

**Scripts 2019**  
**Theme: Ao Haru in Bloom (Spring)**

**Cast:**

TOMO: Mascot and kami to Naka-Kon, daughter of Suzaku, has phoenix attributes

INARI: Kami of the harvest and foxes, Tomo's mentor

YAMATO: A kitsune (fox yokai), high rank servant to Inari.

RENA: A kitsune (fox yokai), Inari's personal assistant

CHIORI: Tomo's friend, a human, serves as miko for Naka-Kon's shrine

RYUJI: A new member of Naka-Kon's staff, human

**Act 1 – Time to get things ready**

Tomo and her friends have finally returned from their adventures in the past. Inari and Tomo approach the Overland Park Convention Center (OPCC). The event is about to start in a few days so there is little time to waste. A newcomer watches them and waits for the best time to make his approach, one does not just walk over to a pair of powerful kami such as these.

TOMO: "I can't believe you, Yamato, Rena, and Gen managed to get so much done."

Inari pretends to be offended. "My dear Tomo, I am a centuries old Kami and I've been watching all of you for several years. Of course, I can do at *least* this much." He concludes with a friendly wink.

Tomo can only laugh and play along. "Centuries old? Now you're starting to date yourself, oh *mighty* Kami." She poked him playfully in his side. "Hi Yamato! Hey Rena!" She greeted the two kitsune with a hug.

Yamato had overheard part of their exchange "Yo! Careful boss. This little peacock has certainly changed from the fearful fledgling she once was."

Rena was trying to hide a grin. "Yes, and how is our young kami feeling since her return?"

Tomo smiled broadly. "Great actually! I can't believe how little time actually passed. You wouldn't believe how much I missed texting. I got used to those huge brick-phones back in the 80s. Inari had a DynaTAC 8000, but modern phones are so..." Her words trailed off as she stared in shock around the convention center. There was a sign on the wall that said 'Kon-Kon' and little foxes everywhere.

Tomo was almost too stunned for words. Shaking her head she started to ask, what was going on when one of the foxes bumped into her on its way into the main events room. "Ahh... What's happening here?!"

Inari looked around half amused but also seemed sheepish. "Oh boy... I think our kitsune helpers got a couple things a little mixed up."

Rena took stock of the situation and stated, "I'll get the sign fixed." Then rushed over to the foxes next to the sign.

Yamato also decided on a direction and dashed off saying over his shoulder, "I'll check on the exhibit halls."

Inari turned to Tomo and Chiori with a sheepish grin. "Well, it needs a few tweaks... They mean well."

Tomo nodded and took a deep breath. "Chiori, gather everyone up. We've got work to do!"

Chiori responded instantly, "Of course Tomo!" Turning to everyone else, she waved to get their attention.

Ryuji saw his opportunity and approached Chiori. "Hello, I'm new, but how can I help?" He pretended not to know who they were. Looking around eager to help.

Chiori nodded to the new volunteer, then had him join the group as people and kitsune gathered around her. "Alright everyone, most of you know what to do, if you don't pair up with someone who does. We've got a lot to do so let's get moving!"

Everyone else: "Right!"

Everyone follows Tomo off stage.

## **End Scene**

## **Act 2 – A Spy is Revealed**

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RYUJI: A spy posing as a new member of Naka-Kon's staff, human, uses the kanji 竜次 meaning "dragon, next"

GEN: The watcher. Secretly Genbu of the North

TALITHA = Themselves and another retainer of Seiryu.

ALICE, GIGI, & JAKE = themselves and friends of Tomo

Note: \*Senku; 先駆 means forerunner or herald

### **Scene Start**

Tomo and her friends are tired, but still energetic as they take the stage. Two of them hang back a little. One is Genbu who is watching the other. Ryuji has acted like one of them all weekend, but now his time has come. He is about to issue his Master's Challenge fulfilling his duty as Senku\*.

CHIORI: "Wow... I can't believe it's already over. We did it!"

TOMO: "What do you mean? I knew we could pull it off." She smiles proudly at her friends.

INARI: "Right, I mean we did get things started for you..."

Every one stops to stare at him.

ALICE: "And we're the ones that rescued the Kon from your well-meaning helpers."

YAMATO: "Well they can't all be as competent as we are." He points to himself and Rena.

TOMO: "Yes, you were very helpful."

Gen quietly gets Inari's attention. Inari walks over to her. "Shh... Something's about to happen." Gen motions to Ryuji, who had strode over to Tomo's group as one with a purpose.

RYUJI: While you are all standing around congratulating yourselves, you should be prepared for what is to come!

Everyone falls silent and turns to look at him. Wary, but also ready in hearing the challenge in his voice.

Ryuji hesitates then speaks again. "I have fooled you all! My Master is coming! He has heard from Byakko of the West and sent me to determine your real strength."

Tomo taking a few steps towards him, meeting his arrogant gaze squarely. "And what are you going to tell Lord Seiryu?"

Ryuji, Gen, and Inari are surprised. Understanding dawns on Chiori, Rena, and Yamato as well.

RYUJI: "You knew and you still welcomed me into your ranks? You are even more foolish than I thought."

TOMO: "Ha! You tell that *slimy* Dragon that when he comes, we'll be ready. We aren't *looking* for trouble, but if I have my friends with me, than I will *not* fall again."

RYUJI: "Fine. We shall see who falls. You have one year to prepare. Sayonara Naka-kon no Tomo." He bows formally and then leaves.

Tomo returns his bow and watches him walk out, then turns to her friends. "Well here we go again... Has anyone seen my armor?"

Everyone walks out with her.

**End Scene**