

# Episode 7

## TL;DR

Zero reveals he can sense Yuki's desire for Kaname in her blood, leaving her feeling vulnerable and uneasy. Flashbacks show Yuki's initial fear of Kaname, her gradual trust in him after Cross adopts her, and her first meeting with a traumatized Zero, who struggles with memories of a vampire attack. The flashbacks continue on to show Zero's first meeting with Kaname in which he stabs him, accusing him of being like the vampire who hurt his family, though Kaname remains composed. In another flashback, Yuki sneaks into the Night Dormitory to see Kaname, but witnessing him drink Ruka's blood frightens her, reinforcing Zero's warnings about vampires. In the present, as Yuki reflects on giving Zero her blood, she acknowledges her lingering feelings for Kaname. Meanwhile, Kaname tells Zero he spares him because Zero is loyal to Yuki and can protect her, further complicating the dynamics between them.

## Recap

Zero practices shooting, but his words cut deeper than his aim when he tells Yuki that he can tell that she would prefer to give her blood to Kaname from the taste of her blood, leaving her feeling vulnerable and uneasy. A flashback reveals young Yuki's initial fear of Kaname upon seeing his fangs. Feeling rejected, Kaname tells Cross it might be best for Yuki if he leaves. Cross names her Yuki, meaning "gentle princess," and adopts her a week later. Over time, Yuki warms up to Kaname, eagerly anticipating his visits. The flashback also depicts Yuki and Zero's first meeting, where a young, traumatized Zero scratches his neck until it bleeds, confessing that he can still feel the touch of "that woman" who attacked him. One evening, during dinner with Cross, Yuki greets Kaname at the door, but Zero immediately grabs a knife and stabs Kaname, accusing him of smelling like "that woman." Kaname calmly acknowledges Zero's tragedy but warns he has no intention of being killed. Later, Yuki defends Kaname, calling him a kind vampire who saved her, but Zero dismisses her words, claiming she and Cross are misguided.

As time passes, Cross reveals plans to create the Night Class, a group of vampires who will learn to coexist with humans, an idea Zero finds absurd. Cross assures Zero that Kaname's leadership will keep the vampires in check, though Zero worries that any betrayal by Kaname would shatter their fragile peace. In the present, Yuki reflects on her recent decision to let Zero drink her blood and begins to regret it as her thoughts drift toward Kaname.

Another flashback shows a determined young Yuki sneaking into the Night Dormitory to see Kaname, only to encounter Ichijo, who escorts her out. Ignoring his advice, Yuki enters the dormitory again and falls asleep on the staircase, where Kaname finds her. Stopping another vampire from drinking her blood, Kaname carries Yuki to a bed and covers her with his jacket. When Yuki wakes, she witnesses Kaname drinking Ruka's blood in another room. Horrified, she

runs away in fear. Young Zero later confronts her, calling vampires beasts in human form, but Yuki insists Kaname is different. When Zero asks why she trembles, Yuki realizes that Kaname is fundamentally unlike her. Still, she thanks Kaname for his kindness in carrying her that night.

Back in the present, Yuki falls asleep on the couch, murmuring Kaname's name. Zero covers her with a blanket but struggles with his bloodlust. Kaname appears and asks Zero to talk with him outside. Kaname explains he spares Zero's life because Zero will never betray Yuki and serves as a useful shield for her. Back in the room, Yuki acknowledges to herself that a part of her will always love Kaname, even as she wrestles with her conflicting emotions.

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