [NIGHTMARES AND OMINOUS SHADOWS] It is nice to see you again, Prince Takaihito. I am happy to see you are doing well. I am the new head of the Tatsuishi family. My name is Kazushi Tatsuishi. Even though a member of my family committed a crime, you have given me permission to meet you like this. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. You do not need to worry. It must have not been easy for you. Thank you. I am humbled to hear those words. Since then, the Tatsuishi family has been under the control of the Kudo family, working at their beck and call. We intend to try hard to restore our good name and your trust. On behalf of Mikado, my father, I forgive the Tatsuishi family. You must devote yourself to make good on your promise. I appreciate your clemency. So, Prince Takaihito. We heard that you received a revelation. You must know by now that the seal of the Grave was broken. Yes. A never-ending night will come from the underworld. It will be a deep, everlasting darkness. Beware. A battle is forthcoming. There may be those who will lose their lives. So, is danger approaching this imperial city? If I foresee anything else, I shall inform you. Yes, thank you, sir. Yes, thank you, sir. Thank you for your time. Kiyoka. What is it, sir? I heard you got engaged. Finally. Yes. Your fiancée... well, she may experience many hardships... Hardships? You should be able to handle it. Is this a revelation too? I will bear this in mind. Uh-huh. Um, how am I doing? Let's see. First of all, try not to hunch your shoulders. Yes. Keep your eyes to the front. Yes. A party is a place for socializing. Let's change your posture which doesn't make you look confident. Yes... Don't forget to smile. Yes. Lift the corners of

your mouth to laugh. Oh yes. You know, I once took Kiyoka to a tearoom that serves sweets. Of course, we ordered some and they were delicious. Y-Yes. But Kiyoka was more interested in something else rather than sweets. What was it? The pickles that came with the sweets. He stared at my pickles and said, "Let me have them if you don't want them." He's surprisingly greedy about food, isn't he? Did he, really? That is surprising. Yes, that's it! Try to smile like that naturally. Yes! Good response. Okay, next we'll practice walking. You need to walk differently in Western-style clothes. Y-Yes. [ONE: ETIQUETTE FOR WESTERN ATTIRE] [TWO: SMILE WHEN GREETING] [THREE: TABLE MANNERS] Ms. Hazuki is flawless as a proper lady. Taking lessons every day from somebody like her makes me feel that I'm able to become like her a tiny step at a time. I feel like one day, I can be a proper lady deserving of being next to my husband-to-be. Prince Takaihito might know... It seems as though he foresees what will happen to Miyo in the future. What is going to happen to Miyo? Shinichi's first wife, the birth mother of Miyo Saimori apparently came from the Usuba family. The Usuba family. Among the many families with supernatural abilities, they're said to be exceptionally unique and dangerous. They have the ability to read minds, pry into our memories, and even slip into dreams, they say. Are Miyo's nightmares related to the supernatural abilities of the Usuba family? But there was no break in the barrier nor were there any signs of external interference. What other possibilities are left? Get ready to be dispatched anytime. Hmm? Are you going somewhere, sir? Yes. I'll be back soon. Oh, I bet you're going to see Ms. Miyo, aren't you? It's work-related. I'll be back before it gets dark. No worries here, sir. What's left is how to introduce yourself, and the rules of conversation. Also, I need to teach you what to do when you are bothered by someone. Thank you very much, Ms. Hazuki. It's for my precious little sister. If I can be of any help, I'll be so happy. By the way, Miyo-chan. Yes. I have just one favor to ask of you. It should be okay now since we've become so close... Ms. Hazuki? That way of addressing me. When you call me, you don't have to say "Ms." I want us to be more like family. That's what we're going to be. I want you to depend on me, more and more. I'm sure Kiyoka does too. He may be grumpy on the surface, but he'll agree with me. Family... You don't have to be so formal. I would be happy if you casually call me "Big Sister." Of course, I won't force you. Big... Big Sister. What's the matter? Well, then is it all right if I just call you Hazuki? Yes, of course! Goodbye, Miyo-chan. See you tomorrow. Yes. I'll be looking forward to it. I want to be near my husband-to-be. I want to become part of his family. But... what is "family"? It started raining so suddenly. Weather in the summer is a pain because it changes abruptly. So, did you find any members of the Usuba family? I conducted a lot of research, but records and documents concerning the Usuba family are non-existent. Rumors about them seem to take on a life of their own. So far, the only clue we have that links to the Usuba family is Sumi Usuba. She's the only person we know of who went by the family name of Usuba. It's a fact that Sumi Usuba did exist.

She married Saimori and Miyo was born. No matter how secretive the Usuba family is, it should be impossible to erase all traces of her existence. Mister? I want any information you can find. Let's start with a probe into this woman named Sumi who lived in the imperial city. I need to find out the reason for her nightmares as soon as possible.

H-How was it? It was wonderful, Miyo-chan! Thank you very much. I think you're ready to go into town and put what you learned into practice. Miyo-chan, are you all right? You look tired. I'm fine. Are you getting enough sleep these days? Yes. Don't push yourself too hard. Tell me anytime if you're not feeling well. Yes. By the way, I heard that Kiyoka has been coming home late recently. His work seems to require a lot of his time these days. Today he said he has to work overnight again. What? Ignoring his cute little fiancée and working all the time? He's disqualified as a husband. No, no. I don't think so. His working so hard makes me want to try my best while practicing with you. Oh my, what a nice smile. That's the spirit! Commander, the envoy has arrived from the Imperial Household Ministry. Finally. But it's miraculous that the notoriously secretive ministry actually decided to send us someone. It shows the urgency of the situation. Let's try to get him to tell us everything about what's happening. How do you do? My name is Arata Tsuruki. [SPECIAL ADVISOR ARATA TSURUKI] I was sent here by the Imperial Household Ministry. I'm Kiyoka Kudo. The Commander of the Special Anti-grotesquerie Unit. Yes, I know. You're even famous in social circles. I heard that you push women away and are as cold as the tundra. There's no need for small talk. What I want to hear is about the Grave, that's all. Ah, of course. Well then... As you know, the Grave has been exposed. The Imperial Household Ministry is rushing to capture the Grotesqueries that have escaped. What was the aim of the perpetrators? We're still investigating, but we found suspicious men collapsed near the scene. We figured they were the perpetrators but we don't know their motives. What is the reason the ministry suddenly wanted to give us information? They were reluctant for a long time. Currently, only about 20% of the Grotesqueries have been captured. There are victims, too. In other words, we are lacking manpower. It took a while, but the higher-ups at the ministry finally understood. Is anything the matter? If you don't mind me asking, how did you end up coming here? You're not employed by the ministry, right? You're as good as I thought, Mr. Kudo. You are correct. I'm not affiliated with the Imperial Household Ministry. But I've had an association with the ministry for a long time. Usually, I run a company called Tsuruki Trading. Since what I do daily is research and negotiation with clients, I accept jobs like this when asked. I see. So you are asked to negotiate when things become entangled, such as this situation. Yes. In the meantime, before we negotiate, we've found out some things about your background, too. For example, I heard you got engaged recently. That's wonderful. How lucky you are. I also would like to find a good wife and settle down soon. But I'm having difficulties. Getting married is not an easy task at all. Anyway, regarding the matter at hand. There was an official request, so we will participate in the

operation. Thank you very much. I'll serve as a liaison from now on, so I'll be coming here often. I'll be looking forward to working with you. Same here. Let's work hard together. I wish you good luck, Mr. Kudo. Whoa. Oh. This is awful. If you see Grotesqueries, report immediately. If you encounter them, engage with multiple forces. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. He was found lying down in the bushes. He does have a pulse, but he's unconscious. Just like the men described in the report. This guy is not just a victim, right? No. In all likelihood, he's probably one of the men who opened the Grave. That means, even if he wakes up a scary interrogation would be waiting for him. Poor guy. That's a big if. Not one of the men rescued in this condition has woken up so far. Why won't they come to? Nobody has figured out the mystery. The curse of the Grave... Yes. It's safe to say... they had contact with Grotesqueries that were released from the Grave. I see. Just so you know, the ability I have is "kaijutsu," which is dispelling curses and magic. It can work on living humans, but I don't know if I can dispel the curse of the dead. There's no other way. Just try anyway. Got it. How should I say... It's as if something moved in here. Commander? What is it? It's just too quiet. There are no sounds. Huh? What happened? This curse is... not something I can handle. Is that...? Stand back. Where... am I...? Sir! No! Even if you are the spirits of gifted individuals, since you've become Grotesqueries that harm humans, I must destroy you. Sorry, but I'm going to exorcise you now! We're almost there... Finally... There are already indications. The awakening is near. Yes. I will protect her. Because that is my role. So these are Grotesqueries of the Grave. If they were able to enter the imperial city... I will never let that happen. Mister, give me some candy! Sure! Yes, I think you're doing very well. Your posture and walking are perfect. Thank you very much. Okay, let's go. This is practice for you, but you should enjoy it too. Y-Yes. Today's practice is in town. My husband-to-be is working hard too. I must work hard to get better... to become a proper lady deserving of him as a husband. Ms. Miyo. Miyo-chan, are you okay? You look pale. Hmm? Oh, I'm fine. It's not good to stress yourself. Nothing good comes from worrying. You are definitely showing growth. So don't push yourself too hard. Yes. I think we should go home today after all. But Hazuki, I can still... No, you can't. You must go home and take a good rest. All right? I understand. As I said, you need to stop stressing yourself. If you get sick at the actual party, all your lessons would be in vain. Come gather round! The picture-card show is beginning! Hey, hurry up! Wait for me! I'm sorry. Are you okay? Yes. Let's go! Yes! Uh... No, I... I can't faint... in a place like this... Are you all right, Miyo? Sir... Are you all right, Ms. Miyo Saimori?

Though distressed by her nightmares, Miyo keeps pushing herself to be a supportive wife. Then, Arata Tsuruki comes to speak to her while Kiyoka is away. Are you all right, Ms. Miyo Saimori? I-I'm sorry. Please raise your head. Um, I'm sincerely sorry for bothering you. Please don't apologize. Never mind that, I'm glad you don't seem to be

hurt. Really, I should have been more careful. Thank you so much for helping her. Miyo-chan, let's go rest somewhere. Yes... Please be more careful. If you would excuse me. Ms. Miyo, are you all right? Yes, I'm okay. I'm sorry to worry you. You have to be careful, Miyo-chan. Yes. You really should be careful. Because you are... someone very special. [MY HAPPY MARRIAGE] [EPISODE 9] [DROWNING IN DREAMS] Miyo! Why did she push herself until she collapsed? You said you sensed supernatural abilities when Miyo-chan was having nightmares. Was supernatural ability being used on her from somewhere? With someone from the Usuba family, that would be possible. But there weren't any breaks in this house's barrier. It's unlikely to be external interference. This is only speculation, but I think it has something to do with Miyo being from the Usuba family bloodline. Miyo-chan is?! Are you sure? There's evidence that Miyo's mother used the surname Usuba. She married into the Saimori family with supernatural abilities. I could have never imagined that Miyo-chan came from that Usuba family... Except that Miyo doesn't have supernatural abilities. Maybe it's possible the blood of the Usuba family in her is somehow harmful to her body... The blood of the Usuba family... But why now? I don't know. But that's the only possibility now. Does Miyo-chan know anything about the Usuba family? Her mother died when she was a child. She could very well know nothing about the Usuba family. Besides... Besides? I doubt she'd talk about it even if we asked her. She seems to be hiding her feelings more than ever these days. She probably doesn't want us to worry... But I wish she would at least let us worry about her. What's the matter? Did you see a bear or something? A civilian was attacked by Grotesqueries from the Grave. What is the extent of the damage? A man was found passed out in the woods near the forbidden area. He's currently in a coma, unconscious. And the situation on the ground tells us there's no doubt he was attacked by the Grotesqueries. So they've already arrived near human dwellings... That's much faster than our calculations. We can't count on the Imperial Household Ministry anymore. It's only a matter of time before they enter the imperial city... I can't take it anymore... Why do I keep having... nightmares all the time? How can I study to be a proper lady like Hazuki when I'm back to being how I was before? Since I fainted, she reduced my lessons. It's a shame that my opportunity to study is being wasted. Sorry, I have to work overnight again. Then I'll make a meal and bring it to you. No, it's all right. You should keep resting, Miyo. Miyo. Yes. How are you feeling? Is anything troubling you? No, I'm fine. Please don't worry about me. I see... Sorry, Godo is calling me. I have to get back to work. All right. Good luck with your work, sir. So from what we know, we can assume the Grotesqueries are advancing toward the center of the imperial city. Any information from the Imperial Household Ministry? We're trying to get it from them. They are all so slow to act, it's frustrating. We're going to deploy our men to encircle the imperial city. I want it authorized immediately. A large-scale hunt-and-destroy operation, so to speak. I'll reach out to the Ministry. Kudo, you proceed with preparations. Yes, sir. We will

protect the imperial city without fail. Wow, it looks good! I was going to do the cooking today, but when I went to the kitchen, she had already started preparations. You aren't fully recovered. Please don't worry, I'm fine now. Please go ahead and eat. Let's eat. Let's eat. This is delicious! Ms. Miyo makes me proud with her excellent cooking. I couldn't agree more. I can't make anything fancy like this. It's really nothing. You know, I'm really bad at cooking. Huh? My grades for cooking were horrible at Girls' School. Whatever I made would be burnt, too salty, or too spicy... I'd cut my finger just by holding a knife. That's hard to believe... You had such a hard time when you were married, didn't you? Please, I wish you wouldn't mention that. I really do regret it. Regret? Yes. My only regret in my life. I'm talking about my marriage. I got married when I was 17 years old. Being born the daughter of the Kudo family, I was prepared to be married for political reasons. My husband was a kind, good man. I was happy. But... I didn't get along with his family. Perhaps my lack of skills to do housework and my immaturity as a person proved to be nowhere near their ideal traits for a wife. My husband often comforted me. But one day, we became emotional when talking about it... and we had a big fight, which led to our divorce. But you know, when I went back to my parents' home and calmed down, I regretted it deeply. There were many hardships, but living with my family was the most important thing and I lost it. I could have done something more. So that is your regret... Miyo-chan. Yes. You're trying hard to overcome your weakness without running away. I respect you for that. What? I don't think it's... From now on, I want you to be true to your own feelings so that you won't have regrets like me. What do you want to do, Miyo-chan? How do you want to live? Um, well... I want to be a wife worthy of my husband... I want to be a lovely proper lady like Hazuki. My wish is... Miyo-chan? Are you all right? Yes... Um, I... I've never thought about how I want to live, until now. But... there's one thing I have already decided. What is it? I want to stay here. I want to be by his side. He is lucky to have someone like you care for him. Holy moly, it sure was painstaking to find every person named Sumi in the imperial city. My hope is Sumi Usuba is in here. It's good we narrowed it down to a woman named Sumi, but they all seem like her and yet not like her. Sumi Usuba is the only clue we have about the Usuba family. Keep looking for any information, no matter how trivial. May I join you? Yes. Miyo, listen. I've been too busy to find the time to talk with you. I'm sorry. It's fine. No problem at all. Miyo, is anything bothering you? No. Nothing in particular. All right, then. Sir, can you tell me what it was like growing up with Hazuki? Come to think of it, I haven't told you much about my past. Is it all right to ask you? We've always been on good terms. Well, she's loud as you know, so she annoys me sometimes. Siblings aren't about emotions such as likes or dislikes, I guess. Being born and raised in the same environment, we understand each other. No need to be reserved or sensitive. Our personalities aren't very compatible, but I think she's a good person in her own way. Does that answer your question? Yes. It's very sweet and... I'm envious. Because I don't have anyone like that. Miyo, come a little

closer. Y-Yes. If you're lonely, say so. If you are suffering, tell me. I won't understand if you don't. I... I'm not lonely... Really? I miss being with you. Don't you miss me? I do miss you. Then say so from the start. Yes... You can lean on me. Tell me your true feelings. Be more selfish. I'll accept you whole. Yes. You can show me your emotions and allow yourself to depend on me. We'll support each other. That's what a family does. My husband-to-be is very kind. But... If I really let myself be coddled, I know I won't be able to become a proper wife in the Kudo family. I've got to solve my problems myself, or I won't qualify to support the family... Hello, is anybody home? I'll be right there. Sorry to have kept you waiting. May I ask who... You are... Oh, hello there. It's been a while. How have you been since the last time we met? I'm fine now, thank you. I appreciate the help you gave me back then. Please don't mention it. By the way, is Mr. Kudo home? No, he is at work. Really? That's strange. I heard he was off today. He seems to be very busy now. He got called upon on short notice. Oh, I see. Forgive me for not confirming beforehand. I'm Arata Tsuruki. Glad to make your acquaintance. I'm Miyo Saimori. Yes, I know who you are. It was the talk of social circles that Mr. Kudo finally found a fiancée. However... I see he is just as heartless as rumored. Why do you say that? Ms. Miyo, do you realize how pale your face looks? He neglected you that day we met, and he's neglecting you today. See? His fiancée is worn to a shadow and he isn't aware. No, it's not his fault. I think it's crazy to make you work until you faint. He doesn't understand your true worth. Such nonsense. He doesn't even speak with you much, and you're taking lessons on posture, tea ceremony... How do you know... There's no value at all in what he's making you do, is there? Please stop! What I'm doing is what I choose to do. I merely asked for his cooperation. So don't speak ill of him! Are you all right? I'm fine. Really. Excuse me for saying things out of line. I should go now. I'm sorry I raised my voice. Don't be, because I'm the one who was being rude. But, I can give you a role only you can fill. Please contact me anytime if you're interested. [SPECIAL ADVISOR] [ARATA TSURUKI] I'll be seeing you. A role only I can fill? He's late. That's disrespectful to you, Commander, even if he is the envoy from the Ministry. It's all right. We'll just proceed with the mission preparations without Tsuruki. You look tired. No need to worry. I'll go home as soon as my work is done. Good. You should go home today for the sake of Ms. Miyo. Right. You have authorization. From now on, the command is transferred to you, and you can direct freely. Then, we will carry out the large-scale operations. We must stabilize the situation before there is damage to the imperial city. Continue your best efforts. Well, I'm very sorry I was late today. I thought it was your day off, so I went to your house by mistake. I met your fiancée, Ms. Miyo. She greeted me so politely. You have the best fiancée, Mr. Kudo. But I can't approve of the way you treat your pretty fiancée. What? Her face looked very pale. Isn't she getting worse? I ran into her in town the other day. I helped her when she almost collapsed. Really? You don't understand at all. You don't see the real Ms. Miyo. Or, you probably don't even want to. The fact that you were not by her side at such

a crucial moment is proof. Although, it's none of my business. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any problems. I might be able to help you. You know what? It's strange. Among the list of candidates, there's one person with no birth or family registration. The name is "Sumi Tsuruki." [SPECIAL ADVISOR] [ARATA TSURUKI] Tsuruki... Miyo! Miyo! Miyo...? She's pushing herself too hard again... Miyo. S-Sir? Welcome home, sir. I didn't come to greet you. I'm sorry. I should have... Sir...? Miyo, why? Yes? Why are you losing so much weight? Why didn't you tell me you fainted? Well, I... Do you think I didn't know that you have nightmares every night? I said you could tell me anything. I told you to rely on me. Remember? But after all this time, you still don't tell me anything. Am I that untrustworthy? That's not it! I didn't want to bother you. You're so busy as it is. I thought you must be tired from work, and I didn't want to cause trouble. Tired from work? You're the one who's tired! If it was going to be like this, I shouldn't have let you have a chance to study. Sir... How could you...? No... This is wrong. I didn't want to talk to her in this way. I... I only wanted to... Miyo! I've said the worst possible thing I could say to her. Doesn't that make me just the same as the Saimori family? Then he would be right after all. [SPECIAL ADVISOR] [ARATA TSURUKI] I'll make Tsuruki tell me everything. I swear... I'll be the one. I'll be the one to end Miyo's suffering.

Arata reveals his true identity and introduces Miyo to the grandfather she never knew. They claim they can cure her nightmares — on one condition. Are you conscious? Um... I'm okay now. I can walk on my own. Please put me down. Are you really all right? Yes. Good. Why are the cherry blossoms blooming? It's midsummer now. That's strange. I feel like I've seen this before. Finally, you've come. Mr. Tsuruki...? I was waiting for you. Welcome to the Usuba house. Usuba? [MY HAPPY MARRIAGE] [EPISODE 10] [SUMMER CHERRY BLOSSOMS, AND THE MISTAKE] I'm impressed that you found your way here. Um, why Usuba? Oh, actually, my real name is Arata Usuba. Tsuruki is my pseudonym. Arata... Usuba? Yes. I'm part of the same family as you. I'm your cousin. From the look of things, you must already have an idea why we came here. To stop Miyo from having nightmares, isn't it? Miyo's nightmares... The Usuba family's blood is the cause, isn't it? I won't deny it. But to say it more accurately, the cause of the nightmares is... Miyo's supernatural ability. What? Are you saying Miyo has a supernatural ability? Yes. I have no doubt she does. Not only that, the ability is dangerous and powerful. N-No. That's impossible. Because I was tested for Spirit-Sight and found to be... You're right. Usually, if you don't have Spirit-Sight, it's a sign you won't develop any supernatural abilities. Then I cannot have... But the Usuba family has a special kind of supernatural abilities. Whether you have Spirit-Sight or not doesn't matter. You do have a supernatural ability. I am certain of it. Right, Grandfather? You resemble your mother, Sumi. I'm the head of the Usuba family. My name is Yoshiro Usuba. I'm Sumi Usuba's father, and Miyo, I'm your grandfather. Oh... Aren't you feeling a bit better now since coming to this

house? Uh... Now that you mentioned it, my body does feel lighter. That's because of Usuba's barrier. If you stay in this house, your body should be back to health in no time. What happens if she goes outside of the barrier? Will she start having nightmares again? I reckon she will. Isn't there a way to release her from her nightmares? Of course, there is. But if you want Miyo to be saved, there's one condition. Huh? Kiyoka Kudo, will you turn over Miyo to us? What? What on earth is your intention? To us, Miyo's existence is very special. To the Usuba family, she's worth more than anything else. If so, why now? Why didn't you ask for her before? Ah... We also didn't think that Miyo would develop a supernatural ability. However, just recently, we noticed she was showing signs of having supernatural ability. And furthermore, her ability is a rare kind among the Usuba family's abilities. What? The ability Miyo has is Dream-Sight. It's an ability to intervene in people's dreams. The reason why Miyo keeps having nightmares is probably due to her Dream-Sight ability. If the Usuba family doesn't directly control it, someday it will certainly lead to calamities. That's how dangerous the ability is. What do you intend to do to Miyo? It's simple. We're only trying to return her to where she should be. As she has developed the ability of Dream-Sight, there is no way we can allow her to be outside the Usuba family. There's no use in trying to take her away from me. Mr. Kudo. Just know that we are giving you this explanation as our utmost consideration for you. Do you really think that I'd say yes to your nonsense? Please keep calm. This is about the Usuba family. Um... - Stop joking around. Miyo staying with the Usuba family is not possible, because Miyo is my fiancée. I said this is about the Usuba family. - Um, sir... So you are an outsider. You've been ignoring her this whole time, but you seek her because you know she has a supernatural ability. Do you think such logic will go unchallenged? No matter what, I won't let you have Miyo. I'll protect her. Do you really think you can protect Miyo? What? During the Saimori family incident, you let them kidnap Miyo and she was wounded. Not only that, you can't stop her from having nightmares, and you've made her suffer needlessly. Can you honestly say that you are protecting her? Besides, you have more important things to do than being here. The Grave was opened up. We are in the middle of a national crisis. How can you make the time to protect Miyo? You bastard...! Because of me, he pushed himself so hard... And I caused him to worry about me... What do you want to do, Miyo? What? I... I... I don't know. If I said "I want to be with you" now, I would be tying him down forever. I see. So, Mr. Kudo, no amount of talking would help us reach an agreement. Let's do this fairly. How about we have a duel and the winner takes Miyo? A duel? If you win, I will teach you the method to control Miyo's ability. That way, she won't have to suffer any more nightmares. I've never meant for anything like this to happen... A duel for me? I accept. I'll take you up on your offer. Thank you. Well, then. Shall we have a manly, serious duel? If you win, the Kudo family and if I win, the Usuba family will become Miyo's home. That goes without saying. I thought I said a serious duel. This will suffice. I will not be holding back, you know.

Whoa. Too slow. Oops, forgive me. I was aiming for the hilt of your sword but I seem to have missed it. Too bad. You missed too. You certainly are something, as expected. Your supernatural ability is no longer effective on me. Oh, yes. I'll tell you something that's beneficial. In the Usuba family, most of us with supernatural abilities do not have Spirit-Sight, me included. Can you guess why? Spirit-Sight is necessary when battling Grotesqueries. This means, our supernatural abilities are not for battling Grotesqueries. The abilities that we have are for battling humans with supernatural abilities. Like this. What do you think of this? Aren't you gradually having trouble believing what you're seeing? You're overconfident. Amazing power. If a wielder of a supernatural ability as powerful as you loses control, and tries to hurt somebody, would anybody be able to stop them? With Usuba's supernatural abilities... we're the ones that are able to manipulate minds directly, we can! This is why the Usuba family has stayed hidden in the shadows of history. We have secretly served Mikado and existed as the ultimate weapon against rogue wielders of supernatural abilities. What's the matter? Is that all there is to the Usuba family's supernatural ability? Astonishing. Nobody has ever reacted at that speed to my illusions. It's about time to finish up. I can't let you do that. The Usuba family cannot lose to a wielder of supernatural ability. It's just impossible. As I told you, your illusional ability is no longer effective on me. Sir, please stop now! You'll be caught in their battle if you get any closer. Do you want to die? Can you dodge this? It's over. Sir! I win. Sir... Wait, don't go. Aren't you going to shoot? I thought this was a serious duel. I don't need to shoot. It's clearly settled. Sir! Miyo! Sir! You are strong. But... protecting Miyo... Sir! Miyo! That's my job. Sir... The situation is worse than predicted. Did another problem arise? Yes. According to reports, each one of the Grotesqueries has been acting alone until now. But... now they've started to move in bands. That can't be... We need to adapt to their movements and change our formations accordingly. Contact Kudo immediately. Yes, sir. I can't believe it! You just came back here moping after you lost? With wounds too. I'm sorry. If you have time to apologize, Go and get Miyo-chan back right now. I can't do that. Huh? What are you say... I lost the duel. I... don't have the right to get her back. Ow! Hey! It doesn't matter what a loser like you thinks. You can't just leave poor Miyo-chan like that. But Miyo wasn't sure... which one of us she should be with, me or Usuba. She said she didn't know. You fool! Think harder about this situation. No matter how harsh you were with her, you know she wouldn't say something like that for revenge. She blames herself. She thinks she was bad for not realizing how you feel. She wants so badly to stay by your side. But she knows that if you turn her away, it's over. That's why she wanted to improve herself. She wanted to be needed by you. Of course, she was afraid to confide in you. Then I guess... I really made a big mistake. Pull yourself together! You are all she has. Understood. I'll be right over. I'm going to the headquarters. You're kidding. Are you just going to ignore Miyo and go to work? An emergency situation has occurred. But, that's not a reason to... It's a matter

of life or death for everybody. Suppose I treated my mission lightly, and there were casualties as a result. That would most certainly make Miyo blame herself. So I have to go. When I'm done with everything, I'll bring back Miyo without fail. If that's how you feel, try to finish your work in a jiffy. Okay. I'm going now. Wait for me, Miyo. Is anything the matter? Maybe. I have an uneasy feeling... But I suppose all I can do now is believe. It's almost here. That day will come soon... when everything that poses a threat to us will cease to exist. They are finally approaching the imperial city? Yes. Please report to me the movements of the army as they happen. Right. Goodbye. If by any chance the Special Anti-grotesquerie Unit can't stop the Grotesqueries... What will happen to this imperial city? In any case, since Miyo is back here with the Usuba family, I shall concentrate on performing my duty. Hey, Grandfather? What is it, Arata? How long do I have to wait until I get my own duty? I don't really know. Well, don't worry. That day will certainly come in the future. And you will have a job to do. You will have a role only you can fill. That day has finally come. Now I must do my job... in a role only I can fill. Yes. Ms. Miyo, how are you feeling? Um, how is my husband-to-be? Is he all right? All I did was send him out of our property with the barrier force. He arrived home safely, and now he's back to work as usual, I heard. He sure is coldhearted. He chose his work over you. It turned out fine. Everything worked out as it should. This is how it's supposed to be. Oh? Mother... Ms. Sumi had the supernatural ability to connect with people's minds. She had telepathy. What? She was able to transmit thoughts into people's minds. And it is said that a child of the wielder of that ability sometimes develops unusually rare supernatural abilities. And that's the ability you have, Dream-Sight. So actually, what I described to Mr. Kudo was only just a part of Dream-Sight. What? Dream-Sight ability is the power to enter any individual's mind while they sleep and manipulate their dreams. All humans need to sleep. So no matter how strong they are, their minds can be manipulated or even be brainwashed. But that's not all. As your Dream-Sight improves, you'll be able to see in your dreams, the past, present, and future. All of time could be viewed. Such a powerful ability... And I have it...? Excuse me for giving you so much information all at once. Then why... didn't my supernatural ability awaken until now? There is a reason for that. It's because someone sealed off your supernatural ability. Sealed off? Who would do such a thing? It was your mother, Sumi, that sealed off your ability. Mother? Why did Mother do that? I'll have to start the story from just before you were born... for me to explain the reason. I'll tell you everything. I'll tell you why Sumi married into the Saimori family, and why she sealed off your supernatural ability.

Yoshiro Usuba tells Miyo about how her mother came to marry her father — and why she made a decision that changed her only daughter's life forever. [MY HAPPY MARRIAGE] [EPISODE 11] [MY MOTHER'S LEGACY] I'll tell you everything. I'll tell you why Sumi married into the Saimori family, and why she sealed off your supernatural ability. It was

a few years before you were born. Tsuruki Trading failed in negotiations with a certain leading client and were performing poorly. Since we were backed by Tsuruki Trading, we had a heavy debt load and were facing a predicament. That is when... the marriage proposal was brought to us. They had heard from somewhere that the Usuba family was in crisis. They said they would pay off our huge debts if Sumi married their son. They were persistent, sending offers frequently. I rejected each offer. But one day... Sumi accepted their offer on her own without consulting me. Do you realize what you have done? It will mean that we'll be giving the Usuba blood to another family. If we don't do anything at all, it's over for the Usuba family. Sumi! You don't understand anything. What do you think you'll be able to do with such a frail body? This is the only way forward. Father, I'm sorry. You're such a fool, my child. The family she married into was the Saimori family. After the finalization of this contract we call "marriage," they cut off our means of communication with her. As a result, our family ties were broken. Miyo. I have something I want to show you. You possess the ability of Dream-Sight. Even Sumi didn't develop that supernatural ability. Dream-Sight? Go ahead and touch that tree. This woman from the Usuba family... she's not very friendly. Shinichi. This is not just a political marriage. You do understand your role, don't you? Yes. To conceive a child with her family's supernatural ability. I'm counting on you, Sumi. You did it! This girl. She has the ability of Dream-Sight. Haven't you confirmed it yet? No. Well, Miyo is still an infant. If we don't quickly obtain the Usuba family's supernatural abilities, the Saimori family will be downgraded. We went through the trouble of getting their bloodline. And there's no telling when she'll fall ill. If Miyo's no good, she must hurry to have another child. Yes. I'm sorry, Miyo. I don't have much time left. Your supernatural ability will be discovered when the time comes. Then your ability of Dream-Sight will be misused by this family, and the Usuba family will... You will have to live on your own from now on. You might encounter sadness and hardships. You might wonder why you don't have any supernatural abilities. But for now, let me seal off your ability. I'm sorry, Miyo. You could see it, couldn't you? At first, it may be difficult for you to accept it. It's best for you to rest your body for now. Damn. They just keep on coming. Godo, at this rate we'll... Don't give up so easily! We have to withstand it somehow! Commander! All of you! I want to commend you for holding out. We won't just leave you here and die, Commander. The reconnaissance unit reports most of the band of Grotesqueries have already been exterminated. Let's proceed to get rid of the rest of them all at once! Yes, sir! Yes, sir! Let's go! Y-Yes... Good morning, Miyo. How are you feeling? Your supernatural ability is not acting up anymore, is it? Even if you don't tell me, your healthy complexion is proof. By the way, please wear these clothes while you are here. A robe for the maiden of Dream-Sight, handed down through generations of the Usuba family. As for the clothes you were wearing, I will keep them for you, so don't worry. I was released from my nightmares, and my body was making a recovery. But as time went by in this small

birdcage, my feelings for my husband-to-be and my regrets were getting stronger by the day. I should have told him the answer I decided long ago. It was completely my own fault. Aren't you going to eat, Miyo? You still can't forgive me? Or do you have a problem with your room? Maybe the food wasn't to your liking. I'll get you something else right away. That's not it. I'm stumped. What's the matter, then? I want you to give me back my cherry blossom kimono. It's my precious kimono that my husband-to-be gave me. I can't do that. Is it not possible at all? No. I want to talk to my husband-to-be again. Why? Because I was wrong about everything. I'm ashamed to face him. But I think I should apologize to him in earnest, and... Do you want to leave this house? We will not allow that. Listen, do you know how desperately I waited for you? Do you know how much happiness I'm feeling now? You don't know. I want to protect you. Why? Because it's my job. Please. All I want to do is to see him. I want to see him and tell him what I couldn't but I should have said. We've been adhering most faithfully to the code of our ancestors. We cannot use our real family name. We are permitted to marry only within our kin. We cannot have close friends or romantic partners. The Usuba family's duty is to subjugate the out-of-control supernatural ability possessors. But that has never been asked of us since I was born. No matter how much we adhere to the code, it means nothing. There will never be a day when we accomplish the duties of the Usuba family. I want a role that is all my own. When a maiden of Dream-Sight appeared, a member of the family with supernatural abilities was chosen to protect the maiden with their life, it is said. In the present day, that would be my role. Presumably, doubling as your spouse. I beg of you, Miyo. Please stay here with us. I want to protect you. I don't want to cede this mission to anyone else. I thought... you were the same as me. Someone who had lost the purpose to live and was feeling hollow, like me. Miyo. We did it! We defeated the band of Grotesqueries! Victory is ours! Godo. Turn the battle formation back to the initial position. We'll regroup the search unit. Yes, sir! Huh? Godo! Commander! Commander! How do you like living here? Are you experiencing any inconvenience? No, not particularly. Um, is it utterly impossible for me to see my husband-to-be? I'm sorry, but I just can't let you do that. I don't mind if it's just once. Please. Your stubbornness reminds me of Sumi. If only I hadn't... been so cruel to cut her off. I probably wouldn't have lost my daughter so early, and you, my granddaughter, wouldn't have led such an unfortunate life. For all your hardships through the years, I apologize. Essentially, we are a family related by blood. If anything happens to you, we will come to help and support you. From now on, I want you to rely on us without hesitation. I don't know what to say, being suddenly told I'm part of your family. Even if you want me to, I don't know how to rely on you. To begin with, what is a family? I don't even know that. People must think I'm strange. I angered my husband-to-be. Um, I'm very sorry to be telling you meaningless things. No, it's all right. I'm glad you told me what you really think. Just let me say something grandfatherly to you. As you said just now, I think that sharing a

burden you cannot carry by yourself is what a family does. Sharing? Relying doesn't mean leaving everything up to another person. I think it means asking someone to carry some of your load that you can't carry by yourself. It's okay to disappoint them or anger them. The bond of a family won't be broken by something like that. Was it that way when my mother left this house? It's true that I lost my temper at that time. Didn't it make you hate my mother? Of course, I didn't hate her. I cared for her more than I felt it was unforgivable. Looking back, I regret it now. I misjudged what I should protect and because of that, I lost my beloved daughter. And Miyo, I care for you as much as I did for your mother. Me? Yes. Since Sumi got married then, you were born. And our family was able to survive. I feel great happiness from meeting you like this. I didn't know my grandfather was feeling the same way as I do. He said things that were not true to his heart, which hurt someone important to him, and he regrets it. And my mother wished me happiness when she... Someday, the time will come... When your ability will become necessary. So... Miyo, I love you. Mother... Apparently, Sumi's seal has now been completely broken. Grandfather! What is it? I just received a message from the military. What? Are you saying that Kudo...? What's happened to my husband-to-be? Kiyoka Kudo was attacked by the Grotesqueries and collapsed. I don't have the details. He was injured during a maneuver and hasn't regained consciousness. Can't be... Where do you think you're going? Wait! Let me go and see him! I... don't want to give up. I can't let you go. You can't stop me. I'm going at any cost. You have it wrong. The one who is making you stay here is not me. I made a deal with someone. Arata! I don't want to lie to Miyo anymore. The one I made a deal with is Mikado. Our family had long wanted the maiden of Dream-Sight back. Mikado agreed to help us. In return, he said Miyo must not have contact with any other people with supernatural abilities. He ordered us to completely hide the existence of the maiden of Dream-Sight. Why? I don't fully understand what His Majesty is trying to do. But if you disobey his order, surely not only the Usuba family, but also you will be severely punished. What...? Grandfather! I can't give you up. Just as you can't give up Kiyoka Kudo. But I made a decision too. You want to go see Kiyoka Kudo, right? What? If I'm going to let you see him, I'm accompanying you. Because I want to protect you. My, my. What can I do? You two are both my precious grandchildren. Supporting you two is the role of a grandfather. Well, go on. Thank you very much. Sir... Please be alright. Why? Commander... Why did he have to get hurt instead of me? Sir! Miyo! Oh, good, you came! Sir... You're alive... Since you two were apart, I was so worried. What if this was his final day and you weren't here? What would I do? Hazuki. He will wake up. I know he will. I will never give up. Miyo, you possess the power that could awaken Kiyoka Kudo... the supernatural ability of Dream-Sight. My supernatural ability... I can't say for sure, but I think it's worth trying. I'll do it. If that is what I can do.

Miyo's powers are everyone's last hope of waking Kiyoka from his unconscious state. But before she can rescue him, she must face the shadow of her past. Where... am I? What happened since then? Am I dead? Is this reality? Or is this hell? [EPISODE 12] [LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS] Visualize strongly now. You will leave your body now. Your soul will be detached and enter Mr. Kudo's body. Once there, try to find his soul. Yes. Ms. Miyo... Please be safe. Miyo-chan, I know you can do it. Ms. Miyo... Everyone here believes in you because we all care for you. Are you ready? Yes. I will surely return... with my husband-to-be. I'm ready to go. Sir... This looks like... The Saimori house... The Grotesqueries which were destroyed are now reappearing one by one. I was with Godo and the others, but now they're gone... What is this place? It certainly isn't the mortal world. All I know is... no matter where I am, I cannot die here. Sir... Miyo! Miyo! Where are you?! If you're here, answer me! Miyo! Where's my husband-to-be? Who's there?! Is anybody there? Over here... Wait a minute! Why...? Here... Over here... W-Wait! You are... Catch me if you can. What... is this? This way. I have to hurry and find my husband-to-be. This door... I recognize it. Are you... me...? Miyo... I must go to her. I was going to bring Miyo back. How pathetic am I...? I must see her once more... and apologize. But... will I be able to? No, I have to! I can't be trapped in a place like this. I can't die yet! What are you doing here...? You won't see him. Why? You are not... good enough for him. You're going to be alone. Forever. Because it's easier for you. That's how you've been living until now. You know it in your heart, right? He gave you so much kindness. You flatly refused it and hurt him. Because of you, he is now wandering on the brink of death. Everyone who comes across you... meets misfortune. That's why... you shouldn't be beside him. That may be true. I'm a failure in many ways. I've been wanting to change and stop seeing myself as a failure. As you said, I'm not good enough to be with him. I thought so, too. But... I don't anymore. Since you achieved a supernatural ability? That doesn't matter. Thanks to those around me who care for me, I now feel that it's all right for me to be beside him. Don't lie. You yourself think that it's easier to stay all alone. No. That's not true. Don't lie! After Mother died, every day was a living hell. So before long, you made your heart go numb so you wouldn't feel anything. There was no other way. That was the only way to live. I thought that was my life... to be living that way. But... I believe I can change. It's too late to change! You've always given up on every little thing, haven't you? But... I decided not to give up anymore! It's impossible! It's not impossible! It is impossible! Giving up is easy, and you won't get hurt! That's who you are. You hurt his feelings so that you wouldn't get hurt! So that's why I have to apologize to him. My husband-to-be was always on my side. Although he believed in me, I couldn't believe in myself. I was scared to get hurt. It's all my fault. Don't come near me! The possibility of getting hurt is scary... but I won't run away anymore. I believe in my husband-to-be. And because he believes in me, I'll believe in myself too. I... I want to be beside him! I'm going to find him and bring him back so that I can live a happy life with him. I hope... you

can. It's his kumihimo cord. Sir! Sir! Miyo...? Stand back! What is this...? Sir. I've come to take you home. Miyo... Sir! You're badly injured... Don't worry. It's just a scratch. More importantly... You. Your Majesty! What is the situation? Your Majesty. A girl who seems to be part of the Usuba family has appeared. Damned Usuba... Your Majesty, please rest your body. It's our highest priority now to eliminate the Kudo family which poses a threat to us as well as the power of Dream-Sight. Miyo. Sir. Please take my hand. Your hand? Would you please... believe in me? Of course. Let's go home... together! Yes. Perish! Kiyoka Kudo! Miyo Saimori! Miyo! It's coming! You pesky little rats! Be gone! Where are we? Miyo... Although it was my job to protect you, you saved me instead. Sir, this... This kumihimo cord guided me to where you were. Oh, so that's how... I thought I had lost it in the battle. I'll tie it for you. Can you crouch down, sir? Yes, thank you. There, it's done. Thank you. Um, sir? Hmm? At the Usuba house, I was asked what I wanted to do, and I answered, "I don't know." Do you remember? Yes. It was a lie when I said I didn't know. I'm sorry. No. I'm the one who should apologize. Pardon? I didn't mean to hurt you, but I lost my temper and I said something unreasonable. I sincerely apologize. It's all right. I... want to be beside you, sir. Miyo. Please let me always be by your side. That was always my intention. If you don't mind someone like me, I want you to be by my side. Yes. Of course. Good. I didn't know what I'd do if you had said no. I would never say no. Kiyoka?! Ms. Miyo! Commander! - Mr. Kudo! Miyo! -Commander! Kiyoka! -Miyo! Miyo! Everyone... Sir, everyone is waiting. Let's go back together. Yes, let's go. Commander! - Young Master! Miyo-chan! Commander! Wake up! Miyo! - Commander! Miyo-chan... I'm relieved... Ms. Miyo... Commander! Are we... back? Yes. We were so worried about you! Sorry... to have made you worry. Sir... Goodness, don't cry. Commander! I'm so glad you're okay! Hey, Godo! Don't cling to me! It's stifling! Arata! Um, are you returning home? My work here is done, it seems, so I'm excusing myself. I really don't know what to say about all of this, but... You don't have to mention it. I just did what I wanted to do. But, I still can't... go back to the Usuba house with you. I'm sorry. Don't apologize for something like that. You are family to us. Arata Tsuruki... I'm going to request a rematch someday. I won't lose next time. Very well. I'll be ready anytime. Until then... What? That can't be... Mikado has already lost the ability of revelation. The fear of not being able to see into the future has taken over Mikado. He committed a sin by opening the Grave and placing many people's lives in danger... We will surely have to... make him atone for it someday. It feels like we were away for such a long time. It certainly does. Welcome home, sir. Well, it's good to be home, Miyo. Thus, my everyday life regained tranquility. The restless nights of nightmares became a thing of the past. And now, we are finally able to enjoy having meals together while having trivial conversations. The time I am able to spend with my husband-to-be... is what happiness means to me. These days, I realize that even more strongly. [SEVERAL DAYS LATER] Peaceful days flew by quickly. And before I knew it, the day I was to try out my skills learned from Ms. Hazuki had

come. [PARTY DAY!] [BREAK A LEG, MIYO!] Miyo. Sir. Thank you for waiting. Uh... uh-huh. Um, sir? How do I look? Oh, you look beautiful. Thank you very much. You look dashing too, sir. What are you saying, all of a sudden? I-I'm sorry. Shall we go? Yes. Miyo. I want to ask you again just to make sure since we're not in a dream right now. I know how troublesome I can be. But will you marry me? You're not troublesome at all. I'm much more trouble... How about you? Won't you regret your decision? There's no way I'll regret it. I'm the one who chose you. I know I'm inexperienced, but it will be an honor. Likewise. It will be an honor.