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The Curse Unveiled || The Curse of Kuroyami EP 2

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The Audio starts with the ambience of a small cafe area, Todoroki and Snowfall are walking up to Bakugou and Deku who are seated.

Deku: (a little sleepy, mouth full, swallows) Good morning you two!

Bakugou: Wow, you two look awful.

Deku: (Sigh, defensive) Not *awful*. You guys just look a little... unrested. Here, sit with us! We got you some breakfast too. French toast, and some bacon and eggs.

Todoroki: Thank you, Midoriya. You're always so thoughtful.. **(They take a seat)**

Bakugou: (Mouthful) So, **(swallow)** What's up with the bags under your eyes? You losers not sleep or what?

Todoroki: Well... Last night, Snowfall and I heard something outside.

Deku: (concern) What..? What did you hear?

Todoroki: Mm.. I was showering at the time, but Snowfall told me it sounded similar to the sound we heard in the woods, when we were replacing the tire.

Deku: R..really?

Todoroki: Mhm.

Deku: ... And it sounded like the window was being scratched too? Sounds.. Very unsettling. I don't blame you guys for not getting much rest...

Todoroki: mm.. Did you two hear anything suspect at all last night?

Deku: No, I'll admit I didn't.. But that might be also because Kacchan and I passed out pretty quickly the second we got to our room.

Bakugou: Hmph.

Todoroki: I see... Well. Let's finish eating. We have a lot to do today to start this investigation.

Deku: Mm! Right! After breakfast, we should go see Miri.. She mentioned she might know something deeper about this whole situation.

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Deku: There she is, right at the front desk. Let's go.

Bakugou: Better make this quick... I'm already tired of this place. Tch. Wanna get this stupid mission over with.

Deku: Hey, uh.. Miri. Good morning.

Miri: Oh-! Hi! Deku, was it? Along with Dynamight, Snowfall, and Shoto right? Good morning heroes! I hope you all slept well last night.

Deku: (soft chuckle) Well, two of us did. B-but it wasn't anything to do with the inn or the rooms or anything like that!

Miri: Ah.. You don't have to worry about offending me. I.. Think I have an idea of why some of you had an unrestful sleep. I'll be honest, I've been struggling to get a decent sleep myself ever since... **(soft huff)**

Todoroki: Ever since what?

Miri: ... Follow me, outside. I'll tell you everything I know about all the strange things happening around here. I can point you guys in the right direction involving this stuff, if you're willing to listen.

Deku: Of course. Any info at all could help us so much. Right now we don't have much to go off of...

Bakugou: This better be worth our time.

Miri: Trust me... It will be. All I can hope is that you believe me. I do have proof to back up everything I say, and I'll show you it as I explain.

Deku: Okay...

Miri: Alright.. Here should be good. Sorry, I don't want to risk my grandfather overhearing this. **(soft sigh)** Now, I know what I'm about to tell you might sound a bit crazy. It doesn't seem like something that could be possible in the real world.. But it is.

Bakugou: Get on with it then.

Miri: It's- .. A curse.

Deku: ... A curse?

Todoroki: Like... Magic?

Miri: I'm not exactly sure about the logistics of something like this. I'm a skeptic myself and I don't really believe in all that stuff. Well, until recently.

Bakugou: You really think we're gonna believe that bullshit? *A curse?*

Miri: Let me explain... And let me show you the proof I have. This town used to be bustling, bright.. Full of life, young families. As I'm sure you've all seen just by arriving here, Kuroyami is a shadow of its former self.

Deku: **(A little sadly)** .. Mm.

Miri: People have been going missing at night. So a strict curfew has been enforced.. Everyone's to be inside before the sun goes down, and it's for a good reason. There's.. Creatures that lurk here at night, and I know it seems unbelievable. But I'm sure you've already seen one, or at the very least heard one of them.

Deku: **(swallow)** ... Yeah. I think we have...

Bakugou: ... hmph.

Miri: They're big, malformed creatures.. Things that aren't supposed to be here, not on this plane of existence. I don't know how many there are, or where they come from each night per

say.. I don't know where they hide during the day. But I know they exist.. And I know they're the cause of the disappearances. There's no way it's only a coincidence....

Todoroki: You said you had proof? Could we see it?

Miri: Yes.. For you to understand what I'm about to show you, I have to tell you about a man named Araki Fujimaro. He was... strange, always talking about purging this planet of people with quirks. I'm.. sure you've had to deal with people with radical beliefs like that before, since you're heroes..

Deku: Yes. We're quite familiar with people like that...

Miri: Mhm. He lived here in Kuroyami, preaching his beliefs to the other residents here and even gaining a small but terrifyingly loyal following. I'm unsure of how, or why.. But he disappeared back in late July, and right after his disappearance? Those monsters started to show up.. Every single night since then.

Todoroki: Are you saying.. You think this man put a curse on this village?

Miri: As far-fetched as it sounds, yes. I do...

Bakugou: ... You guys really buyin' this shit?

Deku: (ignoring Bakugou with a small dismissive huff) What makes you think this man is connected to the monster sightings?

Bakugou: (huffs)

Miri: Here... Let me show you on my phone. Me and some others have been doing some online research these past few months since it all started. This is him... He began growing a small but dedicated cult around his radical beliefs. There had been a couple disappearances that we think he was the root cause of.. Sacrifices maybe, we're not sure. All we know is that some of those disappearances would.. Show up later. And.. by show up I mean, found. Their bodies always had missing eyes.

Deku: Oh god...

Bakugou: .. That's messed up as hell.

Miri: Mm.. A-anyways.. Look here. These are the reports of Araki going missing on July 23rd. All of the members of his cult were never found either, not even their bodies.

Deku: (Swallow) .. I see...

Bakugou: ... Get to the point then. What the hell does all this have to do with the sightings, and the disappearances?

Miri: A couple friends and I found what looks to be a cabin.. Or.. something. In the woods.. I took a couple pictures, just swipe through them.. Here.

Bakugou: ... (Huff) ..

Deku: Let me see, Kacchan...

Todoroki: ... Looks to be a run down old building.

Miri: Mhm. I think inside, there's.. Probably some answers. We didn't go in when we discovered it, only took pictures of the outside. These strange markings are carved into the trees all around it.. The same markings the cult wore on their clothes.

When we tried to go inside the cabin, We.. all got a very uneasy, sick feeling when we opened the door. I.. don't know if you guys believe in this kind of thing, like I said before I wasn't much of a believer myself. But I really think you'll find whatever's causing the strange nighttime occurrences here.. Or at the very least, a lead.

Bakugou: ... Here, take your stupid phone back.

Miri: Mm..

Todoroki: Well, I don't see why we shouldn't go find this place. Maybe it'll have some answers.

Deku: (uneasy) You're right. Thank you for showing us all of this, Miri. I think... We should head out now then, before it gets dark. If those.. Things only come out at night, then we should go now while it's safe. See what we can figure out before then...

Miri: I'm sorry I didn't have more answers than that... I wish I knew exactly what the cause of all this is. But.. I hope it's enough to help your search.

Deku: It's more than enough! We actually have some sort of a lead thanks to you.

Bakugou: (Huff) Well, come on then! Where's that creepy old shack?

Miri: I pinned the location on my phone, here.. Deku. Let me airdrop this to you.

Deku: Okay.. Thank you. ... Alright, I think I got it.

Miri: Please, be careful out there. See what you can find.. And heroes..? Please make sure you're back here before sundown.

Bakugou: Tch- We can handle whatever's out there! Come on, you slow pokes!

Deku: Ah, thank you again..! Coming Kacchan!

Todoroki: Let's go Snowfall. Don't worry, we'll try to make it back here before sundown. And Miri, thank you for your help.

Miri: Be safe out there.

(They walk, the audio fades out)

Bakugou: (annoyed growl that leads into the sentence) How long is this gonna take?! Can't we just fly over the damn trees?

Deku: *No, Kacchan.* We need to keep walking.

Bakugou: Ugh.. WHY?

Deku: There's three reasons! One, we're looking for any kind of clues that can help figure out this 'curse' Miri talked about. And two, the people here aren't used to heroes being in the area... I'm worried it'll cause a panic if you start using explosions. And third... Kacchan, I'm not sure if you've noticed but your quirk involves fire, and we're in a very dense, very dry forest.

Bakugou: (groan) Whatever ... Shut up already, *Deku.*

Todoroki: (soft, barely there chuckle) .. Those two? Ah, yeah.. They've always been like that. Believe it or not, Bakugou used to be a lot worse. He's matured quite a bit since our high school days. Mm.. Thank you, by the way, Snowfall. You didn't have to, but you chose to come on this mission with us. I do appreciate it.

Bakugou: Feels like we've been trudging through this shitty forest for hours!

Deku: I think.. We're almost there.

Bakugou: Yeah well, we better be. Wasted so much time walking we'll barely have any time to search the area once we get there.

Deku: It's only 2pm Kacchan, we have plenty of time.

Todoroki: ... Hold on. Look at the trees.

Deku: Oh..! You're right. The symbols Miri mentioned... They're all over the trees. We must be close to the cabin.

Bakugou: (Muttering, uneasy) What kind of freak carved all this weird shit into so many trees?

Deku: It.. Has to be the members of the cult. I'm unsure of what they're supposed to mean, though...

Todoroki: I think I see something through the trees up ahead. That way.. See it?

Deku: Oh, yeah.. I think that's it. The cabin... **(soft, nervous exhale)**

Todoroki: ... Are you alright, Izuku?

Deku: I.. Yeah. I'm fine, it's just... It's so very quiet. Have you guys noticed that? This forest feels so.. Void of life. Ever since we stepped into it it's been eerily quiet, but now that we're close to the cabin it's.. Silent.

Todoroki: mm.. I've noticed it too. It's as if the wildlife vacated the area, like it knows it's unsafe.

Deku: Mmm... Well.. Let's go.

Bakugou: (Huff) .. Lemme go first. If there's someone or.. *something*, inside this shitty place, I'll blow it up.

Deku: Careful, Kacchan.

(the door creaks open)

Bakugou: (Disgusted noise) Holy shit.

Deku: (Disgusted by the smell) Oh- oh god.

Todoroki: (Grossed out, muffled) What the hell is that smell? It's sickening...

Deku: (Covering face) .. It smells like death. Please, be careful you guys.

Bakugou: Why the hell are the windows all boarded up? It's dark as hell in here.. Oi, Snowball.

Todoroki: It's SnowFall.

Bakugou: Yeah, I know Idiot! Snowball, gimme your bag. We need those flashlights or we ain't gonna be able to see shit.

(shuffling)

Bakugou: (huff) Alright, here losers. Take them.

Deku: Mm. Thanks..

Todoroki: I'm not even sure what we should be looking for exactly.

Deku: I.. I guess anything that has to do with that cult or its leader. This cabin could be a missing link between the disappearances at night.. And the strange creatures that show up when the sun falls.

Bakugou: (Muttering, unsure) This is all so stupid... Come on. Let's find out why the hell we're all the way out here in this dusty old cabin.

(There's some eerie silence for a bit, the group walking around and looking at things)

Deku: This place looks long abandoned. So.. Dusty. A-ah, what's this? .. I wonder what these crates are doing here?

Todoroki: .. So many old, melted candles. This definitely seems like a place where... cult activities happened.

Bakugou: ... Oi, look. More of those markings and symbols.. They're carved into the walls. **(huff)** ... There ain't much of note inside here, huh? Just a stupid empty room. Ugh, I had a damn feeling we wouldn't find shit out here.

Deku: (Grunts as he pushes on the crate) ... Wait.. Wait! Guys, come here. I found something.

Bakugou: Ah???

Deku: Help me push these crates out of the way. There's an opening under them, see? A square hole in the floorboards. Looks like stairs..

Todoroki: A basement..?

Bakugou: ... Alright, move. **(grunts as he helps push)** The hell are all of these blocking...

Deku: (grunting of effort)... There.

Bakugou: The hell is such a deep ass basement doing out in the middle of the woods? I can't even see the damn bottom.

Todoroki: The smell... **(Disgusted huff)** ..It's stronger down there.

Bakugou: You're tellin' *me*... Smells like somethin' curled up and died.

Deku: Let's go down and check it out.. We have to start heading back soon before it gets dark. We don't know what we're against here...

Bakugou: Ugh... right. Alright move, I'm goin down first.

Todoroki: mm..

(they start walking down the creaky stairs)

Bakugou: God it reeks down here....

Deku: It.. makes me worry there might be something.. Decaying down here.

(silence as they get to the bottom)

Bakugou: .. You guys seein' this?

Todoroki: ...A coffin.

Deku: **(soft, shaky breath)** What is this.. Doing here?

Bakugou: Hmph. **(Storms over, starts pulling the lid off)**

Deku: **(horrified)** Kacchan..! You can't just pull the lid off, stop! You're defacing a grave site..!

Bakugou: **(Dismissive)** Shut up! I'll bet you a million bucks this bastard is... a-

Deku: **(Soft gasp)** ... It's the cult leader's body...

Todoroki: ... It's all bone.

Deku: Didn't Miri say that he went missing a couple months ago...? How did he... decompose to this stage so quickly?

Todoroki: It doesn't make sense.... Ah.. Look. There's an amulet around his neck.

Deku: You guys.. Please..! Don't just go touching it like that..!

Bakugou: Gimme that! The hell is this even for? .. Why's it glowing?

Deku: Kacchan, please.. We don't know what we're messing with here! You can't just-

(Low, terrifying sound)

Bakugou: (sharp) Shh.

Deku: (startled grunt, terrified, trying to keep quiet)

(Crawling, shuffling, creepy noises)

Deku: (whisper) Something's in here with us... It's so dark, I can't even tell where it's coming from.

Bakugou: (Angry whisper) Whatever the hell it is, I can take it.

Deku: (whisper) Fighting in a pitch black enclosed space isn't going to be easy. We should make a break for the stairs.. Get back into the forest so we can actually see what we're up against. On 3...

One....

Two....

(The creature lunges at them suddenly)

Bakugou: (Scared grunt)

Deku: (scared yelp)

Todoroki: (Scared grunt)

(all of the heroes fall to the ground with a thud, and the audio fades with strange noises)