

# Original Salty Neo statement and comments

## Plagiarism on my fic : my statement

A few weeks ago, widemushroom (may be referred as Saya or Autumn since these are other pseudonyms of her) contacted me because she had a « hater » commenting on her fic and accusing her of plagiarising my fanfic « Memoirs of a Sword » and especially the end of the first part « the Kyoto Chapters » and the beginning of the second part « The War Chapters ».

<https://archiveofourown.org/works/39929310>

<https://archiveofourown.org/works/43357633>

Her work, « Twenty-Three Nights » is a direct inspiration of my fic, with my consent. She also used my fic for her « Kazama Headcanons » because, as most of us know, she doesn't play the game and so, she chose my fic as premise for her headcanons. For that, she didn't let me know. Since the drama, she added disclaimers on AO3 for this fic as well, crediting the inspiration and denying that I associate with her fics. That was at my request, to not have further misunderstanding.

Since this is not dying out and is still discussed, and since my comments left on her « Kazama Headcanon » fic trying to clear the misunderstanding were deleted by Saya under her fic, I am posting here a copy of my statement, that I had screenshoted.

Hi, I'm Neo. Since this comment section turned into an argument, I decided, with Saya's permission, to break the silence.

Indeed, the first paragraph here describes not the Saito route as stated, but events from « Memoirs of a Sword - Kyoto Chapters », my fan fiction.

The setting for the story depicted here takes its roots specifically in the five last chapters of this fic.

I agree a mention would have been a nice touch, since it originated from my work, and I understand you wanted to protect me and my intellectual property (although I am not sure this concept exists for fics). Still, I think a bit of politeness and respect would have been more civil.

To be completely honest, I do not like « Twenty Three Nights », and have been disappointed in its development. This is part of the reason why I don't mind having my name not associated with Saya's fics. Saya knows that very well since she's been working on that fic for years by now, and we've been in contact sometimes. But my opinion on her works doesn't matter. Because the author is Saya, and she writes the story SHE wants to read. I'm glad my fic inspired another author, and I don't feel like I'm « owed » a story I like because of it. I never commented on this fic past the first chapter (which I proofread for Saya, before she decided to continue on her own) because as my mom used to say « if you can't say anything nice, best choice is to not say anything at all ». Still, I reiterate that Saya and I are cool. It's her story, her choices, her writing style and headcanons. And I support all writers who are confident enough to share their stories with the world on this website.

I appreciate the fact you were defending me and my story, but if it happens again, I'd be really appreciative if we could discuss the issue before going on insulting someone else on my behalf. I don't need a knight in shining armor, and would

rather open a discussion, and involve Saya in it, to clear any misunderstandings.

After this statement, the « hater » which turned out to be just a teenager girl with a strong sense of justice, understood the issue and just said that she didn't like what Saya did with my story and the lack of credit given. She agreed to drop the issue.


Saya took that personally, and even though I asked her multiple times to drop it, and that she could disable « guest comments », she was set on finding out who the person was. It took a turn for the worse, and it escalated. The teenager was really uncomfortable and asked Saya to leave them alone multiple times too, and so I stepped in again, hoping, by sharing my socials, to have a conversation with this teenager and have this issue dropped. That's when Saya decided to erase my comments, called me a bully and a hater because I wasn't on « her side ».

Saya and I went no contact, at my request, following that event. I was tired of interacting with someone who sees only people and stuff as black and white, and felt like whatever I do for Saya, it would never be enough, by her standards. But she is still free, as stated, to use my fanfics for whatever she wants to do with them. Normally, she should be using a disclaimer on her all works which use my content to avoid further criticism and harassment. I hope she'll continue to use them, for her own peace of mind, so that she won't be accused of plagiarism again.

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Below are screenshots of all the comments. Access Date: 2025-7-6



salty-hakuouki 3月25日 原始发布者 



I think Saya was a little too focused on someone who didn't like her fic, and didn't think that she shouldn't escalate with a 14 years old. I am not blaming Says, we all have emotions and sometimes can get heated on the moment, and I am cool with her, no resentment or anything. I think she was blindsighted with the whole issue and that's why she didn't appreciate that I wasn't on her side. I was trying to protect both parties with minimal damages, unfortunately fandom drama, as I learn through the years, can get very passionate. I hope with time, both parties will understand my position.

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lightmelodyva 3月25日



That is...something. Jesus... I don't think I would be kind enough to let someone keep using my stuff for inspiration if I found out people did something like that. But you do you, you are a better person that way. Hopefully nothing more happens and we can all just be a nice little community with no more drama.



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salty-hakuouki 3月25日 原始发布者



Well, I firmly believe that as a fanfic writer, we're already playing with characters and stories that aren't our own so it would be hypocritical of me, by my standards, to be protective of my works in that manner when I'm already using someone else's work as premise.





doriiiiiiiiiii 3月26日



You did distort and hide the fact that "widemushroom " didn't know the "anonymous commenter " was an "underage teenager" until the very last message, and after that last message, "widemushroom " stopped talking to that commenter completely.

You are not trustworthy on a single word you say here after your attempt to destroy someone's image heavily.

Yes, according to terms of abuse report, you are a bully.

I take action against you, and I contact Tumblr.

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