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ALTERNATE TIMELINES ARC

Chapter 1 of 15

A Novel Script Edition
(Text-Only Manga Script)

Note: The mysterious hooded man is Present Mikio trying to stop Future Mikio from destroying his past version of his twin flame and past version of himself.

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◆ CHAPTER 1 ◆

“7 years ago, I met the most amazing woman in my life, the most amazing woman that I have lost.”

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Panel 1

Mikio is taking a stroll in a forest, thinking about the first day he met his dream girl.

Mikio's thoughts: “Seven years ago I met a flame who sparked my soul up, man... I still can't believe I remember the day like it was yesterday... hehe, in that computer lab too...”

“7 Years Ago”

Panel 2

Flashback – “7 YEARS AGO”

Mikio (Past): “Woahhh, this is college?! So... big...”

Sora (Past): “Yep, this is where we go after high school. Just what we need is more school...”

Mikio (Past): “Hmmm, so this is the computer lab? This looks so sick?!”

Panel 3

Mysterious Hooded Man: “Aye kid... watch where ya goin'...”

Gasp

Mysterious Hooded Man: “It can't... be... is that... and is that...”

Mikio (Past): “Ow ow ow ow owwww! How about you watch where you're goin'... hey... who are you? And why are you wearing a hoodie with a scarf over your face? Not gonna lie, that scarf gives me KH Cloud model vibes.”

Mysterious Hooded Man: “I gotta hurry up and find him before it's too late, but first I gotta protect this kid from a distance... I'll just make myself scarce and I cannot allow this bump-in to happen again...”

Panel 4

Mikio (Past): “I said, who are you? You seem very familiar. Have we met?”

Mysterious Hooded Man: “I'm sorry, but I have to get going. And before I go, I can assure you that if anything, we are distant relatives in a way.”

Mikio (Past): “Uhm... distant relative? Huh?”

Panel 5

Mikio turns around, calling Sora's name.

Mikio (Past): “Hey Sora, this mysterious guy says he's like my distant relative?”

Sora (Past): “Huh? Who?”

Mikio (Past): “This guy in the black and white hoodie and wavy red scarf.”

Sora (Past): “Uhhmm... I don't see anyone in a black and white hoodie wearing a wavy scarf... are you okay?”

Panel 6

Mikio turns around, shocked and confused.

Mikio (Past): “Huh?! WHAT?! Wait, where’d he go?! I swear he was just right here a moment ago. Did you not see anybody walk away? Not hard to miss, Sora!”

Sora (Past): “Uhh... in fact, no. The second you called me over I didn’t see anyone in that description. Sorry, man...”

Mikio (Past): “Well, it doesn’t matter if he’s gone. Maybe it was someone pulling a prank on me. Well, time to get to the computer lab for the tour!”

Panel 7

College tour guide: “Okay, there’s 1, 2, 3, 4... hey, wait, there’s 17 students here. There’s supposed to be 15 here... what’s going on?!”

Mikio (Past): “Whoops... I guess I was supposed to come here at 12:30, not 11:45... hehehehe...”

Xiozena (Past): “Whoops, I guess I was supposed to be in the art class. My bad on that... tehe...”

Panel 8

Mikio is staring at someone who seems to capture his spark.

Mikio (Past): “She’s the most beautiful woman I have ever seen... Excuse me... what’s your name?!”

Xiozena (Past): “Xiozena... Xiozena Otokata... but people call me Xio, others call me Zena for short. Whatever you prefer. How about you, what’s your name?”

Mikio (Past): “My name is Mikio... Mikio Hanashi.”

Xiozena (Past): “Mikio... that’s a nice... name...”

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“7 Years Later”

Panel 1

Mikio: “Ahh, I can’t believe it’s been 7 years since I last met you. I really hope she’s doing well.”

Panel 2

Thug 1: “Ahhh, Mikio.... Didn’t expect to run into you here?”

Mikio: “Welp, if it isn’t Sean and Marcus... better find a way outta here before things get ugly...”

Thug 2: “Heh, didn’t think we would catch yo bitch-ass lackin’, boi. You may be an expert at martial arts, but you ain’t bulletproof, bitch boi.”

Panel 3

Sean & Marcus: “Eat lead, you fool!”

Mikio: “Gwuaahhh!”

Marcus: “We got him in the kidney and he still runnin’.”

Panel 4

Mikio: “This isn’t good... I gotta find a way out of this... there’s a forest nearby. I’ll run into that.”

Panel 5

Mikio: “Hehe... I don’t know how I’m gonna get myself out of this one.”

Cough

Panel 6

Mikio: “Huh? A cave? I can hide in there until they leave.... Huh? What's that over there? It's so beautiful, but the vibes of this creature are dreadful... yet it is beautiful.”

Panel 7

Shinigami: “Mikio.... My chosen vessel... I... want... you...”

Mikio: “Huh? Uhhh... oh no... UWAGHHHHHHH!”

◆ **PAGE 3 · 7 panels****Panel 1**

Shinigami: “You shall become the God of Death's true vessel. I, Shinigami, shall turn this mortal into the ultimate vessel. Mwahahaa! I shall live and seek vengeance!”

Mikio: “Huh?! Vessel?!! Vengeance?!! What are you talking about?!”

Panel 2

Shinigami proceeds to grab hold of Mikio and implants the G.O.D. Mark on his right palm, then manifests himself within Mikio's body. Now two souls slumber in one vessel—the mortal and the divine.

Mikio: “Urahh... what's going on?!!!”

Shinigami: “You shall be the vessel that holds the power of the gods. You shall be the vessel of the God of Death, Shinigami!!!!”

Panel 3

Mikio blacks out and wakes up in a dream with an orangish, bluish, purple sky, face to face with Shinigami.

Mikio: “Huh? Where... am I?”

Shinigami: “You are no longer flesh; you are the whisper in the silence, the shadow that precedes the end. Every step you take echoes with the heartbeat of the world's final breath.”

Mikio: “Huh? What do you mean?!”

Panel 4

Shinigami: “The moment you took His hand, the light within you died; now you carry the cold embrace of oblivion, and every soul you touch will know the weight of the grave. Heed these words, chosen: ‘The world will beg for mercy, but you are the harbinger of my soul, and you will use your vessel to cause the fall of the gods. As the winds of the Gods’ breath snuff out the last flickers of hope, know that the world will come to a chaotic imbalance once a certain number of gods have perished.’”

Panel 5

As Mikio is in the dream face to face, Sean and Marcus catch him standing with his head down viciously in the corner of the cave.

Sean: “Well, if it isn't Mikio...”

Mikio: “.....”

Marcus: “Hey! Don't ignore us!”

Mikio: “Hssssssssss”

Sean: “That does it. Imma just kill this punk.”

Cocks gun

Panel 6

Bullet penetrates Mikio's right lung. All of a sudden, a purple-bluish aura slowly builds up to an intense burst.

Shinikio: "Hsssssss, my vessel... how dare you harm it....! Hsssssss"

Injuries and wounds disappear off Mikio's body

Sean: "Woahh! What the hell is going on?! Did those wounds just disappear on their own?!!!"

Marcus: "What is this?! His wounds just vanished, and he's hissing at us with those glowing purple eyes!!!"

Panel 7

As Shinikio (Mikio Shinigami-possessed) is on a rampant rage, he proceeds to get ready to extinguish Sean and Marcus.

Shinikio: "You mortals shall perish for damaging the divine's chosen vessel! For that you shall receive the punishment of death..."

Marcus: "Ah hell nah, Sean! Shoot his ass! Quick!"

Sean shoots Shinikio and the bullet dissolves along with the wound.

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Shinikio gives Sean and Marcus the death stare as he teleports right in front of them.

Sean: "Marcus... did you just see that?"

Marcus: "He just teleported.... right in front of us?!!! Faster than the speed of light..."

Shinikio: "Now... how would you like to die? Slowly and painfully? Or quick and painless?"

Sean: "MARCUS!! RUNN!!!"

Hysterically

Panel 2

As Sean and Marcus proceed to run into the dark quiet forest, miles away from the nearest town, they are screaming and running for their lives. An enraged Shinikio pursues them viciously.

Sean: "What the hell?! Is he... is he flying?!!!"

Shinikio: "You pathetic mortals shall know what punishment is."

Vroooshhhh

Panel 3

Shinikio proceeds to grab Marcus by the neck as he's flying toward them at high speed and snaps his neck maniacally.

Shinikio: "So how do you like your bones? Broken or shattered?"

Marcus: "Mikio... I'm sorry, man.... I'm sorry... please... please...! Spare me... please..."

Tears fall from face

Shinikio: "Hmph... not a chance, you pathetic mortal..."

Marcus: "Sean... run..."

Neck gets broken by Shinikio

Panel 4

As Sean watches Shinikio kill his best friend right before his eyes, Sean panics in shock and runs to hide.

Sean: “It looks like I lost him... I gotta get back home... oh... Marcus... ohh Marcus... I can’t believe you’re dead, man... this has to be a dream. A glowing flying Mikio with a distorted voice... homeboy is dead. What do I do... what do I do....”

Huff huff huff

Panel 5

Shinikio finds Sean hiding behind the rocks near the waterfalls and proceeds to pick him up and throw him against the tree.

Shinikio: “I found youuuu... Hehehehehe.”

Grabs Sean by the neck

Sean: “No...”

Gets tossed against the tree by Shinikio

◆ **PAGE 6 · 5 panels****Panel 1**

Shinikio forges a mystic blade from his palm and prepares to slaughter Sean.

Shinikio: “Shiiiiinnnnkkk”

Sean: “Did he just turn his palm... into a blade?!!!”

Shinikio: “Hehehe, I hope this hurts...”

Panel 2

As Sean asks Shinikio who he is, he begins to get ready to slice Sean up with his Blade of Death.

Shinikio: “Behold, the Blade of Death shall take another soul of a mortal. Your soul shall be embedded on this mystical divine blade of judgment.”

Sean: “Wait... who are you and what do you want with Earth and Mikio?”

Shinikio: “I want vengeance, justice, and destruction. And Mikio is my unlucky chosen vessel—chosen to be the vessel of the God of Death, who craves nothing but chaos, despair, and death.”

Panel 3

Sean: “Chaos and death?... Why Mikio?”

Shinikio: “It would’ve been you if you would’ve run into me first. But unfortunately for helpless Mikio, he ran into the cave for shelter where he ran into my dying self. I have manifested my soul and divine abilities within him, yet he is unaware this is all happening. Once I return his consciousness, he won’t remember a thing. Poor kid is like a puppet.”

Sean: “So you’re saying you can control Mikio?”

Panel 4

Shinikio: “No... I can only control Mikio’s body when he is out of his own energy source. Once he’s out cold conscious, that’s where I step in to ‘aid’ him. But I’m only aiding him for my benefit, not his. If he perishes, I perish.”

Sean: “Wait, so you can’t control his body at will?”

Panel 5

Shinikio: “Precisely... you mortals aren't as dumb as you look. He also can't use these divine abilities without my aid, unless he were to be aware of this divine power and somehow learns how to control it. That's highly unlikely, though. Time to cut this short. Goodbye, Sean, and may you perish, you lowly mortal...”

Shinikio proceeds to slaughter Sean with his Divine Blade of Death.

Sean: “URAHHHHHHHH!!!”

◆ **PAGE 7 · 4 panels****Panel 1**

The next morning, Mikio wakes up in his bedroom.

Mikio: “Huh? My room? Hm, must've been a dream.”

Yawn

Shinigami: “Hehehe... it was reality.”

Mikio: “Huh? Where'd that eerie voice come from?! Anywho, it doesn't matter. Must be hazy from the dream still...”

Panel 2

Mikio goes into the bathroom to wash his face and notices a small X-shape imprinted in the middle of his palm.

Mikio: “Huh? Where'd this small X come from?”

Panel 3

Mikio attempts to wash off the mark but fails.

Mikio: “Ughh, why isn't this mark coming off?! Where'd it come from and what is it? Ughh, never mind.... I gotta get going or else I'm going to be late!”

Panel 4

Meanwhile, Mikio's TV is playing the news, speaking about two boys who have gone missing.

News Reporter (TV): “Two 22-year-old college students have been reported missing—Sean and Marcus. If you have any idea of their whereabouts, contact the police department right away!”

Mikio: “Hm... you don't think... my dream had anything to do with the disappearance of Sean and Marcus?”

◆ **PAGE 8 · 5 panels****Panel 1**

As Mikio leaves the house to go for a walk, his head still feels hazy and heavy.

Mikio: “That dream felt so real... and the news report? Sean... Marcus? All I remember from the dream was them chasing me into a forest while I was wounded, then... I saw some beautiful god-like being on the ground reaching out for my hand. Then after the face-to-face moment, the dream ended there...”

Panel 2

As an eerie presence picks up in the middle of the windy forest, Mikio notices a man in a hooded cloak standing in the middle of the forest (Cloak man is Future Mikio).

Mikio: “I sense an eerie presence... huh?! Who’s that standing over there?”

Cloaked Man: “Huh? Who’s that?”

Panel 3

Future Mikio notices an X mark on Mikio's right palm.

Cloaked Man: “Huh? That mark?”

Grabs Mikio's wrist and looks at his palm

Mikio: “Hey... what gives?! Let me go!”

Cloaked Man: “It can't be... don't tell me... this is me?! From the past?! Who would've thought...”

Panel 4

Future Mikio lets go of Mikio and apologizes.

Mikio (Future): “I am dearly sorry, young one... forgive me.”

Mikio (Present): “What gives? What's your problem?”

Mikio (Future): “Oh, nothing.... It's just... that mark on your hand reminded me of an event of mine... doesn't matter. The past is the past.”

Mysterious Divine Voice: “So, you're the one Shinigami chose?”

Panel 5

Mikio is shocked, surprised, and confused after hearing what the divine deity has said.

Mikio: “Huh? Who's Shinigami? And chosen for what?!”

Mysterious Deity: “What? You don't know? You don't remember? Best to keep it that way, you mortal...”

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As Future Mikio interrupts the mighty deity, Future Mikio warns Present Mikio to run and hide.

Mikio (Future): “Mikio! RUN!”

Mysterious Deity: “Hm hm hm hmmm... you can run but you cannot hide.”

Mikio (Future): “Hmph... I forgot I ran into you here... Xekaia...”

Panel 2

As Mikio confronts Xekaia, Xekaia recognizes that this is Mikio from the far future.

Xekaia: “Hmph... you seem to not be from this era, huh? What on earth is a mortal doing traveling through time and space?”

Mikio (Future): “I have a mission... a mission to erase my past...”

Xekaia: “Oh? So you've chosen to break the divine natural order?”

Panel 3

As Future Mikio reveals his plans to the bounty-hunting deity Xekaia, Xekaia rushes toward Future Mikio to battle.

Xekaia: “Prepare to die, YOU ABOMINABLE MORTAL!!”

Mikio (Future): “Hm hm hm... as you said, I'm not from this era... hehehe.”

Panel 4

As Future Mikio gives off a confident smirk at Xekaia, the X sigil begins to cover Future Mikio's right side of his body with sharp black stripes.

Mikio (Future): "Hehehe, let's do this, Gami!!!"

Shinigami (Future): "Don't order me around, you pathetic mortal... remember, if you run out of energy, I can still take control of your body, fool. Don't forget—whenever you borrow my power, you owe me, punk."

Panel 5

As Future Mikio accesses Future Shinigami's divine abilities, he begins to be covered in black stripes and a silver & black aura. Mikio's voice begins to be one with Shinigami's.

(Note: Mikiogami is when Mikio is in control of Shinigami; Shinikio is when Shinigami is in control of Mikio's body.)

Mikiogami: "Hmph, prepare to meet your match, Xekaia. As I said, I'm not who you think I am."

Xekaia: "Huh? This presence? There can't be the same deity energies in one place... unless... this is one of Shinigami's future vessels, or could he be the future version of this boy that ran away... Anywho, I must dispose of this mortal as soon as possible. No mortal should hone the abilities of the divine deities."

Panel 6

As Mikiogami & Xekaia are battling it out, Present Mikio is watching the ultimate battle behind the boulder.

Mikio (Present): "This is sooo cool?! I didn't think anyone this powerful could even exist?! It's like out of this world?! The sparkles and lighting! It's so beautiful... and scary...."

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As Mikiogami and Xekaia are fiercely rippling time and space, Present Mikio starts acting shocked and worried.

Mikio (Present): "Woahhhh, the ground is shaking and why does it feel tingly... they're battling so intensely that it's rippling the fabric of time and space itself?!"

Panel 2

Mikiogami & Xekaia clashing through intense blows.

Mikiogami: "I'll show you who the deity really is and who the inferior mortal is. TAKE THIS!!"

Strikes a powerful blow on Xekaia

Xekaia: "Urraggg... How can such a mortal harness so much power...."

Panel 3

Xekaia charges up the Beam of Divine Judgement and Mikiogami counters it with the Reaper's Beam of Sorrow.

Xekaia: "Beam of Divine Judgement!"

Charges up & fires beam at Mikiogami

Mikiogami: "REAPER BEAM OF SORROW!"

Panel 4

The two beams end up clashing and causing a temporary wormhole, sucking the three characters in the area 7 years into the past.

Xekaia & Mikiogami: "URAHHHHHHHHHG!"

Mikio (Present): "Huh? What's going on?? Why is everything becoming violet and blurry? Why do I sound so distorted..."

Panel 5

The three characters get sucked into the wormhole and Mikio (Present) wakes up 7 years into the past in the middle of a forest.

Mikio: “Huh? Where am I?! Was that another dream? Ughh, my head... I better get something to eat...”

Yawn

Panel 6

Unknowingly, Mikio (Present) is 7 years into the past and makes his way back to town. On his way back to town, he notices the college where he first met his love interest.

Mikio: “Huh? Is this?... The place where I met Xiozena?... It’s exactly how I remember it too.”

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As Mikio is entering the school, he notices the date on the college newspaper.

Mikio: “Huh? Does that say? ‘March 7th, 2017?’... No way... SO I WASN’T DREAMING? I witnessed a battle between two god-like beings!! The battle was so intense that it sent me 7 years into the past?! I wonder if they got sent back in time too?...”

Notices the newspaper in the trophy case

Panel 2

As Mikio is shocked in awe, he recognizes a familiar voice.

Xiozena (Past): “Heyyy ZOEKIA, WAIT FOR MEEEE!!!!”

Mikio: “No way... it can’t be... Xiozena from when I met her?!...!”

Shocked

Panel 3

Xiozena (Past): “What are we gonna do after school??”

Zoekia (Past): “I don’t know. Oh, I know! How about we finish that art project we were both working on together!!!”

Xiozena (Past): “Sounds like a plan!!!”

Panel 4

Mikio unknowingly bumps into his past self.

Mikio (Past): “Owwwe, watch where ya going!”

Mikio (Present): “Ugh... I’m sorry, kid... wait... ‘Is that... me?..’”

Panel 5

Mikio (Past): “If you’re gonna walk in crowded hallways, why don’t you watch where you’re going?!”

Mikio (Present): “Hmmm, so I really am 7 years into the past... but why 7 years? What makes 7 years ago so historically special?...”

Mikio (Past): “HEYYYY! I’M TALKING TO YOU!!!”

Panel 6

Mikio (Present): “I’m sorry, kid. Just have a lot on my mind. You be safe, okay? And pursue the desires that make you feel fulfilled.”

Mikio (Past): “Hehe, will do, stranger. I am sorry for being rude! I hope whatever you’re going through, I hope that you get through it...”

With a bright smile

Panel 7

As Future Mikio wakes up in the cave of a forest, he starts questioning what happened.

Mikio (Future): “What happened... at least I lost Xekaia for now... but why does this place look a bit different... it feels different too...”

Yawn

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Panel 1

Unknowingly, Future Mikio is wandering 14 years in the past from his timeline.

Mikio (Future): “I must find somewhere to rest. I don’t have the energy to time travel 7 years to the past... how did I miscalculate my trip? I meant to go 14 years... not 7 years...”

Shinigami (Future): “Fool, are you not aware that you haven’t mastered the art of time travel? Not even the gods themselves can master that. There’s myths of gods mastering the art of time and space, but that’s only a myth.”

Panel 2

Mikio (Future): “So you’re saying that I ended up 7 years into the past instead of 14 years into the past simply because I don’t understand how to use the power of time and space?”

Shinigami (Future): “Precisely.”

Panel 3

As Future Mikio is making his way to civilization, he stumbles across a memorable landmark.

Mikio (Future): “Wait... is this place?... It can’t be... this is where I met Xiozena...”

Panel 4

As Future Mikio walks into the building, he notices Xiozena walking into a school bus.

Mikio (Future): “Wait... is that?! It can’t be... am I?... 14 years into the past?? That means.... It’s March 7th during the year of 2017!! That means I have 7 days till my past self and Xiozena go on that date. No worries... all I have to do is time travel 7 days from now.”

Shinigami (Future): “Mikio... I don’t think that’s a good idea... remember, you haven’t mastered the art of time and space yet. You could end up farther in the future or end up in the distant past.”

Panel 5

Mikio (Future): “Shit... that’s right... I guess I’ll have to sit around for 7 days. In the meantime, I can rest up and train my skills.”

Panel 6

Meanwhile, as Future Mikio is figuring out where to rest, Present Mikio is wandering around the year 2017, rediscovering a past he once lived.

Mikio (Present): “This is insane... I met the past versions of Xiozena and myself... This feels more than déjà vu... Why was I sent to this timeline? Why me? I must’ve been sent here through divine intervention... maybe I’m called to protect her...”

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Mikio (Present): “If I’m not supposed to be here, maybe there are others here that aren’t supposed to be here... that might even harm her... or even... me... I just keep my eye on her and myself... Good thing our schools aren’t far apart... Wait... we meet again for our date 7 days from now?! I best keep my eye on them and distance.”

Panel 2

As a stranger appears behind Present Mikio and silently stares down at him with a dreadful glare, then Mikio begins to question the mysterious figure.

Mysterious Figure: “.....”

Mikio (Present): “Huh? Who are you?”

Mysterious Figure: “.....”

Panel 3

Then the Mysterious Figure strikes at Present Mikio. Present Mikio proceeds to dodge the strike.

Mikio (Present): “Hey?! Who are you?! And what was that for?!”

Mysterious Figure: “Those who tamper with time shall receive divine punishment.”

Mikio (Present): “But I didn’t...”

Gets interrupted by the mysterious figure

Panel 4

As Mikio is interrupted, the Mysterious Figure pushes Mikio with a strong gust of wind.

Mysterious Figure: “Punishment awaits you, you pathetic mortal...”

Pushes Mikio with a strong gust of wind

Mikio (Present): “What on earth is this power?! It’s out of this world... I gotta get out of here. If only I harnessed supernatural power...”

Panel 5

As Mikio makes a break for it, he stumbles across a skateboard.

Mikio (Present): “Got away for now. Huh? Is that a skateboard? Hm?? Hazardous Hill plus skateboard = top-notch speed. I gotta get outta this area quick before he finds me again...”

Huff huff

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Panel 1

As Mikio is making his way down a hazardous hill on a dark windy night, the Mysterious Figure makes his way toward him.

Mikio (Present): “Whooh, this speed is crazyyyy. Riding along with the wind is a vibe.”

Mysterious Figure: “Behind you...”

Mikio (Present): “Is that... him??...”

Urghhh

Panel 2

As the Mysterious Figure begins to fire deadly blasts at Mikio, Mikio is desperately dodging the blasts as he’s making his way down the steep hill.

Mysterious Figure: “Now, perish, you pathetic mortal. You are an abomination to existence itself.”

Blasts deadly energetic projectiles

Mikio (Present): “If I don’t dodge these I’ll be one with the pavement...”

Dodges projectiles by sliding and jumping with his board

Mikio (Present): “Phew, that was close.”

Mysterious Figure: “I wouldn’t be so sure of that...”

Panel 3

A surprise projectile hits Mikio and he goes flying off his board.

Projectile hits Mikio

Mikio (Present): “Urahh!”

Mikio goes flying and hits the ground hard and suffers a critical injury

Panel 4

Mikio’s impact causes him to break his neck. Meanwhile, the Mysterious Figure is getting ready to finish him off.

Mikio (Present): “....”

Mysterious Figure: “Hmph... pathetic. Dumbass broke his own neck. Don’t worry, you won’t have to suffer much longer. Prepare for OBLIVION!!!!”

Panel 5

As the Mysterious Figure prepares to obliterate Mikio to ashes, Shinigami takes over and dodges the blow at the last second.

Mysterious Figure: “GOODBYE, MORTAL!! YOU SHALL CEASE TO EXIST FROM HERE ON OUT!”

Fires devastating blow

Shinikio (Present): “—”

Dodges blow

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After the Mysterious Figure fired the blow, he sighs in relief that he finished off Mikio—well, so he thought.

Mysterious Figure: “Finished... finally...”

“SHWOOOOOOOOO”

Mysterious Figure: “Huh? This wind?... That’s eerie. I feel an eerie presence standing behind me...”

Panel 2

The Mysterious Figure turns around and notices it's Mikio levitating behind him with the blue eye on the left side and a red eye on the right side, with purple sharp stripes from his arm up to his face, with a purple and silver aura.

Mysterious Figure: "It... can't be... but I... killed you!!!"

Panel 3

Shinikio is looking down with his arms hanging down, with crazy aura slowly building up.

Shinikio (Present): "I'll show you who the inferior one is, you disgrace of a god..."

Hsssss

◆ PAGE 16 · 2 panels**Panel 1**

Shinikio looks dead straight into the Mysterious Figure's eyes with a dreadful glare.

Shinikio (Present): "Prepare to be slain by this beautifully forged vessel."

Mysterious Figure: "Vessel?... Wait... those stripes... that distorted voice... sounds like as if there's two in one... could this mortal be a vessel to a god?"

Panel 2

Shinikio begins to prepare a devastating combo toward the Mysterious Figure.

Mysterious Figure: "This isn't good. I gotta do something about this. This is out of control. It's like this mortal is unaware of how deadly he is..."

Shinikio (Present): "Uwrahhh, CRIMSON BLAST!!!!"

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As the blast hits the Mysterious Figure, the Mysterious Figure realizes from that blast how powerful a mortal can be when gods use them as vessels.

Mysterious Figure: "Guuaaahhhh!!"

Shinikio (Present): "Hmph, who's inferior now!"

Panel 2

Shinikio then realizes who this Mysterious Figure is.

Shinikio (Present): "Hmph, I recognize this energy whenever I lock in... long time no see, Erebus..."

Erebus: "Who?... How do you know who I am? Wait... Shinigami? Is that... you???"

Panel 3

As Erebus recognizes that Shinigami slumbers within a mortal's vessel, Shinikio begins to become hostile.

Shinikio (Present): "Ahh, Erebus... don't you remember what happened the last time you tried to take me out? It's gonna go the same if you try to dispose of this vessel. Just because I'm using a vessel to keep my soul from perishing doesn't mean I can't kill you still."

Erebus: "Hmph, cocky? Well? Let's test this out then, shall we? Besides, you aren't supposed to be in this era. You deserve oblivion, especially when you're a god working with a mortal through this."

Panel 4

As Erebus brings up time travel, Shinikio explains that they were sucked through a wormhole caused by a clash of two deity-level beings.

Shinikio (Present): “We didn’t time travel here on purpose. We were sucked through a wormhole caused by two divine warriors battling it out.”

Erebus: “Does it look like I care? You’re here. That’s punishable enough.”

Panel 5

Shinikio and Erebus are yelling at each other.

Shinikio (Present): “Not that you’re able to.”

Erebus: “Hehe, we will see about that, you disgrace!”

Panel 6

Shinikio and Erebus begin to savagely battle.

Shinikio (Present): “Hmph... so be it...”

Throws an intense blow to the gut

Erebus: “Guahh, ack... not bad for a mortal...”

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Erebus strikes back with an intense strike, proceeds to miss Shinikio.

Erebus: “Huahhhh! Shadow Strike!”

Misses

Erebus: “Huh?! How could I have missed?!”

Shinikio (Present): “Impressive... however, you’re still not fast enough for me, even when I’m using a vessel of mine made of flesh and blood. Now, time to finish this! HUAHHH! ‘Bringer of Absolute Chaos!’”

Panel 2

Shinikio’s hands start to form into claws and a barrage of claw-like blows powered from chaotic energy stored within Shinigami’s spirit and Mikio’s spirit. The attack critically lands on Erebus.

Erebus: “Guahhhh, nghhhh... this can’t be happening to me... this can’t be...”

Erebus: “Ugh, I gotta retreat before it’s too late... I thought I had a chance. Just ’cause you’re sealed in a vessel doesn’t change the power you wield. I will be back... I promise.”

Shinikio (Present): “It’s... over...”

Huff huff — Begins to close his eyes, crouches down with both arms hanging down

Panel 3

Shinikio begins to slumber once again. Shinigami gives Mikio control of his consciousness once again.

Shinikio (Present): “Shhhhhhwoooooo”

→ Purple stripes start to form back into the diamond-shaped mark that’s on the palm of his hand.

Panel 4

Mikio regains consciousness and is confused about what happened.

Mikio (Present): “Huh? Where am I? And what happened to this forest? It looks like a tornado went through here. Let alone, how did I end up from a road to a forest? All I can remember before blacking out was some shadow-like figure chasing me, then I fell off my skateboard going downhill and blacked out. Was it a dream? No, it couldn't be. Anywho, I better find shelter.”

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As Xekaia awakens in a world of Mikio's past, he begins to start hunting down Mikio (Future).

Xekaia: “Huh? Where... am I? This place? My intuition tells me I am no longer in the era that I came from... I'm back 7 years into the past... I must find Future Mikio before things get worse....”

Wakes up

Panel 2

As Mikio (Present) is looking for shelter to go rest at, Mikio (Future) runs into Xekaia (the bounty-hunting deity) as he's looking for shelter and cherishing his beloved era.

Mikio (Future): “I've been searching for hours... and I still haven't found a spot to rest at...”

Xekaia: “Hehehe... I found you.”

Panel 3

Mikio (Future) turns around very slowly with a shocked look on his face.

Mikio (Future): “Tsch... not you again... do you ever know when to quit?”

Xekaia: “Before we battle... tell me... why... why are you trying to erase your past?”

Panel 4

As Xekaia questions Future Mikio, Future Mikio explains to Xekaia why he's on a mission to destroy his past.

Mikio (Future): “Because... I'm the reason why the world is covered in ashes and chaos... the monster that slumbers within me, that is also one with me. The demon inside me brought the world to its end... used my body to do the unthinkable. 35% of humanity's population remains in the future that I come from... all caused from the slumbering demon that resides in me... the demon that calls himself ‘Shinigami,’ who identifies as a deity slayer...”

Xekaia: “So you're here to destroy your past to prevent yourself from causing absolute chaos?”

Panel 5

As Future Mikio explains his traumatic future to Xekaia, he begins to go deeper into the story.

Mikio (Future): “Yes... for me, it happened 3 years ago...”

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“3 years ago from the future era, after his brutal fight with Sora, a seriously wounded Mikio is fighting the urge to take Shinigami's help.”

Mikio (Future): “This monster inside me... why... why can't I be rid of this demon....”

Shinigami (Future): “Stop resisting. You are nothing but a mere puppet for a deity.”

Panel 2

As Mikio fights the urge to give in to the temptation, he gives in to Shinigami's temptation.

Shinigami (Future): “Yessss, yessss, give in to the temptation. I can heal you from your wounds. You need me and you know it!”

Yozora (Future): “You’re finished, Mikio! You killed someone who was dear to the both of us! How could you kill Sora!!”

Panel 3

Shinikio (Future): “Who says Mikio killed Sora??”

Yozora (Future): “Tschh... his voice... has changed... you KILLED SORA WITH YOUR OWN HANDS!! I SAW IT!!”

Panel 4

Shinikio (Future): “I used Mikio’s hands like a puppet to be rid of your beloved friend. You see, the dear friend that you both cherished and cared for died by the same hand that you both called a friend. Using Mikio’s body like a puppet to be rid of disobedient mortals is just so pleasing.”

Yozora (Future): “...You monster... you’re using my friend as a puppet to cause chaos and destruction?!”

Shinigeru (Future): “There’s only room for one brother... and I’m taking you down along with that vessel of yours!”

Panel 5

As Shinikio sinisterly calmly charges up to attack, Yozora begins to prepare for battle.

Shinikio (Future): “Hsssssssssssss... you’re finished... any last words before I dispose of you too?”

Yozora (Future): “Indeed I do...”

Taps into Shinigeru’s consciousness by using his power and energy

Yozorogeru (Future): “I hope you can keep up with me!”

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Panel 1

As Yozora accesses his deity's abilities, he begins to charge at Shinikio for battle.

Yozorogeru (Future): “Arigatou, Shinegeru...”

Shinegeru (Future): “No problem... unlike my brother Shinigami, I have gratitude for my vessel. If worse comes to worst, I’ll take over and finish the job.”

Yozorogeru (Future): “Right... let’s do this!!”

Panel 2

As Yozorogeru and Shinikio begin to battle it out, the battle becomes so intense that the sky and battlefield start to burn up to a crimson orange. A concerned Xiozena starts to head toward the ruckus.

Xiozena (Future): “This heat, it’s intense... don’t you feel it, Ren? It’s Mikio and Yozora... if they don’t stop, they’re going to burn up the entire continent...”

Ren (Future): “Yes... I feel it... it’s my husband... Shinigami has taken control of Mikio again... Yozora has Shigeru in control for now, but if this keeps up, this will become even worse than I can imagine... Zena... be careful, and if you need my assistance, I’m here, hun.”

Xiozena (Future): “How grateful I am to be your vessel, Ren... you’ve treated me with so much love and care. You’ve looked out for me even in the worst times... I remember when fate had us meet... and that encounter led to me becoming a chosen vessel of the God of Death’s wife... how could such a sweet goddess as yourself ever be with a chaotic god like Shinigami?...”

Panel 3

Ren (Future): “Of course... how could I not? You accepted me when I needed you to become my vessel.... If you wouldn’t have accepted me in, I would’ve perished. You see... I’m not like some gods where they let desperation lead them into selfishness. If one denies me, I’ll accept that. If one accepts me, I’ll accept that even if it costs me my existence. And if it wasn’t for you, I wouldn’t be experiencing such a crazy adventure with such a lovely mortal as yourself.”

Xiozena (Future): “How could I leave such a helpless & beautiful goddess there to die a slow death like that... I had to do what I could to help. I couldn’t leave you there like that... I got you, always.”

Ren (Future): “I got you too and you know that. Now hurry onwards toward Mikio and Yozora before it’s too late!”

Xiozena (Future): “RIGHT!!”

Panel 4

As Xiozena is rushing toward a heated battle between Yozorogeru and Shinikio, Shinikio prepares a strike that will cause Yozorogeru a scar in his left eye.

Blade-like hands clashing at each other

Shinikio (Future): “—”

Pushes Yozorogeru with the power of wind

Yozorogeru (Future): “—”

Goes flying

Panel 5

Shinikio slashes Yozorogeru’s eye with a swift strike.

Shinikio (Future): “Hmph... you’re wide open...”

Dashes at the speed of light preparing a swift strike

Yozorogeru (Future): “No...”

Gasp

Panel 6

Blood splash with Shinikio in the background turning back with an ominous side eye.

Shinikio (Future): “Checkmate...”

Shhhiiiiinnnnkkkk

Panel 1

Yozorogeru screaming in pain and agony as Shinikio is staring at him from behind.

Yozorogeru (Future): “Guahhhh, what happened?! My eye... it’s...”

Shinikio (Future): “Cut out? I know. I slashed your eye out because... why not? I saw an opportunity and took it.”

Panel 2

Yozorogeru injury reveal with blood leaking down from his eye as there’s a blade-like scar on the left side of his face.

Yozorogeru (Future): “Idk how much longer I can hold out... I’m gonna pass out... vision... already getting blurry... getting light-headed... the pain... my eye...”

Pant, pant

Shinikio (Future): “What’s the matter? You can tank all these attacks but not one blow to the eye? How pathetic. You’re already passing out as it is already.”

Panel 3

Yozorogeru reverts back to his Yozora state and passes out from the loss of blood.

Yozorogeru (Future): “—”

Huff... huff — Reverts back to his mortal state, Yozora — Passes out

Yozora (Future): “—”

Collapses to the ground

Shinikio (Future): “Hmph, what a shame... have to die a pity death... goodbye to the vessel of my brother... HUAHHHHH!!!!”

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Mikio attempts to fight for his consciousness right before Shinigami was going to finish off Yozora.

Mikio (Future): “No!!!”

Grabs his own wrist

Shinikio (Future): “Ngghh... brat... I hate it when you intervene right when I’m about to win!!!”

Mikio (Future): “No.... Not another one... you already killed my childhood friend using my body like I was some puppet.... I can’t afford to let you do that to another one of my closest friends.... Not AGAIN!”

Panel 2

As Mikio and Shinigami are fighting over the consciousness of Mikio’s mind & body, Yozora starts to sinisterly rise up without Shinigami’s awareness.

Shinikio (Future): “Ngghhh, go back to sleep, you PATHETIC MORTAL!!!!”

Struggling

Shinyozora (Future): “Hmph... you may have lost your eye, but I haven’t lost mine. Rest up. Leave this to me.”

Rises up, left eye opens up

Panel 3

As Shinigami is struggling to maintain the consciousness of Mikio's body, Shinikio gets blasted in the back and goes flying into a building.

Shinikio (Future): "You lowly mortal, go... back... to... SLEEP!!!"

Gets blasted in the back and goes flying into a building

Shinikio (Future): "Nghhhh, what the hell was that?!"

Panel 4

Shinyozora starts levitating down and staring at Shinikio.

Shinikio (Future): "Doesn't surprise me... should've known you would've intervened... Shinegeru... 'Huh? That eye? But didn't I cut it out?!' I cut your eye out! How?!"

Shinyozora (Future): "You cut out an eye made out of flesh and blood. Our eyes aren't of flesh & blood but only of the divine... yes, Yozora will remain without an eye, but I won't. As long as I am taking over, I'll always have two eyes, regardless of what you do to Yozora."

Panel 5

Convo continuation.

Shinikio (Future): "So I cut out Yozora's eye... not your eye... I see... time to continue this battle..."

Shinyozora (Future): "So be it then, brother..."

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Shinikio begins to charge at Shinyozora and their battle continues through the fiery red skies of a destroyed city caused by Shinikio.

Shinikio (Future) charges at Shinyozora

Shinyozora (Future): "Nghhhh"

Flies out of building

Panel 2

As Shinikio is rushing at Shinyozora, Shinyozora strikes back at Shinikio, causing a clash that shook the entire world.

Shinikio (Future) & Shinyozora (Future): "Hrraaaaaaahhhh"

Charge at each other, causing an explosive clash

Shinyozora (Future): "Tschhh... if this keeps up, more than just this continent will burn up in flames..."

Panel 3

Xiozena concerned about the earthquake and explosion she saw in the crimson orange/red sky.

Xiozena (Future): "That clash... it's happening again... I must hurry. If they continue to clash like this, this won't end well for any of us... I just hurry..."

Schwoooo

Panel 4

As a rosé aura starts to surround and violet sharp-like stripes start to form from Xiozena's right palm up to her right eye, a concerned Xiozena starts to power up into her Xiorena state, tapping into Ren's divine abilities.

Xiozena (Future): "I need your power, Ren... I can't make it in time on my own."

Deeply breathes calmly — Exhales

Ren (Future): "Girl! You know I got you! If worse comes to worst, I'll take over and heal you like it never happened."

Xiorena (Future): "Let's do this!"

Panel 5

As Xiorena starts to rush toward the heated battle between Shinikio and Shinyozora, Shinyozora and Shinikio's battle begins to intensify as each second passes by.

Shinyozora (Future): "Talk about a heated battle... this heat... is intense..."

Blocks attack

Shinikio (Future): "What's the problem, brother? Have I become too much for you to handle?"

Shinyozora (Future): "Hmph, don't make me laugh. You'll never be too much for me."

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As the battle intensifies, an enraged Shinyozora begins to charge at Shinikio with a devastating barrage of claw-like attacks. Shinikio dodges nearly all his attacks and gets a slashed scar on the left side of his cheekbone.

Shinyozora (Future): "Hehehe... I've been training this vessel for a move like this... behold, the Claws of DIVINE JUDGEMENT! Take..... THIS IS FOR SORA!"

Shinyozora's nails start to form into medium-length sharp nails with a mix of black stripes with dark purple stripes — Claws of Divine Judgement strikes Shinikio in the left cheekbone, causing a brutal scar

Shinikio (Future): "Urrkkk... THAT HURT! You're going to regret that!"

Panel 2

Shinikio returns a revenge strike at Shinyozora, causing him to be slightly staggered.

Shinikio (Future): "—"

Revenge strikes Shinyozora in the gut, causing temporary paralysis

Shinyozora (Future): "Guahhh...."

Cough

Shinikio (Future): "Now... time to do to you what I should've done to you years ago."

Begins to charge up for his Reaper of Sorrow V3

Shinikio (Future): "And that's to slay you, brother... I never liked you, not even as a brother. You trying to take my title as the god slayer has always irked me. You irked me even more when you wanted to redeem yourself as 'one of the good deities'—made my blood boil, so much so that I wanted to slay you as the redeemed god that you have desired to become... well, sadly you got stuck within a mortal's vessel before you became redeemed... What's worse... that mortal... against his will too..."

Panel 3

As Shinikio finishes his speech, he begins to launch his fully charged-up move known as the Reaper of Sorrow V3.

Shinikio (Future): “Finally... it’s finished. Any last words before I dispose of you?”

Schwoooooo Shiing

Shinyozora (Future): “I’ve always known you resented me, big brother... I never resented you. I only resented the vision of reality that you saw—a reality where gods are slain and the world is crumbling out of order to the fall of the gods. There is no future to your vision.”

Shinikio (Future) launches projectile

Panel 4

Shinyozora dodges Shinikio’s Reaper of Sorrow, causing it to hit a rushed Xiorena, causing her to fly into a destroyed building, with Shinyozora left in shock and anger.

Shinyozora (Future): “Urk... I can’t move... what’s going on with my body... if I don’t move I will be history... I can’t... afford... to... DIE HERE!”

Dodges projectile

Xiorena (Future): “I’m almost there... I have to make it.”

Gasp — Projectile hits Xiorena and causes her to go flying right into a building at high speed from the impact of the projectile

Panel 5

A shocked Shinyozora starts to get enraged as Mikio starts to freak out from the blast hitting the love of his life.

Shinyozora (Future): “NOOOO!!! XIOZENA!!!!”

Shinikio (Future): “Well well... looks like I hit my wife’s vessel instead of you. I was planning to slay her anyway. Missed opportunity for a ‘two birds one stone’ line.”

Mikio (Future): “Ngghh... NO! NOT HER TOO! SHINIGAMI!!!! STOP NOW! STOP USING MY BODY AS SOME PUPPET TO CAUSE CHAOS!”

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As Shinikio and Shinyozora continue their battle, a weakened powered-down Xiozena is on the ground slowly fading away.

Xiozena (Future): “That didn’t... just happen, did it, Ren?”

Cough cough

Ren (Future): “Yes... I’m afraid it did...”

Xiozena (Future): “Am I... gonna die...”

Ren (Future): “No... no you won’t die. We are in this together, hun. Let me take over. I got this. Just let your consciousness rest as I take over for you.”

Panel 2

As Ren is tapping into Xiozena’s consciousness, causing her to take over Xiozena’s body, the battle between Shinikio and Shinyozora is getting worse and worse as the seconds go by.

Xiozena (Future): “Don’t worry, Xiozena... leave this to me. I’ve got you. Don’t worry. I won’t let anyone harm this vessel, let alone you. You’re like a daughter to me... I couldn’t ever dare to allow anyone to hurt you.”

Breathes calmly

Panel 3

As Shinikio and Shinyozora begin to perform a deadly clash, a concerned Riozena begins to rush to the scene hoping to stop the clash.

Shinyozora (Future): “Time to end this... you’re getting out of control! Time to put you down!”

Breathes calmly — Charges up his Sorrow of Judgement strike

Shinikio (Future): “Not if I put you down first!”

Charges up his Sorrow of Death strike

Riozena (Future): “If I don’t hurry there will be nothing left of them... I must hurry and put a stop to this nonsense!”

Begins to rush into the sky where Shinikio and Shinyozora are getting ready to clash

Panel 4

As Shinikio and Shinyozora are about to clash with one another, Riozena jumps right in front of Shinyozora, causing her to become impaled from the strike. The claw barely touched Shinyozora.

Shinikio (Future) & Shinyozora (Future): “Time to end this!!”

Sschhhlickk

Panel 5

Blood splatters, flying into the crimson red sky.

Slisshhhhh

Mikio (Future): “NOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!”

Panel 6

A shocked Shinyozora is shocked to see Riozena sacrifice herself.

Riozena (Future): “I... tried, right?”

Cough — Blood gets coughed up

Shinyozora (Future): “Rena... what about... your vessel? Yours and your mortal’s soul will perish... Why... why did you have to jump in front of us!”

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Riozena (Future): “I... had to... you’re the only one who is capable of stopping Shinigami... please... win...”

Shinikio (Future): “Hmph... this is a bittersweet kill... wife killed by the husband, vessel slain by the crush.”

Panel 2

Shinyozora looks at Shinikio with anger and thirst for blood.

Shinyozora (Future): “Shinigami.... You’re going to pay... you’re going to pay for the gods you’ve slain... you’re going to pay for making my best friend’s friend a puppet of your own.... And you’re going to pay for what you did to Xiozena & your wife!!”

Shinyozora starts to charge at Shinikio

Panel 3

Xiozena laying in the rubble, mumbling her last words with Ren.

Xiozena (Future): “Ohhhh... Ren...”

Rubs her chest while sobbing — Sobs

Xiozena (Future): “This child will never get to see the light of day... Mikio didn’t even have a chance to know... that... he was going to be a father...”

Ren (Future): “All my energy is used up... we are both out of energy... hehe... I guess time has finally run out for us both... I’m sorry about your child... I know how excited you were to become a mother, let alone tell Mikio about it... I was excited to be the godmother for your child too... I’m here for you till the very, very end, even in the afterlife...”

Xiozena (Future): “I’m sorry... son or daughter, whatever you were meant to be, I’m sorry you couldn’t... May we meet in the next life, my beloved child.... Mikio... I... love... you...”

Huff, huff

Panel 4

As Xiozena says goodbye to her unborn child and to Ren and Mikio, Shinyozora and Shinikio are battling it out in a heated match.

Shinyozora (Future) unleashes a barrage of attacks toward Shinikio

Shinikio (Future) dodges the barrages of attacks

Shinikio (Future): “That won’t be enough for me.”

Panel 5

As Shinikio dodges Shinyozora’s barrages of attacks, Shinikio notices Yozora’s sister staring at them from a far distance.

Yoake (Future): “Brother...”

Gasps

Shinikio (Future): “Huh? Looks like another mortal has come to be disposed of.”

Shinyozora (Future): “YOAKE!!! RUNNNNNN!!!”

Yozora gets control of his body for a mere second

Shinyozora (Future): “BASTARD!! STAY ASLEEP! THIS IS BETWEEN SHINIGAMI AND I!!”

Shinikio (Future): “Running isn’t going to save you. It shall only prolong the inevitable!”

Panel 6

Shinikio proceeds to fire a devastating launch toward Yoake.

Shinikio (Future): “Farewell, you pathetic creature...”

Shinyozora (Future): “NOOO!! YOAKE!!!!”

Yozora takes over with the little strength he has left — Jumps in front of the devastating blast

Yoake (Future): “No... BROTHERRRRR!!!!!!”

Crying out of sorrow

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Panel 1

Yoake (Future): “Brother.... Why... why...”

Holding her dying brother in her arms

Yoake (Future): “Thank you, brother... thank you for being a bigger brother to me...”

Sobbing uncontrollably

Shinikio (Future): “The last attack I did really took out a lot of my energy....”

Huff, huff — Passes out and falls into the destroyed rubble

Panel 2

Mikio (Future) wakes up in the rubble

Mikio (Future): “I’m sorry.... How could I have done all this... I did all this... all of it... I promise... I promise I will make this right... even if it means erasing my past...”

Panel 3

Mikio (Future) crawls out of the rubble

Mikio (Future): “I will... make things better... I will save the future from myself.... I swore to myself that I wouldn’t time travel ever again.... Well, here goes nothing... time to fix what I destroyed!”

Passes out from the loss of blood

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As Mikio passes out from the loss of blood, a lovely caretaker finds him passed out and pulls him out of the rubble and takes him back to her shelter.

3 HOURS LATER

Survivor: “Gotta find some food. I am hungry.... Huh? Is that a person?”

Walks up to Mikio — Checks pulse

Survivor: “Hm, this person seems to still be alive. He looks really hurt... I should take him back to my shelter. Who knows what this poor man has been through.”

Panel 2

7 HOURS LATER

Mikio wakes up in a shelter with bandages over his wounds.

Mikio (Future): “Huh? Where... am I?”

Survivor: “You are at my shelter. I took you here and bandaged you up.”

Says it with a smile

Mikio (Future): “You took me in? I thank you for that... not like I deserved it...”

Survivor: “Whatever you did to say that about yourself, I encourage you to forgive yourself. No one is perfect. That doesn’t mean you don’t have a purpose.”

Mikio (Future): “It’s not the imperfections I carry... it’s the monster I carry that makes me worthy of death.”

Panel 3

Survivor: “Oh.... Even the most heartless of monsters have some form of love. Forgive yourself. All will be well.”

Mikio (Future): “Thank you... nothing you say will change how I feel about myself... I know what kind of devastation these hands have bestowed upon this world... I seek to erase my past... not to write a future that holds nothing but chaos and despair...”

Panel 4

Survivor: “That’s deep... May I ask what is your name, sir?”

Mikio (Future): “My name is Mikio. You?”

Chen: “My name is Chen. People call me Lady Chen.”

Mikio (Future): “Thank you, Chen, for saving my life. I gotta get going here soon, though. I have a past to erase.”

Panel 5

Mikio prepares to travel back 14 years into the past.

Chen: “Farewell, Mikio. Good luck on your mission.”

Mikio (Future): “Ma’am... thank you for taking me in and fixing me up. It’s an honor to know you. Farewell, Lady Chen...”

Chen: “Farewell and good luck on your journey!”

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“3 years later prior to Future Mikio’s timeline”

After Future Mikio has explained why he time-traveled to the past to be rid of himself to Xekaia, Xekaia begins to scold Mikio.

Mikio (Future): “And that’s how we all ended up in this situation... I was intended to go 14 years into the past and ended up 7 years into the past, and that’s where you ran into my present version of myself and me. And when we clashed, it seemed to have knocked us 7 more years into the past, leading me right where I wanted to be at!”

Xekaia (Present): “So you’re here on a mission to erase your past? Do you not realize how ignorant that is?!”

Panel 2

Xekaia (Present): “Foolish!! I shall not allow this to happen!”

Purplish/black aura starts to rise up from Xekaia

Mikio (Future) powers up to his Mikiogami form

Mikiogami (Future): “We will see about that, Xekaia... I am well aware of who you are. You’re the bounty hunter ordered by Zeus who is known to capture deities who have defied against Zeus.”

Xekaia (Present): “Indeed... how do you know that?”

Panel 3

Mikiogami (Future): “I’ve encountered you before. That’s how I know of you...”

Xekaia (Present): “I forgot... this guy is from the future...”

Xekaia (Present): “No problem. I’ll just dispose of you here and now! Erasing the past is the most foolish thing any mortal could think of... you’re an endanger and a disgrace to the human race and your soul shall be extinguished permanently!”

Panel 4

Mikiogami (Future): “Erasing my past is the only way to stop a future that awaits nothing but chaos and destruction... I don’t think you understand that if you stop me from doing this, nothing but chaos and ruins shall await this world, and I refuse to allow myself to do such a horrid thing...”

Xekaia (Present): “Doesn’t matter. What’s meant to come to pass shall come to pass and no mortal has a right to interfere on what’s meant to become!”

Panel 5

Mikiogami (Future): “Yes... and what’s to come is imminent destruction... and if I don’t do anything about it... the whole world will fall down to chaos!”

Xekaia (Present): “And what will happen if you interfere is you would rip the space-time continuum! I can’t allow it! I won’t allow it!!”

Panel 6

Xekaia and Future Mikiogami begin to battle it out.

Mikiogami (Future) charges at Xekaia

Xekaia (Present) charges toward Mikiogami

Clash

Mikiogami spawns an aura purple sword

Xekaia (Present): “You’re the vessel of Shinigami? Impressive... you’ve never ceased to impress me, Shinigami.”

Charges up divine energy

Xekaia (Present): “Hrahhhhhhh”

Spawns a divine aura orange scythe

◆ PAGE 31 · 2 panels**Panel 1**

Panel One is showing Xekaia floating in mid-air covered in a black and orange aura, holding his dark dusky orange scythe with his hair blooming to the side.

Panel 2

Panel Two is showing Mikiogami floating in mid-air covered in a purple and black aura, holding his dark galaxy-purple-looking scythe with his hair blooming to the side.

◆ PAGE 32 · 6 panels**Panel 1**

Mikiogami & Xekaia begin to charge at each other.

Panel 2

Panel 2 shows Mikiogami's and Xekaia's scythes clash.

Panel 3

Panel 3 shows Mikiogami and Xekaia get pushed back from one another due to the conflict of the clash.

Panel 4

Mikiogami (Future): "That force from the impact of our clash is out of this world!"

Xekaia (Present): "This mortal is dangerous... I have to eliminate him before it's too late!"

Panel 5

Panel 5 is showing the two beings slash back at each other with their scythes.

Xekaia (Present): "Ngggghhhh, the pressure from this divine mortal feels so heavy...."

Panel 6

Panel 6 is showing Mikiogami block Xekaia's counter strike.

Xekaia (Present): "I will not allow this!!"

Strikes at Mikiogami

Mikiogami (Future): "Hmph..."

Blocks attack

◆ **PAGE 33 · 5 panels****Panel 1**

Panel 1 shows a dark dusky sunset sky with flashing stars flying around like a light show as civilians look up at it in awe.

Civilian 1: "What's that?"

Civilian 2: "It's beautiful, looks like a light show!"

Civilian 3: "It looks so beautiful!"

Civilian 4: "Woahhhh!"

Panel 2

Panel 2 is showing Present Era Mikio staring at the glistening lights in the dusky sky.

Mikio (Present): "Wowwww, how beautiful!"

Panel 3

Panel 3 is showing Future Mikiogami and Xekaia clashing scythes together.

Xekaia (Present): "Hmph, quite the scythe user I see?"

Mikiogami (Future): "I can say the same about you!"

Panel 4

Panel 4 shows off the two scythes shattering into energetic dust.

Mikiogami (Future) & Xekaia (Present): "—"

Scythes shatter into dust from the clash → Shhhhhhhhhhhh

Panel 5

Panel 5 shows a distressed Mikiogami and a distressed Xekaia.

Mikiogami (Future) & Xekaia (Present): “My scythe... ngggh!”

◆ **PAGE 34 · 6 panels****Panel 1**

Panel 1 shows off Mikiogami generating an aura-like sword.

Mikiogami (Future): “Get ready!!”

Spawns the Aura Sword — With a victorious smirk

Panel 2

Panel 2 shows Mikiogami rushing toward Xekaia with his Soul Blade.

Xekaia (Present): “Ngh... I can't move... I feel frozen.”

Panel 3

Panel 3 is showing Xekaia trying to break free from paralysis as Mikiogami is charging right at him.

Xekaia struggling to get out of paralysis

Mikiogami (Future): “Hmph, I knew my shadow paralysis would catch you off guard.”

Zooms toward Xekaia

Panel 4

Panel 4 is showing Xekaia breaking free at the last second.

Panel 5

Panel 5 shows Mikiogami slashing Xekaia's right eye. Due to Xekaia breaking free, it led to an injury over a fatality.

Swishhhhhh

Xekaia (Present): “AAAAEEE!!!”

Panel 6

Blood spew panel.

◆ **PAGE 35 · 5 panels****Panel 1**

Panel 1 shows an injured Xekaia holding his leaking eye socket.

Xekaia (Present): “I'm not done yet... I'll be back. You will regret this. Heed this, Shinigami & Mikio: there's nothing but oblivion that awaits you...”

Huff Huff

Panel 2

Panel 2 shows Xekaia fleeing into a portal he spawned.

Xekaia (Present): “—”

Hisssssssss

Panel 3

Panel 3 shows an exhausted Mikiogami power down to his mortal state Mikio.

Mikiogami (Future): “Hmph.”

Ssssshhhhhhhhhh

Panel 4

Panel 4 shows Mikio pass out due to exhaustion.

Mikio (Future): “—”

Collapses and falls asleep from exhaustion

Panel 5

Panel 5 shows Mikio passed out with a smile on his face.

Mikio (Future): “I will... succeed...”

Nghhh... Passes out

◆ **PAGE 36 · 7 panels****Panel 1**

As Mikio from the future passes out, Mikio from the main present begins to travel around the area.

Mikio (Present): “Ahh, this place has never looked more beautiful when there’s a full moon out.”

Panel 2

Panel 2 is showing Mikio walking around and notices a familiar household.

Mikio (Present): “That moon... I can’t get over it. Huh? Is that?... It can’t be...”

Mikio (Present): “Uh oh... a car is coming. Better hide!!”

Panel 3

Panel 3 shows off Mikio (Past) walking out of his car and Present Mikio seems confused and shocked to see that that was him.

Mikio (Present): “Is that... me?! That can’t be possible... I can’t drive... nor did I ever!”

Mikio (Past): “Mom! DAD! I’m home!”

Akari (Past): “Welcome home, son! How was your day today?!”

Panel 4

Mikio (Past): “My day was good.”

Sets keys and backpack down on the counter

Akari (Past): “That’s good!”

Mikio (Past): “Where’s Dad?”

Akari (Past): “He’s still at work, son.”

Panel 5

Mikio (Present): “Look at my mom and me... the fact that we are getting along blows my mind... and this house, it’s beautifully designed, and not broken apart from the house I remember... have I leaped... to an alternate past? Is this even the me I remember?”

Panel 6

Panel 6 shows another car pulling in and Present Mikio goes off to run and hide.

Man pulls into the driveway

Mikio (Present): “Wuh-oh! Gotta hide!!”

Panel 7

Man steps out of the car

Mikio (Present): “Is that... it can't be... it's →”

◆ **PAGE 37 · 7 panels****Panel 1**

Panel 1 shows the family welcoming their dad home.

Family (Past): “Welcome home!!!”

Panel 2

Shows Mikio staring at his altered family from the window in shock.

Mikio (Present): “This is insane. It's like if I've entered an alternate timeline! Mom... Dad... they look so happy together. This is crazy. My dad left when I was 12 to get away from my crazy mom. In this reality, it seems I have a stable family with a balanced lifestyle.”

Panel 3

Mikio (Present): “This version of me seems to have had a good childhood... why did it have to be me to suffer? Why couldn't my lifestyle be this good? I can't hold a job, parents didn't help me get my driver's license, and I lost the girl. This one seems to be a reality to where everything worked out for me. Is this not my original reality?”

Begins to tear up

Mikio (Present): “I want a loving mother and father who I could look up to. I want a family where my mom and dad got along. I want a reality to where I never lost her.”

Panel 4

Itsuki, Mikio's father, walks in the door, smelling the scent of dinner.

Itsuki (Past): “Thank you, guys. Mmm, dinner smells so good. What did you make, hunny?”

Akari (Past): “I made orange chicken with rice and chow mein noodles!”

Panel 5

Present Era Mikio keeps analyzing the house and notices his mom from the past is pregnant.

Mikio (Present): “Huh?! That's impossible. My mom is pregnant? Huh? Those wedding photos on the wall? Did Mom and Dad get married in this reality?”

Panel 6

Panel 6 shows Mikio's father Itsuki giving Akari a hug.

Panel 7

Panel 7 shows Mikio's little sister Nashiya running toward Itsuki, with Itsuki crouching down to give her a hug.

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Panel 1

Panel 1 shows Mikio hearing a beautiful melody from the woods. Mikio proceeds to walk toward the beautiful melody.

Mikio (Present): “Huh? That melody... what is this? That voice too... it sounds so beautiful!”

Panel 2

Panel 2 shows Mikio making it to the melody location.

Mikio (Present): “This place... it’s so beautiful!”

Melodic Female Voice: “Mikio, you have to stop your future self from attacking your past self. If you don’t, it will be such a horrid outcome...”

Panel 3

A lovely light blue aura starts surrounding Mikio as the light blue aura speaks to him.

Mikio (Present): “Huh? Stop myself? What is after? And what is going on? Why am I in a past that I don’t even remember...”

Melodic Female Voice: “I will answer your questions. When Xekaia and your future self clashed, you three got sucked into a wormhole, leading you guys 7 years into an alternate timeline. That’s why you don’t remember your family and life as how you remember it from your timeline. The past version you saw is a version that had a loving family, a version where you were stable, not traumatic.”

Panel 4

The light blue aura begins to swirl around Mikio’s head, causing it to bloom beautifully as the light aura reflects off of Mikio’s eyes.

Mikio (Present): “But if my future self is powerful, how can I ever expect to defeat him...”

Melodic Female Voice: “You as of right now, your future isn’t written yet. Due to time conflicts, you have a new chance to rewrite your future. Don’t turn out how that future version turned out. Your destiny lies in your hands, Mikio! Here... take this!”

Panel 5

The light aura begins to set a mythical sword that glows in 7 colors: light blue, dark purple, dark green, orange fire, and an amethyst-like color, and it begins to glow in Mikio’s hand.

Mikio (Present): “Huh? What’s this?”

Melodic Female Voice: “This is known as the Blade of Divine Empowerment, or the ‘Soul Blade’ for short.”

Panel 6

Mikio looks at the beautiful sword in awe.

Mikio (Present): “This looks so beautiful... the energy. It feels so intense and calm and warm.”

Melodic Female Voice: “To sheathe the sword, simply just imagine storing it within your soul, and to call your sword, imagine the sword coming from your soul into your palm.”

Panel 7

Mikio tests out the hypothesis of the divine unknown voice. The panel shows Mikio sheathing the sword.

Mysterious Female Voice: “Now imagine the blade disappearing from the palm of your hand.”

Mikio (Present): “Ok!”

Breathes — Sheathes sword

This panel shows Mikio in hype and shock as the voice is telling him to attempt to draw the sword via kinetically.

Mikio (Present): “Woahhhh!!! This is so cool!”

Mysterious Female Voice: “Now, try to draw it. Imagine your blade spawning in your hand right now.”

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The sword spawns into Mikio's right palm.

Mikio (Present): “Woahhhhh!!! Tense! One problem though: I've never used a sword in my entire lifetime! How do you know this weapon is the right choice for me?”

Breathes — Closes eyes → Sword spawns

Panel 2

Light blue aura starts showing Mikio his past lifetimes.

Melodic Female Voice: “Not in this lifetime. In many lifetimes you have been a swords master in many, a couple in wars too. As you can see here, Mikio, you have lived many lives, many involving being a swordsman who's mastered the art of the blade and mind.”

Mikio (Present): “And how do you know this?!”

Panel 3

Melodic Female Voice: “I am your spirit guide. That's why. My name is Azuki, and I have been right beside your soul since your very first lifetime. Your real soul name is Xerathor. The name references a lone warrior who can overcome any battle independently. Your soul's name is Xerathor; your current lifetime identity is Mikio.”

Panel 4

Azuki (Present): “You are an old soul, and I always appear in your life whenever you shift into your destined path. You may not remember me, but I remember you, and every lifetime your soul has manifested within. I am only allowed to say so much about one's future, including yours.”

Azuki (Present): “You have 7 days till your future self goes to intrude on your first date with Xiozena. Yes, that date has occurred in all 3 of your realities, yet he may think it's his reality, but in reality he's just going to dispose of a version of himself that has nothing to do with his timeline... You must stop him. You have 7 days to train. Since you are aware of your past lifetimes, you should learn faster than an average mortal. Now, train. Find your potential. You've got this!”

Panel 5

Mikio (Present): “Seven days, huh? Well, even if it may not be enough time to get strong enough for myself, I will use those 7 days to learn what I know. Better than to know how not to use this blade when I need to use it.”

Azuki (Present): “That's the spirit!”

Mikio (Present): “Ok, quick question.”

Panel 6

Azuki (Present): “Hm? What is it?”

Mikio (Present): “If I were to fail, will I cease to exist?”

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Shows the light blue spirit of Azuki surrounding Mikio as she explains the situation.

Azuki (Present): “No. You will not. However, it is your job to make sure you stop your future self at all costs, Mikio! A beautiful future may await this past version of yourself. Be sure to do what you can to protect your past, even if it's a different version of your past!”

Mikio (Present): “I will do what it takes to keep this past protected!”

Panel 2

Meanwhile, as Mikio begins to prepare for the 7 days he has left, an angered Xekaia is vengefully plotting his next move toward Future Mikio.

Xekaia (Present): “Urrggggghhh... damn you, Mikio... I will make you pay for this...”

Holding his slashed eye

Panel 3

Xekaia (Present): “Nghhhh!”

Koff

Xekaia (Present): “You may have won this battle but you will lose this war!”

Panel 4

Xekaia passes out from fatigue.

Panel 5

Mikio is practicing the art of his Soul Blade.

Meanwhile, as Xekaia collapses from fatigue with his battle with Future Mikio, Present Era Mikio is training with his Soul Blade on the field.

12 HRS LATER

Mikio (Present): “Talk about breaking a sweat.”

Huff Huff — Sheathes Soul Blade magically

Akari (Present): “Quite the disciplined individual, are you? I can tell.”

Panel 6

Mikio (Present): “Yes, I am. I've been disciplined since I was 21, so 3 years since.”

Proud sweaty smile

Azuki (Present): “I'm well aware. Just because we just connected doesn't mean I haven't been watching over you.”

Mikio (Present): “Wait, you have?”

Panel 7

Azuki (Present): “Of course I have. I am your Spirit Guide. I am imprinted on your soul and called to appear whenever an intense divine timed event occurs in each of your soul's lifetimes.”

Mikio (Present): “That's beautiful.”

Tears up slightly

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Mikio hears grunting and pounding from a near distance.

Mikio (Present): “Huh, what's that?”

Azuki (Present): “It seems to be??? You??? ‘Alternate Past Mikio training? This is odd.’”

Panel 2

Panel 2 shows (Alt) Past Era Mikio hitting a tree and giving up back and forth.

Mikio (Alt Past): “No matter how hard I try to push myself... I can't seem to stay locked in for more than 30 seconds...”

Huff, huff

Panel 3

Past Mikio pounds head on the tree out of frustration.

Mikio (Alt Past): “WHY WHY WHY WHY WHY WHY WHYYYY!!! WHY CAN'T I STAY FOCUSED!!!!”

Pounds head repeatedly on tree

Panel 4

Mikio (Present): “That's rough to watch myself do this...”

Azuki (Present): “Technically it isn't you, but it is you.”

Mikio (Present): “You know what I mean...”

Panel 5

Blood leaking from Past Mikio's forehead.

Mikio (Alt Past): “Oh no... I'm leaking blood. I can't mess myself up too bad. My date with Xiozena is in 7 days!”

Panel 6

Mikio Present Era begins to continue on with his Soul Blade training.

Mikio (Present): “Time to stop goofing off and to start learning how to use this blade!”

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“7 Days Later”

Panel 1

Azuki (Present): “Well! It's been 7 days! How do you feel with that blade now!”

Mikio (Present): “I feel like I could use more practice, but I'm for sure a lot better than I was 7 days ago. It feels like I've wielded this sword before.”

Panel 2

Azuki (Present): “Because you have. Didn’t I address this already?”

Mikio (Present): “Ahh hahaha, yeah... right!!! You did!”

Panel 3

Mikio (Present): “Now, time to head over to my first date location before my future self does!”

Panel 4

Future Mikio has finished his 7-day training as well.

Mikio (Future): “No matter how much I train my mind, it doesn’t seem to keep Shinigami in check...”

Meditating

Panel 5

Panel 5 shows Future Mikio holding his head out of frustration.

Mikio (Future): “Why... why can’t I keep Shinigami in control... why... just... why...”

GRAHHHHHHHHHHH

Panel 6

Shinigami (Future): “Alright, Mikio, let’s get going before it’s too late.”

Mikio (Future): “Urk... right!”

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Mikio from the present era is approaching the area where he had his first date.

Mikio (Present): “Woah... déjà vu...”

Azuki (Present): “Don’t doddle off now. We need to find your alternate past self and Xiozena quick! Before your future self finds them!”

Panel 2

As Present Mikio is approaching the area, Future Mikio is already searching the mall for Past Xiozena & Mikio.

Mikio (Future): “Where are they?! They aren’t at the spot... do I remember the date correctly?”

Azuki (Future): “Mikio, you should really think this through. Like, you’re really going to try to save the future by erasing your future by extinguishing your past self in front of your lover? What will you accomplish through all this...”

Panel 3

Panel 3 shows Future Mikio in a surprise shock from hearing a familiar voice that echoes in his mind. He puts his hand on the right side of his head.

Mikio (Future): “That... voice?! I haven’t heard from Akari since Shinigami suppressed her connection with me.”

Shinigami (Future): “SHUT UP AND STAY ASLEEP.”

Mikio (Future): “The voice slowly faded away... the last words I heard were ‘Don’t do this. What’s meant to happen is meant to happen, regardless of how many souls lay on your hands... you might know of your future, but your past and present selves still control the past... You didn’t kill those people. Shinigami used you like a puppet to slay all those deities and souls. It’s not your fault...”

Gasps

Panel 4

Future Mikio starts tearing up.

Mikio (Future): “I’ve got to do this... I’m already here...”

Wipes tears

Mikio (Future): “Now, I’ve got a future to erase and to rewrite!”

Panel 5

Future Mikio spots a familiar face.

Mikio (Future): “Huh? Is that? That’s my present era self? What’s he doing here?!”

Shinigami (Future): “Follow them... NOW! Don’t get spotted.”

Panel 6

Present Mikio is looking around and finds the past era versions of himself and Xiozena.

Mikio (Present): “This is frustrating... I can’t find them!”

Azuki (Present): “Keep looking. I sense that we are closer to finding them!”

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Present Mikio decides to patiently wait against the wall with his arms crossed, hoodie up, and head down as he is waiting for Past Era Xiozena and Past Era Mikio.

Azuki (Present): “Mikio, don’t you remember what time you showed up for your date?”

Mikio (Present): “No, I don’t remember exactly off the top of my head, but I know it was around 16:00 (4 PM).”

Azuki (Present): “Right now it is 15:45. You guys should show up here anytime now.”

Panel 2

Past Era Xiozena and Mikio begin to walk into the mall holding hands.

Mikio (Past): “Whenever I hold your hand, I feel like I’m home... no one has touched my soul like yours has...”

Xiozena (Past): “Awh... Mikio.”

Panel 3

Panel shows two hands holding with glittering falling tears.

Mikio & Xiozena (Past) sniffles

Mikio (Past): “You are so beautiful...”

Panel 4

Panel 4 shows Past Era Mikio and Xiozena’s mouths as their hands are holding each other’s faces.

Panel 5

Shows a full-body view of Past Xiozena and Past Mikio holding each other as they kiss under a dusky sunset with Xiozena’s leg lifted up.

Panel 6

Present Mikio is shocked and sobbing (comedic) at the moment of awe.

Mikio (Present): “Awh... why couldn’t that be ussssss”

Sobbing

Panel 7

Panel 7 shows Future Mikio grabbing hold of Present Mikio and covering his mouth with his hand.

Mikio (Future): “Gotcha!”

Panel 8

Panel 8 shows Present Mikio getting stabbed in the back and punctures an organ by Future Mikio (Facial expression: Eyes shocked and dilated with vibration effect around his eyes).

Mikio (Present): “—”

Muffled screaming

Mikio (Future): “Sh sh sh shhhh. It’s okay. You won’t die, just unconscious until whoever finds you out cold, that is...”

Future Mikio pulls out his mini aura blade right out of his body as blood splashes out from pulling the blade out.

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Future Mikio kicks Present Mikio’s body down to the ground with a bloody palm.

Mikio (Present): “Ughhh...”

Swirly lettering

Mikio (Future) kicks down Present Mikio’s body

Panel 2

Future Mikio turns his head and sees Xiozena and his past self kissing each other.

Mikio (Future): “Is that? It can’t be... I don’t remember this at all....”

Panel 3

Panel 3 cuts straight to Mikio and Xiozena (Past) talking after their kiss.

Xiozena (Past): “Thank you for accepting me for who I am... no matter what my upbringing was. Why do you choose me? I have no one, no license, and no support of a family. Why me of all people?”

Mikio (Past): “I accept you because no soul has touched mine like yours has. I don’t care if you’re broke. I don’t care if you have torn-up clothing or messy hair. I accept you for who you are regardless of what you’re dealing with. No soul is perfect. That doesn’t mean there aren’t perfect matches, right?”

Panel 4

Panel 4 shows Future Mikio tearing up in confusion after seeing/hearing what he saw and heard.

Mikio (Future): “What did I just witness and hear?... It’s like our lives... have been...”

Shinigami (Future): “Swapped? Yeah, seems like this reality isn’t how you remembered. From the looks of it, we must’ve shifted into an alternate 2017...”

Mikio (Future): “So you’re saying? I’m not in my imprinted past?”

Shinigami (Future): “From the looks of it? Yes.”

Panel 5

Future Mikio squints his eyes as he covers his eyes with his fingers in disappointment.

Mikio (Future): “Ahhh shit...”

Shinigami (Future): “You’re such an idiot...”

Mikio (Future): “Hey, how was I supposed to know that our clash with Xekaia would suck us into an alternate 2017?! That’s not my fault!! Whatever, we are here. Might as well rewrite two timelines, right? Once I am done disposing of my alternate past self, I’ll figure out how to get back to my main timeline and dispose of my past once and for all.”

Panel 6

Mikio (Past): “Let’s get going on that cruise now, but first we should go in the mall and hang out.”

Xiozena (Past): “Sounds good to me!”

Panel 7

Future Mikio grabs Past Era Mikio by the wrist tightly.

Mikio (Future): “I don’t think so...”

Mikio (Past): “Nghhh, who?!”

◆ **PAGE 46 · 7 panels****Panel 1**

Panel 1 shows a full view of Future Mikio looking down at Past Mikio with an emotionless look, as he is holding Past Mikio by the wrist with the wind blowing Future Mikio’s scarf and cloak.

Panel 2

Panel 2 shows Past Mikio looking up at Future Mikio’s emotionless eyes with a shocked look and a sweat drop dropping from Past Mikio’s side of his eye.

Mikio (Future): “Hmmmmmmmm”

In a calmly aggressive way

Mikio (Past): “This energy... it feels so tense... nrggg, let me go, will ya?!”

Panel 3

Xiozena shaking in fear and shock, not knowing what to do as she’s frozen from her fear and shock.

Xiozena (Past): “What is going on... I’m frozen in shock and fear... I’m so shaky I can’t move... this man’s presence is so intense... and cold...”

Panel 4

Panel 4 shows Future Mikio throwing Past Mikio at Past Xiozena aggressively.

Mikio (Past) & Xiozena (Past): “OOF!”

Thud

Panel 5

Panel 5 shows Mikio (Past) being picked up by the neck aggressively by Mikio (Future).

Mikio (Past): “Hey! LET ME GO!”

Mikio (Future): “Shut it, KID!”

Panel 6

Future Mikio gut-punches Past Mikio out of frustration and annoyance.

THWOK

Mikio (Past): “Gwuuahhh”

Coughs up blood

Mikio (Future): “You’re comin’ with me...”

Panel 7

Future Mikio spawns a purple-looking portal.

Mikio (Past): “What is... this...”

◆ **PAGE 47 · 7 panels****Panel 1**

Xiozena (Past) grabs onto Future Mikio helplessly.

Xiozena (Past): “HEY! WHOEVER YOU ARE! LET HIM GO!!! PLEASE NOT HIM!!!!”

Mikio (Future): “Oh? So now you care?! NOW YOU CARE!”

Xiozena (Past): “I’ve always cared about him... what are you talking about? He accepts me for who I am...”

Mikio (Future): “So did I...”

Xiozena and Mikio (Past): “Huh?”

Panel 2

Mikio (Future) grabs hold of Xiozena (Past).

Xiozena (Past): “Urk... let me go! Let me go!!!”

Mikio (Future): “Shut it! You’re both coming with me. Then I’ll dispose of your boyfriend slowly and have you watch, so you can live with seeing that for the rest of your life.”

Panel 3

Future Mikio staring down at Mikio and Xiozena (Past).

Xiozena (Past): “NO! PLEASE DON’T KILL HIM!”

Mikio (Future): “Shut up! Be lucky after I’m done disposing of him, I am going to send you back here to Earth. Be lucky I’m not going to kill you like I will him. I just want you to watch and see. Now, let’s get going!”

Panel 4

A bled-out Mikio’s right eye opens up aggressively as it’s glowing crimson red.

Shinikio (Present): “Grrrrr...”

Panel 5

Shinikio (Present) begins rushing at Future Mikio with a surprise.

Grunting as he’s rushing

Panel 6

Mikio (Future) turns around with a surprised look.

Mikio (Future): “You?!!”

Gasps

Panel 7

Shinikio (Present) strikes Mikio (Future) with a flying kick with the purple void right behind Mikio (Future).

Thwok

Mikio (Future): “Gwuahhh!”

Koff

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Everyone gets sucked in the portal from the kick.

Panel 2

Xekaia (Present) follows them right into the portal.

Xekaia (Present): “Ngrrrh... I’VE GOTTA HURRY!! Maybe I can learn something new about this whole fiasco!”

Panel 3

Erebus (Past) follows Xekaia (Present) into the portal.

Erebus (Past): “Shinigami... I’ve found you...”

Panel 4

Mikio (Future) & Shinikio (Present) & the past counterparts end up in a purplish dimension with sparkling stars in the background with rocky blackberry-color terrain.

EVERYONE: Thud

Panel 5

Xiozena and Mikio (Past) look at the place in awe.

Mikio & Xiozena (Past): “Woahhh... what is this place? It is so beautiful. It’s like we are in a purplish Milky Way in space!”

Panel 6

Shinikio (Present) and Mikio (Future) continue to battle it out.

Crashing and thudding

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Mikio (Past): “Xio! Let’s run and hide and try to get out of the way of this battle...”

Xiozena (Past): “Right! There’s a rock we can hide over there. Seems like a safe zone from the battle. In the meantime we can watch this battle! Even though this is scary, there’s nothing we can do right now but watch!”

Panel 2

Xekaia (Present) lands in the dimension and sticks his landing flashy.

Xekaia (Present): “Oh? This dimension looks personally created? I’ve never seen a dimension so beautiful yet so dreadful to be in... it’s like time and space doesn’t even flow here... how eerie...”

Panel 3

Xekaia (Present) finds a rock to stake out at to watch the battle, to study Mikio's movements.

Xekaia (Present): "There's a rock! I can stake out there and watch their movements and study them."

Panel 4

Erebus is flying out of the portal and falls behind a rock.

CRASH

Panel 5

Erebus getting up from the crash.

Erebus: "I've found you. Time to watch!"

Grunt — Watches Present Shinikio's movements

Panel 6

Past Mikio and Past Xiozena are watching the battle between Mikio (Future) and Shinikio (Present) from behind a boulder.

Mikio (Past): "Xiozena? Am I dreaming or is this really happening?!"

Xiozena (Past): "It really is... it's so unreal..."

◆ **PAGE 50 · 6 panels****Panel 1**

Shinikio (Present) strikes Mikio (Future) with a powerful blow to the chest.

Shinikio (Present): "HRAHHHHH!!!"

Mikio (Future): "Guahhh!"

Koff

Panel 2

Panel shows Mikio (Future) admiring his present self's potential.

Mikio (Future): "Your strength surprises me... to say I was this strong in this state? Sadly you won't remember this battle."

Shinikio (Present): "That presence... is it?!"

Mikio (Future): "Looks like I have to go all out... good thing I can control this demon inside me... 'that is until I run out of Astro energy.'"

Panel 3

Panel 3 shows Future Mikio powering up into his controlled Mikiogami state.

Mikio (Future): "Hmph!"

Fwoooo — Breathes softly through the nose

Panel 4

Shinikio (Present) is shocked to see Mikio have control over his divine abilities.

Shinikio (Present): "It can't be... how could Mikio have gotten a sense of control over my divine abilities?! Doesn't matter... time to finish this!"

Mikiogami (Future): "So be it then..."

Panel 5

Shinikio (Present) & Mikiogami (Future) clash it out with their auroral-looking blades.
Aura swords clashing with blazing effects

Panel 6

Present Era Shinikio gets knocked back from Future Mikiogami's force.
FWOOOSH → THUD

Shinikio (Present): "Urghhh..."

◆ **PAGE 51 · 8 panels****Panel 1**

Shinikio (Present) falls to the ground landing with a kneeling pose on one knee with his fist pounding the ground and his other hand over his knee.
Breathes heavily

Panel 2

Panel 2 shows Present Era Shinikio looking above him, showing Mikiogami (Future) coming down with a devastating strike from above.

Mikiogami (Future): "You're finished now!"

Shinikio (Present): "Gotta move!"

Gasps

Panel 3

Panel 3 shows Present Shinikio jumping out of the way with an acrobatic swirling jump along with a cloud of dust coming from the crashing effects from Future Mikiogami's missed strike.

Shinikio (Present) jumps out of the way acrobatically

Mikiogami (Future): Crashhhhhh

Panel 4

Panel 4 shows Present Shinikio landing drastically after jumping out of the way from Future Mikiogami's strike.
Panel also shows Mikiogami staring at Shinikio from a distance.

Shinikio (Present): "Hrmph..."

Mikiogami (Future): "You're not as slow as I took you for. Good one..."

Panel 5

Panel shows an angered face of Future Mikiogami.

Mikiogami (Future): "I don't care how fast you are... I won't let you stop me from changing the future!!!!"

Panel 6

Panel Six shows Past Xiozena having her hand over her ear as she hears a distorted voice.

Static, zrrtt

Xiozena (Past): "Urkkkkk... urwahhh!!"

Mikio (Past): "Xiozena?! What's going on with you?!"

Azuki (Past): "She will be okay. She's just experiencing a spiritual awakening."

Panel 7

Mikio (Past) is trying to figure out where the voice is coming from.

Mikio (Past): “Huh? Who? Where’s that voice coming from?”

Azuki (Past): “Calm down. I’m just your spirit guide. In every lifetime whenever you experience a divine shift, your awareness of me becomes known from within.”

Mikio (Past): “That’s nice to know. You’re like a guide?”

Azuki (Past): “Yes, that is correct!”

Panel 8

As Xiozena (Past) is holding her head from pain and frustration through the shift she is experiencing, she starts to randomly get a glimpse of multiple timelines and realities of the past, present, and future.

SHATTERED PANEL 1: A glimpse of Future Mikio’s life

SHATTERED PANEL 2: A glimpse of Original timeline’s Mikio’s traumatic childhood

SHATTERED PANEL 3: A glimpse of Original timeline Xiozena’s lifestyle

Hanashia (Past): “You have finally awoken...”

Xiozena (Past): “What is this... who?..”

Screaming → Gasps

Hanashia (Past): “I am your spirit guide, Hanashia. You have awoken the gift you carry and become aware of your spirit guide.”

Xiozena (Past): “You’re my spirit guide?!”

Hanashia (Past): “Yes... I am, and the visions you’re seeing are multiple realities—realities that exist in parallel timelines, similar yet different versions of one another...”

◆ PAGE 52 · Final panels

The final panel shows Xiozena’s (Past) eyes sparkle beautifully as she is in shock and awe at what’s she’s seeing and experiencing.

FINAL PANEL

SHATTERED PANEL 1: A glimpse of a fallen partnership with Mikio

SHATTERED PANEL 2: A glimpse of the world falling to a crumble from being out of control

SHATTERED PANEL 3: A glimpse of a possessed Mikio killing the gods

SHATTERED PANEL 4: A glimpse of the battle between the last mortal and the first and last God

Xiozena (Past): “These... visions... it can’t be... multiple... realities? Timelines... what is this even...”

◆ TO BE CONTINUED ◆

◆ End of Chapter 1 — Alternate Timelines Arc ◆