



ERIKA RANKYUU

嵐宮エリカ

REBELLIOUS, ELEGANT
LIGHTNING BOLT

Species: Human

Ability: Cause thunderstorms by dancing with vigor

The culprit of the relentless thunderstorm incident.

To put it simply, she's a rebellious princess who wants to go out into the world for adventures. A classic fantasy archetype, really (there's nothing wrong with that though).

Even though her family isn't exactly the talk of Gensokyo, they *are* very skilled in dancing and other performing arts, her included. Her parents have made a name for themselves in the Outside World, as "The Bewitching Dancers of Ice and Fire". Their element-summoning dancing abilities, seen as little more than an everyday sight in Gensokyo, are hailed as fantastic magic tricks there, and their shows return profits the Yorigami sisters would be jealous of. That's the reason why they managed to afford a gigantic, beautiful palace up in the skies, even though they're not exactly celestials.

Even though they do love their daughter a lot and want all the best for her, they kept submitting to the alluring aura of money, and as such have been going on increasingly frequent business trips out of Gensokyo. As such, most of the time the only friends Erika has are fairy maids, and a certain Celestial who's also often bored out of her mind. The latter doesn't check up on her a lot, unfortunately, as she's got close, fire-forged friends down on the ground.

It's only natural, then, that Erika would become empowered enough to escape her preposterous princess outfit and journey out into the wide world with passion. Unfortunately, she chose the worst way possible to make her "debut" and got her deserved punishment for it.

To be fair, though, she's mostly a harmless girl. She deliberately avoided hurting any living creature while putting up her flashy show of lightning dances, and was quick to learn from her mistakes after being beaten up and scolded. You could say her parents raised her well in that regard.

A few days after the incident had been resolved, Kouma invited her down to the surface. His animal friends were angry and attacked her out of spite at first, but

with a little pep talk, they calmed down (but still messed around with her in all sorts of hilarious ways). Even though she came down there with her parents many times before since she was a child, it was still an eye-opening experience, perhaps because she was now independent and able to express herself with joy. She was also able to reconnect with her celestial friend.

She fell in love with cheesecake after trying it at a bakery in the Human Village, and has been learning how to make it at home ever since.