

Melody 231

Eternal Melody C231 – I Must Be Crazy

A liar.

Your a liar.

You're manipulative and two faced.

Sumire closed her eyes tightly as the voices resurfaced in her head. Who said what now? She has never been able to distinguish between these voices.

She felt a comfortable hand on her hair and she sighed. "I must be crazy."

"Hmm?"

Just now why did she think Sanos hand felt comforting? Maybe because they are talking about the past she is reminiscing a little. She no longer has feelings for this person but perhaps there is a lingering regret somewhere.

"I want to rest." Sumire mumbled.

Sano drew his hand back and nodded. "Go to sleep."

Sumire wanted to say something else but her thoughts felt all muddled and she wanted to sort it out. She closed her eyes hoping to get some form of sleep even without Yuhi by her side.

Sumire knew she didn't sleep well when she felt a throbbing sensation on her head. It did not help that she woke up to the loud sound of people fighting. A deep sigh passed her lips. Is it one of his ex lovers again? Every single time she came here it seemed like these people would show up. At first Sumire thought Sano was doing it deliberately to make her jealous but she showed up unexpectedly the other day.

The doors flung open - the person who stood there was not one of Sanos old partners but his sister Niko.

Niko looked her up and down and frowned. "You're not attending the event for this?" The pair of eyes on her was filled with disgust.

Before Sumire could even retort she felt bile rise to her throat. She quickly rushed to the bathroom and threw up in the toilet seat. No sooner did she throw up the first set another followed. Soon she felt Sano hunch over and pat her back. "Your morning sickness is getting worse these days, you really need to stay in a hospital."

"I don't want to leave Yuhi alone."

One of the main reasons why she refused to be hospitalized was Yuhi. She understood his daily routine very well, without her he would go back to his old ways. Whenever he is too tired at night, he craves a woman's embrace. Sumire understood because she was the same. She wanted somebody to hold her even if they had no feelings for her. She was worried that longing would lead to him doing something careless. It is stupid of her to even think such things, and yet there is still that lingering doubt in her head.

Sano didn't say a word but continued to pat her back. "Do you need help standing?"

Sumire nodded slowly. "Sorry."

He did not reply to that but helped her get up. Niko was waiting impatiently with her arms folded across her chest. She watched them carefully and mumbled. "The girl is pregnant?"

Sumire flinched when she heard those words.

Sano however nodded. "Yeah she should be due the next few weeks."

Niko sighed but nodded. "The best hospital in this area is ours so I think I understand the situation. San your her doctor--" Niko shook her head. "A doctor who brings their patients home?"

Sano looked down. "Just let her rest, it's not like we are doing anything."

Uh- this man is even more shameless than Yuhi. Just now he was trying to feel her back. Sumire glanced over at Niko, she genuinely disliked this woman before.

"Send her home."

Sano seemed very reluctant with this idea. He glanced over at her as though he was asking for her opinion. Honestly she did not want to leave, not because she wanted to stay with him but because she felt terrible. If she were to travel in these conditions she would surely feel even worse. But Sumire could not stand the cold gaze of this woman, it reminded her of the past too much.

In the past this person would often criticize her, she was one of the key figures that led to her becoming more insecure. Sumire took a deep breath. "Call Atushi."

Sano seemed disappointed in her response but nodded.

Even if she asked to stay and Sano allowed her. This woman would wait for an opportunity to criticize her again. Sumire did not want to remain in such a hostile environment. Her gaze fell on her stomach. It isn't good for the child.

It did not take long after Sano's call. It took about twenty minutes before she saw Sano enter the room with Atushi and Jae. But by that time she found herself crouched on the ground feeling very uncomfortable. A few times Sano tried to go over but Niko kept stopping him.

Niko frowned when she saw the two. "I thought her guardians were picking her up."

"We are her guardians." Jae said cheerfully as he strolled over. "Hey Princess can you get up?"

She shook her head. "Yuhi."

She needs Yuhi...

"On his way, he will meet us back here right Atushi-san?"

Atushi who hadn't spoken but pulled out a cigarette walked over. He sighed. "Why are you even here?"

Sumire laughed awkwardly. "Can I play dumb?"

He looked distressed but his gaze softened. "Sorry I couldn't make it in time. I know it's hard for you, but I still don't have many answers."

"That's okay, you're still trying even though the situation is this way."

"Tell Yuhi?"

"Mmm, I will."

Besides it won't be long before Yuhi discovers the truth. She might as well tell him. Sumire placed her hand across her right eye and Atushi took out a shawl and wrapped it around her head.

"Can you walk?"

"I can't."

It was strange but for the last few minutes she was having a hard time moving her legs. Her thoughts broke off when Atushi crouched down. Sumire blinked before she realized what he was doing. Jae helped her get onto Atushi's back and he stood up.

She laughed softly. "Didn't this happen before?"

"It did, you're very troublesome to deal with."

She is grateful that Atushi came here. Even though he tried to stay out of her way at first.

Sumire felt Sano's gaze on her and she mumbled. "See me off?"

Sano said something to his sister before he followed them down the hallway. Once they were outside, she noticed how troubled he looked. So she extended her hand out. "Thank you for today."

Even though he always tries to take advantage of her, to a certain degree he treats her with a respect. He did not turn her away when he saw her at the door instead he welcomed her into his home.

"Call me tonight."

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It was an awkward send off Sumire completely forgot about it the moment she stepped out of the car though. Despite being quite a distance away she spotted him easily. Yuhi was leaning against the door staring at his phone with a frown. Sumire could already guess what happened. Hino is most-likely telling him off for leaving his work half way. How many times has this happened already? She is always causing him problems. Yet he came the moment he heard something happened with her.

He did say if she needed anything he would come. But this is too much. Sumire knew what kind of work he had today.

"Hey you." Yuhi greeted the moment they reached the door. He scooped her up in his arms and nuzzled his face against hers. "You look so sick."

"I needed you."

Yuhi kept looking at her face and suddenly mumbled something quietly before turning to Atushi. "Hey Atushi, call Atsuro."

At that comment her eyes widened alarmed. "Wait I just saw Sano-" She cut her sentence short when she saw Yuhis expression.

This probably isn't the best time to admit that. But she could not miss the flash of fury in his eyes when she said Sanos name. A deep sigh passed her lips when she thought of what would happen later. Once he has made sure that she is okay he will get all sulky. Yuhi kicked the door open and laid her down on the couch.

Sumire noticed how the usually disorganized sofa had cushions and thick blankets on top. Yuhi must have set this up before they came and he went outside to take a call just as they arrived. She needs to apologize for even stopping him just then. This person has only ever done things for her sake. Terashima Yuhi only takes action when it comes to her.

She wonders if a day will ever come where she can repay this kindness of his. Will a day come where she is capable of doing something like that?

While Atushi made the call, Yuhi kept fussing over her and made sure she was comfortable. He placed his hand on her forehead. "Sorry, I wanted to give you some food but I don't know what is wrong with you yet. I don't want to risk making you even more sick."

"Okay."

Sumire did not say anymore. She didn't know what to say to him. Should she apologise again? How many times has her condition flared up since she arrived to Tokyo? Whenever she retraced her memories to when she first came here Sumire would sigh. It seems like all she ever does is cause this person problems. Then again isn't he the strange one? He never complains.

She watched as he fiddled with the thermometer in his hands and frowned. "Why is it broken..."

Soft laughter escaped her lips when she saw him sulking. He reminds her of a huge lion at times. Yuhi noticed and averted his gaze.

"It isn't funny. I need to check your temperature and this stupid thing has to be broken now."

Sumire sighed. "You know there is a simple solution to measuring somebody's temperature..."

"A simple solution?" Yuhi repeated.

She extended her hand out towards him and Yuhi immediately understood. His gaze softened when he caught her hand and brushed it against his cheek. "Too hot."

"Aha."

"Your body temperature isn't normal..."

"You're too cold Yuhi."

For a split second she saw a dark look appear in his eyes but it was only for a moment. "Mm, because I had to do a shoot outside just now."

That was when she noticed the state of his hair it was wet. Ah, so it was a shoot at the beach? No wonder he got here so quickly, the beach is not too far from this area. Still, "You should take a bath. You might catch a cold."

"Yeah I should." He kept looking at her.

The look in his eyes showed that he would not leave her even for a single second. Does she look that bad? Yuhi normally does not fuss this much. His gaze filled with worry and yet there seemed to be something else there too.

Behind those clear eyes, sadness and unimaginable amount of pain.

This person is always trying to heal her scars but what about his own? What about his pain?

"Sorry."

Sumire blinked when she heard his apology.

"For not keeping my promise."

At that comment she immediately understood. She weakly shook her head. "You don't have to apologise. I told you before didn't I? The two of us can't escape this fate." She trailed off. "When you quit for good after disappearing to Tokyo, I thought maybe there is a chance for you. A chance for you to do the impossible."

He almost succeeded with that didn't he? Yuhi almost succeeded with living a normal life. But because of her once again he is plunged into this darkness.

"It's not your fault."

"We both know it is, so Yuhi--"

'So Yuhi live your life. Don't concern yourself with me anymore.'

If it were in the past she could easily say those words but things are different now. It is different. 'I can no longer live a life without this person by my side.'

Instead of saying that she mumbled. "He hasn't kissed me yet."

Normally when they meet he would assault her with kisses. Even when she is sick he would at least kiss her forehead.

Yuhi deeply sighed and he suddenly leaned forward. "If I kiss you now I won't stop."

"Why do you have to stop?"

"I have a feeling Atsuro will walk through those doors any minute now."

Sumire rolled her eyes. "Since when did you care so much about what other people think?"

"Since I decided to court you with marriage in mind." Yuhi joked.

She extended her hand out. "Kiss me."

before Yuhi's lips could make contact with hers, the sound of the bell disturbed them.

"What on earth are you two--"

Hearing a familiar voice Sumire sighed. 'Such bad timing.' She thought it would take him awhile before he arrived. Standing at the entrance was none other than Kusaji Atsuro. But he wasn't alone, a familiar man with purple coloured long hair and grey eyes was there. Ah...

"Yamaguchi-San."

Yamaguchi Ryou, one of Atsuro's band members.

"Hello Sumire-chan, it's been half a year hasn't it?"

That's fight the last time she met this person... Ru was in the middle of a dangerous job, and he reassured her. That was the first and last time she met him. But he left a good impression in her head.

"Yes it has. It's good to see you again."

Atsuro clicked his tongue annoyed as he put his bag on the table. "I see I'm not getting a greeting."

She was still reluctant to speak with him. But she knew with her current state it would be better for him to get a look at her. Without saying anything she extended her arms out.

Atsuro looked frustrated but sat down and quickly began her work. The familiar prick of a needle on her arm, Atsuro's mumbling and yet something is different now. Her gaze fell on Yuhi who remained near to her. It is okay now, this person is here with her. She will not get lost in the flow and do something reckless like before.

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Chapter 233: I trust you

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"Nothing is wrong?" Yuhi frowned he clearly didn't expect this outcome. "But look at her--"

Indeed anybody who saw her would think there is something wrong with her.

"It's because the child has a power, so the effects are different. A weak body cannot handle it. Moreover Sumire doesn't exactly live a healthy lifestyle, even more so after that time."

"I see." Yuhi seemed reluctant to accept that answer. Who could blame him? If anybody heard Atsuro speak they would think he was trying to dodge the issue.

Sumire sighed. "I can't work or go to school like this."

"You should be resting anyway." Atsuro trailed off and mumbled. "I'll make you some medicine, it should help with your fatigue."

"..."

She didn't say a word and watched as Atsuro went to the kitchen. A few seconds later Yuhi stood up and left too.

Ryou clasped his hands. "Goodness you two are behaving like children."

"I don't want to ignore him either."

But if she lets him get close again he will surely misunderstand.

"I see what the problem is here." Ryou trailed off and a gentle smile appeared on his face. "You're pushing him away because you don't want to hurt him?"

At that comment a troubled look appeared on her face. "You're making it sound like I care for him."

"You dont?"

Ugh...she hates dealing with people like this. Yamaguchi Ryou is a good person but because he is such a good guy he is oblivious.

"The current me can only focus on one person at a time."

It is still too suffocating for her to be around other people. While her relationship with others has improved since she first came. It still isnt enough. She still ends up trembling after a simple conversation. She still freaks out whenever people raise their voice even slightly. She still runs away and dodges the issue whenever something goes wrong. This cowardly and pathetic behaviour of hers is no good. Her thoughts broke off when she felt a familiar pair of hands brush against her forehead. She unknowingly leaned against the owners hand.

Yuhi chuckled softly. "You okay love?"

"Its painful."

"Atsuro is almost finished. Hang in there, okay?"

Sumire mumbled something and Yuhi took a seat beside her. He moved her hands away from his face but kept hold of it. So kind, she wonders why such a kind person exist in this cruel world. This world is so cruel and yet to think she could find such happiness here.

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A few hours later.

What time is it? Did he eat dinner? Sumire knew that she slept long these days. Whenever she would pass out after feeling long she would not wake up for another few hours.

Yuhi stirred awake and she used that moment to bury her face back in his arms. Soon she felt his hands on her back. "Mmm, needy? Sorry I am a bit tired."

Sumire giggled. "Its okay, you need your rest too."

She didn't notice this earlier but he looks exhausted. This person always lectures her about overworking but what about him?

Yuhi gently kissed her forehead. "But your acting so cute and clinging to me so Im at a loss what to do."

"I'm clingy because I'm cold."

It seemed like Yuhi carried her to the bedroom but quite some time has passed since she last used this room. Atushi likes saving money so he most likely switched off the heating. Normally he would switch it on before she came here but it seemed like they were in quite a hurry after learning she was with Sano.

"Aren't you going to ask why I was with him?"

At that comment Yuhi sighed. He moved his hands from her waist and suddenly pinched her cheeks.

"Cheeky woman. I told you before dont act so secretive about your meeting with him."

"I thought you would be angry."

"It's not like you two are doing anything for me to be angry about."

Is that so? Sumire didn't understand his behaviour at all. When she was dating Sano he was very possessive and was cautious about her being around other men. Ren was slightly different, but she could tell he was concerned about it too. Ru expressed his concerns vocally and in a joking manner. But Sumire could never tell what Yuhi thought about it. Its not like he acts indifferent but somehow its different.

"Do you not care?" She asks even though she knows that isnt the answer.

"Idiot." Yuhi scolded. "I wondered what you were about to say. Obviously I care and I do get jealous."

If it is like that then why does he not behave that way?

This isnt the first time she hung around Sanos place, before then she often went over to Hinos when they first became friends. Does it not bother him that she mainly has male friends not female ones? No, he just said he gets jealous. No matter how much Sumire thought of it she could not come up with a reason at all. This persons words and behaviour-- since when did it become such a huge puzzle?

Her thoughts broke off when she felt his hand on her cheek. "Is it difficult for you to believe that I trust you Sumire?"

Sumire blinked when she heard those words. Trust? It was such a peculiar thing to her. Trust...right that's something healthy and normal couples have. Sumire however was oblivious to such a thing. This is the first time somebody has told her that they trust her.

Sano clearly never trusted her. After that time he scolded and got angry at her for even talking to another guy. Ren liked to keep to himself so they were never around other people for too long. Ru-- Ru didn't act unsightly but there was always a wall between them that she could never cross. He never told her that he trusted her but its not like he didn't trust her.

Her past relationships were very strange, but even then it did not matter to her at the time. To trust somebody, to have faith in them no matter what bad things they do.

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Chapter 234: Next time come to me

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It can't be possible for him to trust her this much. Sure she maybe his first love but even that should have its limits.

"If you think about it too much your head will explode."

Sumire could not miss the teasing tone and sly smirk that appeared on his face.

At that comment she exclaimed. "Why are you insulting me again?!"

How did he go from saying he trusts her to insulting her- this person always likes to tease her.

Yuhi laughed. "That's the spirit. I guess the medicine did the trick."

Now that he mentioned it she does feel better now. Medicine? Sumire does not remember taking it. But she placed her fingers on her lips and mumbled. "You attacked me."

"Well." Yuhi trailed off. "Did you want Atsuro to do it?"

Her eyes widened startled at that comment. "Was he about to--"

Yuhi sighed. "I wanted to punch him for even having that thought. But he acted completely oblivious and said he didnt know what the issue was."

Sumire bit her lip when she heard that explanation. Ah she definitely needs to do something about Atsuro. At first Sumire thought she could ignore it, but now it seems like she can't. That relationship she had with Atsuro, even though it was not a romantic one was unusual. She thought it was all her and that she was the one who dragged him down. But now that Sumire thought it through there was something wrong with him too. How could he accept that situation?

Yuhi suddenly sat up and prompted her to sit too. He pushed her against the bed frame and leaned forward. "If it bothers you, I can handle it."

"I won't lie, it bothers me a lot. But Yuhi, I don't want to trouble you too much."

This is a result of her careless behaviour.

He gently caresses her cheeks. "It is no problem even if you do. Atsuro probably thinks our relationship is only for show."

She blinked at that revelation. "What makes you think that?"

"Well based on his behaviour. I thought it was weird that he still acted like you belonged to him."

Sumire dismissed that as him being possessive but it seems like that isnt the case.

"I overheard his conversation with Yamaguchi. He seems to think we are pretending or I coerced you into dating me."

Sumire frowned when she heard the last part. Where on earth did he get that idea from? Is he actually crazy? Sumire knew he was peculiar and strange - there were all sorts of rumors about him but she never took it seriously.

"..Huh?"

"You keep meeting with Sano, is it because I keep leaving you alone?"

"I was bored."

She was bored, tired and lonely.

"Then next time come to me." Yuhi mumbled.

Actually she tried to do that. But then she saw all those people surrounding him and thought she would be disturbing him. It was a good thing that Yuhi did not see her then.

"Okay." A simple okay and yet she watched as his gaze soften. She played with his shirt and frowned realizing something. "No buttons, hard to take off."

"Geez you, I know you're needy but control yourself, you look awful."

"Im not pretty?"

"You're gorgeous." Yuhi traced her lips. "But you need rest."

Too considerate and kind for his own good. Most men would just pounce after being provoked. Terashima Yuhi differs from all those other guys, Sumire thought she already understood that but it seems like there is more to it than meets the eye.

"Was work tiring?" Sumire asked.

"I don't care much for jobs where I don't sing."

"So you were surrounded by pretty models all day?"

"No they were ugly." He played with a strand of her hair and kissed it. "I needed Sumire to recharge."

She rolled her eyes. "Meaning you needed your naps?"

"Hah, don't be little yourself. When I say I wanted you, I mean it."

Sumire froze for a moment when she heard those words but she quickly composed herself. Don't take everything he says seriously. His want for her does not necessarily mean what she is thinking. But just now her heart skipped a beat.

Yuhi was completely oblivious to her emotions or maybe he noticed. Either way he kept playing with her hair. So she broke the distance and wrapped her arms around his neck. "Yuhi, I like you so much."

"Me too, I love you."

As he said those words she felt Yuhi tug on her gown. Her gaze softened. "Do you want to?"

"I'm not that unreasonable. But do me a favour will you?"

A favour? He seldom asks her for anything. Ever since they started dating Yuhi has never asked her for anything. She is the only one who receives. This man can be so cruel, he should know how burdened she feels by his kindness. But he still doesn't ask her for anything selfish. Now she understood why Hino watches over him like some kind of parent. Yuhi keeps everything to himself and does not let others know what he is thinking.

"A favour?"

Yuhi nodded. "Kiss me."

Sumire blinked and then she laughed. She didnt know what it was but for some reason she kept laughing. She wondered what was wrong with him. Since earlier it felt like he wanted to say something. Ever since Atsuro came he kept casually touching her but not do anything. So this was the reason?

"It depends."

Yuhi brushed his lips against hers. "Minx." He mumbled. "Don't tease me."

The two of them can spend their happy days like this all because those people have not acted yet. But once they properly make their move, she wonders if Yuhi will be able to smile? It isn't possible, Sumire understood that better than anybody. The darkness that consumes this world, it is something only those who have blood in their hands will understand.

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Chapter 235: I want to do something

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There was no formal announcement yet.

But everybody knew that Sumire was gradually returning to her duties as an idol.

Yuhi disliked Sano but he has to admit that the man was good at his job. His gaze fell on Sumire who was in the middle of a photo shoot. This was no ordinary photoshoot though. On the surface it looked like a small modeling job but this magazine is very popular abroad. Over here people do not see the value of the magazine but once it hits the shelves abroad, then people automatically become famous. When Nagawa Sano said he would invest more in the entertainment industry. Yuhi did not think the man would help Sumire get a gig.

It seems he should thank him. The two had an awful past but if the man is trying to redeem himself, Yuhi knew he could not treat him with hostility. What Sano did back then was awful, and Yuhi wanted nothing more than to put him in jail. But at the same time its not like he did not understand. Sanos behaviour back then, Yuhi could not help but think that perhaps he would have ended up that way too. He cant criticize that man too much when he almost fell for that same spell.

When he saw Sumire stagger and place her hand on her forehead. Yuhi crushed the cigarette in his fingers and tossed it away. He did not want to disturb her so he quietly watched from the sidelines. But he does not want her to collapse.

It did not take long before he was right in front of the girl. "Hi there love, need a break?"

Sumire didnt reply but she leaned her body forward. Yuhi wrapped his arms around her waist. It surprised him each time they hugged. How is it possible for somebody to fit so perfectly in his arms?

"Yuhi." Sumire said softly.

"Mmm?"

"Kiss."

Whenever she asks him for a kiss, it sounded like music to his ears. He cupped her cheeks and gently kissed her soft lips. Satisfied Sumire mumbled something against his lips.

A quiet I love you, so quiet that not a soul in this world or the next would hear it. But Yuhi did not mind it at all. Sumire is getting better now. At the beginning she struggled to even say the word love. Yuhi felt the girls arms wrap around his neck.

"You smell good."

He paused for a moment and carefully considered his next words. But before he could say anything Sumire bit his neck. Most people would flinch at this and yet he simply caressed her hair and waited for her to speak.

"Yuhi."

"Yeah?"

"Somehow I want to do something."

"Something?" Yuhi repeated.

"Mmm something, Yuhi you smell so nice."

After he finished making those arrangements he carried the girl out of the room. His thoughts lingered to the words she said just a few seconds ago. He smells nice huh? She even bit him. Yuhi wondered if it was time yet. Atushi has been investigating. He even went back to Germany briefly and spoke to all kinds of professors, however the man returned with little information. The only clue they have is that it eventually it will happen, perhaps after her pregnancy.

Unusual cravings, sharper sense of smell - thirst for something that isnt the usual everyday beverage. Recently Sumire keeps showing such symptoms but Yuhi knew it was too soon to conclude things. Even if it is like that it will still take time.

Yuhis thoughts broke off when he spotted a man with blonde hair wearing a white cape not too far away. It seemed like he was on the phone but once he saw them he ended his call quickly. This man was Sumire's fiance Makoto Soujiro. For a while it seemed like he was busy with something so he seldom contacted Sumire but Yuhi knew he could not let his guard down.

Soujiro walked over and looked towards the girl in his arms. "Does she need a place to rest?"

"She has a break room but if you have a better place then.."

"Come this way." Soujiro said.

Yuhi nodded and followed the man. After walking for a few minutes they entered what looked like a private lounge area. "Did you come here for business?" Yuhi asked.

He seldom liked to speak to people who weren't Sumire but he wondered why this man had kept his distance. Did Makoto Soujiro not come to Tokyo to take Sumire back with him? Why has he kept his distance this entire time? It disturbed him greatly. More than Sano or even Atsuro, Yuhi felt troubled whenever it came to this person. Maybe because unlike the other two, Yuhi could not tell if this person still wanted Sumire.

"I did. I also heard that she would be here today."

At that comment his body tensed up. What did Soujiro want with his wife?

Soujiro sighed deeply. "There are a few gatherings that I cannot keep declining or attend alone."

"Does she have to go?" Yuhi knew that Sumire disliked elite gatherings with a passion. He knew that she hated that elite blood in her veins more than anything.

"She has to." Soujiro kept his usual indifferent face, but Yuhi knew that he was equally concerned. "I already filtered everything out for her but she cannot keep hiding away from social events. Everybody knows she is alive now. They know that the singer Ibuki Sumire and my fiance are the same people. If she keeps refusing to appear like this then her situation will get worse."

Yuhi understood and yet it made him uncomfortable. "I wanted her to experience a normal school life first."

"I am sure your handling that well enough already, otherwise she would not return to work."

Indeed he knew that Sumire would not have started taking on jobs if her situation at school was still weird. But it still struck him as odd why she still has to deal with the elite world or even return to the entertainment industry. Only half a year has passed since Tsueno Mamoru passed away.

Only half a year is not enough time to heal the wounds and scars in her heart. Yet people expect her to return to work already.

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Chapter 236: It did not matter

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Having relationships is not prohibited but it is generally looked down on since they are individuals that should not belong to anybody. Idols exist for their fans, they cannot have a special someone. The rules on that are not as strict here in Japan as in Korea but Yuhi knew what other people thought.

Though the rumors have died down now. Yuhi still saw some when he browsed the net. They call Sumire irresponsible for having a relationship when she is still new in the entertainment industry. One comment stood out to him.

(She hasn't even given us anything yet and she thinks she can act all high and mighty?)

The use of words stood out to him. Not given them anything yet? These people act like she is singing for their sake, and not for her dream. Such ugliness and malice, at one point Yuhi wanted to give up singing.

He wanted to surrender and leave this industry already. The main reason why he did not do that was because of the promise he made with her.

Soujiro placed some documents down on the table. "Have her look at these when she wakes up."

"Your not staying?"

"Unfortunately I have other business to attend to." Soujiro paused as though he pondered about whether to say the next line. "It seems there are strange rumors floating around about the Ibuki family territory. I need to ensure that everything is settled first."

Strange rumors? Recently Yuhi has kept himself occupied with work so he has not paid much attention. There has been no strange attacks lately and even Shin mentioned that those people were not making a move. He found it suspicious of course. But Hino told him to use this opportunity to catch up on all the work he has missed out.

"Then take care."

Yuhi knew those words were unlike him but he had a bad feeling about this.

Soujiro nodded, his gaze briefly fell on the girl who was now laying down on the couch. It looked like the man wanted to say something but Yuhi watched as he quickly exited the room.

Makoto Soujro huh? Out of all the guys who like her, Yuhi feared this one the most. That silent and indifferent behaviour is something Sumire might like. Based on her personality she does not like clingy people like Atsuro. Somebody quiet who treats her well and with respect might be the kind of person she needs.

Yuhi quickly shook his head. No use thinking such things now. Right now he is the one by Sumires side. He is the one who is with her now.

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"She threw up again?"

"I just gave her some fruit."

She looked so pale and needed strength. Yuhi knew that giving her oily food would be bad so he settled for fruits, but she ended up throwing it up.

Sano walked over and placed his hand on Sumires forehead. It surprised Yuhi how easily he did it considering that he was right there.

"Fever?" Sano asked.

"I feel hot."

"Open your mouth."

He flinched at those words and moved away slightly. What is this? Makoto Soujiro is the only one he ought to worry about. But just now he felt a sharp pain in his chest. He fidgeted uncomfortably as he watched Sano fingers enter the girl's mouth. There was something sensual about the way Sumire moved her lips or maybe it was just his imagination. It was something he noticed about the girl from the very start. Whenever she moves her mouth it looks sensual... Who did she learn that from?

"Nnnn..."

Hearing her soft moan Yuhi grabbed Sano's hand. "Isn't that enough?"

He wanted to tell Sano to stop overstepping his boundaries as the doctor. But Yuhi did not want to look petty.

Sano nodded and pulled away. "I think she needs to be hospitalized. No I am not talking about a few days or a week but until she gives birth. It should happen within this month anyway, so she won't have to stay long."

Its not like he hasn't been thinking about it. Ever since that time Atsuro came to examine her Yuhi has thought the same. No matter how well he takes care of her. He does not have the same facilities and treatment a regular hospital can give her.

"What about my work? I just started..."

Stupid girl who cares about her work now? What good is it if she collapses everyday? Then again knowing her Yuhi knew she was concerned about troubling other people.

"Most investors are people I know, I will take care of it."

Yuhi raised his eyebrow at that comment. Most huh? It seemed like this man has more influence and power than he thought. Now that he thought it through. Hino mentioned how he had to borrow money from a friend to start up the agency. That friend is most likely Sano. A deep sigh passed his lips. It seems like it will be impossible to push this man away.

"Okay, thank you Sano." She mumbled and looked over at him. She seemed puzzled why there was some distance between them but did not say a word as she edged closer. Soon she was right next to him again and she slumped her head on his chest.

"Yuhi, I want to sleep more."

"We need to get you to the hospital."

"I already arranged a car, it is waiting outside. She doesn't have to sign anything either."

This man is way too efficient. Yuhi sighed again but thanked Sano as he picked Sumire up. On the way down to the car Yuhi does not say a word but he keeps watching over the other man. Nagawa did not try to talk to Sumire again but the man's gaze on her while he was on his phone bothered him. Who is he contacting?

Yuhi remembered Shin's warning.

'Those people may be quiet on the surface but who knows what they are planning in the shadows? We need to be more aware of our surroundings.'

Be aware huh? With Sumire in this condition he needs more than awareness.

He needs to be ready at anytime just in case something happens. He won't let any harm come her way.

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Chapter 237: Unease

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It was well past lunch time when they arrived at the hospital. The journey from that building to the Nagawa family hospital was quite far. Yuhi originally wondered why Sano picked this far away place but when he looked around he immediately understood. It is quieter here and it will be difficult for the media to get to her. It seems like this man is more considerate than he thought.

After making a few calls he returned to the room and saw Sumire sat up on the bed hugging a plushie. Several blankets wrapped around her and Yuhi noted how there seemed to be more at the girl's feet.

Yuhi raised his eyebrow. "So what is going on here?"

"Sumire gets cold easily."

Well he knows that but what about that thing she is hugging?

"It belongs to her."

But he never saw that before. Judging from her behaviour though Yuhi guessed it was hers. Sano must have brought it over. It disturbed him knowing that Sano still had some of Sumire's belongings. So much time has passed since the two broke up, how come he still has her stuff? According to Sumire her other boyfriend helped her deal with everything related to Sano but did it slip their mind to get her stuff?

Sumire looked up. "If you still have this then what about.."

"The music box? I will get it for you tonight."

"Thank you."

He clenched his fist when he heard those words. Since earlier Yuhi thought something was wrong but now he understood. The reason why he felt this way is because he sees it now. Nagawa is serious, from now on this man will seriously try to pursue Sumire.

"Is there anything else?"

"Then I will list a few things so can you go and get them for me now?"

Yuhi immediately understood when he heard those words. She is sending Nagawa away. It seems she noticed his odd behaviour. Nagawa must have realized too since he quickly left after she made the list.

Sumire extended her hand towards him and Yuhi flinched. Since earlier he simply hovered over the door. "Yuhi." She said softly. "Won't you come here?"

Whenever this girl calls his name it feels like music to his ears.

He walked over spellbound until he was on the bed. She tugged on his hand. "I understand Yuhi."

She didn't ask him what was wrong or even condemn him for his behaviour but instead she said she understood. Ah, it seems like he is no match for this girl at all. All his unease and fears seem to pale in comparison.

He joined the girl on the bed but he still felt restless even though she was snuggled up to him. What is this sudden feeling of unease?

"Are you worried?" Sumire said after enduring the silence for a few minutes.

"He knows more about you than me." Yuhi reluctantly admitted. It pained him that Nagawa of all people seemed to understand Sumire more than anybody else.

"That may be so." Sumire mumbled. It pained him that she did not deny it. Sumire however quickly added. "No matter how kind he is now, I cant trust him."

Yuhi sensed the pain behind her tone and he frowned. Maybe he is just overthinking this. Sano traumatized her, Sumire is not the type of woman who would ask for more punishment. These days it looked to him that the girl is genuinely trying to focus on recovering mentally and physically. If it is like that then he needs to stop having such thoughts.

Sumire is doing her best even though it is painful for her.

Yuhi softly kissed her temple and Sumire laughed softly. Her laughter seemed so innocent after everything.

"Are you hungry?"

"Ah I am! But I dont want the cafeteria food now..." She trailed off. "Yuhi will you cook me something?"

At her suggestion he glanced over at the side door and sighed. A hospital room that comes with a kitchen? Yuhi does not have to inquire if there are any ingredients. Nagawas level of preparation is something else. But then again that man has the money and power.

Power huh? Yuhi did not think he needed more. He was content with the current situation but it seems like he will have to reconsider.

He needs more power so he can safely protect this girl.

Yuhi scooped her up in his arms and brought her to the mini kitchen. He placed her down on the counter and rolled his sleeves up.

Sumire laughed. "Your letting me watch?"

"Mm, I want to keep staring at you so stay put."

That thought seemed to please her since her smile brightened. These days it seems like he is seeing that smile a lot more now. Yuhi pondered what caused it. They don't spend that much time together now so he thought she would be more upset. She mentioned being lonely and that was why she kept going to Nagawa's place but there seemed to be something more.

"By the way Yuhi, since the subject of old stuff was brought up can I ask you what about your belongings?"

"Ah." Yuhi trailed off. "That stuff." He almost forgot how much junk he left behind in the Holy Knights headquarters.

Sumire rolled her eyes. "Yes that stuff. I packed your stuff into boxes but there is still a lot there."

She packed her stuff into boxes? Yuhi lips curved to a grin when he realized something. That leader is the type who would throw things away without a second thought. If Sumire negotiated to pack away his stuff. "Are you keeping my belongings hostage?"

Sumire laughed. "Well its true I took everything with me."

"I was going to say its okay to throw it away, but there are some first edition hard to find copies of certain books there."

He could not miss the way the girls eyes shone when he mentioned that. "You never tried to.."

"I saw them but I thought it would be awkward for me to read. I mean, with the way things were."

"You know I never held a grudge against you for rejecting me."

Why would he be upset over something like that for? Besides with the way he confessed it was bound to happen.

Sumire looked troubled by his response and he put the ladle down for a moment. He squeezed his hand in hers and a content sigh passed her lips. "I know you didn't and that bothered me even more. You even sent out those books with messages. You acted like I didn't coldly reject you."

"Well it was interesting that was for sure. But I wanted to keep in touch."

"Proust Swanns way, heart of darkness." Sumire listed several other titles.

Yuhi chuckled. "Didn't like it?"

"Most guys would try to woo a girl using romantic means. If your going to use books I thought it was obvious that you don't send books with tragedies."

"But ah, all those books had a neutral ending."

He leaned forward until their foreheads touched and his lips grazed against hers. "You didn't like it?" Yuhi repeated. He was in a daze since he noticed the look the girl gave him.

"I liked it a lot." Sumire wrapped her arms around his neck. "--" She mumbled the next line quietly but it made his heart flutter. This woman is messing with him too much or maybe he is the one going crazy.

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Chapter 238: Hard time understanding

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Since coming to Tokyo Sumire noticed how time seemed to go by very quickly. But ever since she stayed in the hospital, the days seemed to drag on.

She was very bored. Unlike the past it was impossible for her to sneak away and pick a fight. It's not like the security is very strict here but her gaze fell on Sano who was reading some documents. This man is always here so it is impossible for her to sneak away.

Whenever she stands up or stretches her arms he would question where she is going. The main reason why Nagawa Sano is the one taking care of her right now is because of Yuhi's current situation.

She says situation but it is actually a good thing, her gaze flickered passed Sano and onto the TV screen that was showing a footage of Yuhis huge concert. The huge one he delayed since her arrival finally took place. It seemed people were going crazy about his album of new songs. The most popular song being the one he wrote for her when they first met.

Many people were speculating who this song was dedicated for.

If the media knew it were about her would they try to twist the songs message? Sumire did not want to think of such troubling things. She picked up her phone and flickered through the news.

Real time search results (Global)

Terashima Yuhi

Quatro Light

Weekly Chart

1 (hot) - Snow Voice

Terashima Yuhi

No matter where she looked there was news about Yuhi everywhere, even in websites that were not related to music.

She browsed through the comments and threw her phone aside. So many comments from girls talking about how handsome he is. This is a bit troubling. She has never dated a celebrity before so she does not know how to handle this situation. It would be a lie to say it doesn't bother her but at the same time she is very proud of him. He is doing so well right now and getting so much love and attention from the world. This is what he deserves.

Her thoughts break off when Sano starts yelling. He was not shouting at her but the person on the phone. Sumire caught bits and pieces of their conversation. If he is so busy she wonders why he is even here again. As Sumire thought this she heard a beeping sound come from the monitor beside her.

Sano mumbled a few more words to the person on the phone before he walked over to her. He ran his hands across her cheek after he briefly checked the machine. "You don't have a fever today right?"

"It went down." She did have one but it went away. In the next second Sano is kissing her deeply. Sumire felt her body shiver he continued his aggressive kisses. The way he forced his tongue inside her mouth hurt. A battle of dominance - what is he hoping to find? Sumire did not understand his actions at all.

When she felt Sano's hands on her shirt she panicked and moved away slightly. "S--Sano, wait, calm down okay?"

Sano mumbled something and she could not miss the look in his eyes. She sighed deeply. She cannot control this man's mood swings. This is nothing new already. Ever since she was hospitalized here, this man kisses her at least once a day. It occurred to her that she ought to tell Yuhi, but when she saw how busy he was she decided against it.

It's not like Sano has done anything but kiss her. Sure it feels revolting but as long as he does not cross that line then she can cope with it. Other than the kisses he treats her quite well.

"Did something happen?"

"One of our recent investors got arrested. They caught him handing out fake bills, it's quite troublesome."

Fake bills? Now that she thought about it, she overheard Atushi and Jae discuss that when they came over and visited. Fake bills huh? It's not a large scale issue for now - but in the long run it can cause serious harm to businesses. She needs to keep an eye out on it.

"Ah." Sumire trailed off. "Do you need me to.." She could not finish her sentence. This is awkward to offer since they are no longer dating. But she wanted to offer her assistance. It would be easy for her to fix this current predicament of his and minimize the damage.

"That would put you in a bad position no?"

"Well actually since I focus more on the business side these days it won't do any harm." It might even reflect well on her for helping Sano out.

"Is that so?" Sano seemed to no longer care about the conversation since she noticed how intense his gaze was. He sat down on the bed and leaned forward. "So recently I noticed that you don't seem to hate me anymore."

"Mmm I suppose."

She felt his fingers on her hair and she shuddered. "But you're afraid of me?" It seemed this did not escape his attention.

"Well I am having a hard time understanding your behaviour."

She thought she had him all figured out but it turns out that is not the case here. Then again people change.

"Back then I was jealous."

For a moment Sumire froze. Huh? What? The news itself did not surprise her but she did not think she would ever live to hear him admit it. Back then Sano started behaving oddly because of senpai - because of Ichinose Arashi. However he never admitted it. Once when they were fighting and she bravely mentioned it he hit her. It was the first time he hit her so she remembered it quite clearly.

"I was jealous. That time I kept thinking to myself that I wanted to get closer to you, and wanted to become a proper couple. With all that sneaking around it was difficult but I finally decided. I wanted to start with walking you back from school."

Oh so that was why he was there that day? A proper couple huh? Indeed from the very start of their relationship there was something weird. But Sumire was still happy nonetheless. He was a good guy and did not criticize her for being excess baggage, at least at the very beginning anyway.

Yes, it was all good at the start.

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Chapter 239: The voice he acknowledges

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Sumire did not know what to say to Sano admitting all of this.

It is too late, she refrained from saying those words but she kept thinking this. There is no use continuing this conversation. No matter what he says now it will not make a difference. Sano must have realized since he stopped speaking. He kept playing with her hair and in the next second he is kissing her again.

She immediately noticed how gentle this kiss was and was slightly taken back.

This time however the kiss did not last more than a few seconds since the doors opened. Only one person would enter the room without knocking. Sure enough when she glanced over she spotted Hino at the door.

"What is--"

"You act like you have never seen two people kiss."

At that comment Hino frowned. He walked over and pulled Sano away from her. "I came here to apologize to her but here I find you two liplocking..."

Apologise? Oh right they haven't made up from the last time she was hospitalized.

Her gaze fell on the bag in his hands. "Is that for me?"

Hino coughed awkwardly. "I just got you some random stuff."

Random huh? Sumire carefully examined the contents in the bag before she burst into laughter. Hino kept awkwardly looking away. The contents of the bag were copies of CDS she found in his place, posters and rare music books. Random he says.

It seems she can't stay mad at him. Then again it's not like she was particularly mad in the first place. It irked her but after thinking it through she understood his behaviour. This person is so clumsy at expressing himself.

"I guess I can forgive you."

Hino's gaze softened as he extended his hand out and ruffled her hair. "Yeah."

Sano coughed causing her to laugh awkwardly. "Is it okay for me to listen to music here?" She asked.

"Your room is the only one in this floor so go ahead."

"By the way I didn't come alone." Hino said.

Didn't come-- her eyes widened and she glanced over at the door. Sure enough she spotted black hair by the door. She felt her heart skip a beat when she saw his clothes. Did he just come back from a photo shoot? Or maybe a live? He looks even more handsome than usual.

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The moment they found a quiet place. Yuhi positioned her on the bench. He wiped her lips with a cloth or rather scrubbed it very hard causing her to laugh. "Uh, did you notice?"

"Don't be so defenceless. I have already claimed these lips."

"You have? But there is no mark." She said innocently.

Yuhi however did not respond to her provocation, he seemed to be deep in thought. She took his hand and squeezed it. "Don't blame yourself okay?"

"I can't leave you with him..."

"He keeps kissing you."

"Only when he gets angry." At least once everyday, but Sumire kept that information to herself. She does not want him to worry anymore than he already is.

Yuhi grumbled but nodded. He leaned forward and kissed her lips passionately. "Mmm, Yuhi."

"I missed you."

"It's only a few days."

"A few days is torture, besides that is almost a week." He hugged her tightly. "Your work situation is on hold now but you have some major jobs lined up."

"Your point?"

"I think we can land some work together."

Her eyes brightened at the thought but she quickly hid her excitement. "I don't think it will be that easy."

Yuhi gave her a reassuring smile. "You will be surprised. How about a drama? Do you mind acting?"

"I have only been a stunt double before."

"Ah, but you will be fine. Take a look at this." He pulled out a script from his bag.

Sumire immediately recognized the title. "Oh this movie.."

"You know of it?"

"Ru liked it a lot." A hint of sadness flashed through her mind. Quite some time has passed since she last thought about Tsueno Mamoru. No, she purposely tried to stop thinking about him. It is difficult to accept Yuhi's love and kindness so she deliberately suppressed her memories.

Still how could she possibly forget about the things he liked?

"Then that's even more of a reason." Yuhi squeezed her hands.

"But is it okay? This movie is popular."

It might not be a large scale production but it is enough to attract people's attention.

"I already settled the details for you. You still have to audition and prove your skills but the role is basically yours."

Sumire blinked when she heard those words. This man had not even asked her and yet he made such arrangements. Then again, her lips curve to a smile. "Are you the male lead?"

A chance to not only act in the same movie as Yuhi but as the female lead?

"Mm."

"Ah, there are kiss scenes." Quite long ones too. She peered over at him and saw a mischievous grin on his face.

Sumire thought he was opposed to her comeback but it seems Yuhi has secretly been making such plans. While his status in the entertainment industry is so high that she can't appear in the same programs, a drama like this should be fine.

"But you know I am a bit reluctant." Yuhi mumbled.

"Reluctant?"

She was still browsing through the script. While she watched the original movie already it was during the time Ru's condition was getting worse. So she spent most of the time making sure that he was okay rather than pay attention to the film. She does remember bits and pieces.

"I don't want anybody else to see your face whenever we kiss or hear those beautiful sounds."

It took her a moment to realize what he was talking about.

Sumire hits him and Yuhi laughs. "Embarrassed?"

"Teasing me is so unsightly."

"If I don't tease you then you will overthink things." Yuhi squeezed her hands. "I really want to work with you. But as you know it is hard to get on music programs together."

Sumire understood that better than anybody. No matter how good she is at singing, her current status in the entertainment industry is still too low. Ah she has to hurry up so she can properly stand by Yuhi's side. She ran her fingers through his hair.

"Be patient, I will be there soon."

Yuhi chuckled. "Confident are we?"

Sumire nodded. "After all this is the voice you acknowledged."

A voice that Terashima Yuhi himself acknowledges.. If the media knew about this then they certainly would take advantage of it. She might even get new opportunities. But she would not resort to such petty means. She has to do this herself otherwise she won't be able to say that she has achieved her dream.

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Chapter 240: You have to promise me

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Her gaze fell on the man beside her. From the very start this person has treated her sincerely and with such kindness and affection that she does not deserve.

"Say Yuhi?" Sumire mumbled.

"What?"

"I want to call you darling."

"You already do."

"I mean in public." She wants people to know that they are serious.

Rumors don't bother but when she was browsing through her phone she saw something. It was an article by some random fan but it got a lot of attention. An article criticizing Yuhi's relationship with her. This was one of the reasons why she hesitated to date him. When she came here and he made his advances clear, Sumire deliberately put a wall between them.

"Is something wrong? You're acting strange." Yuhi asked concerned.

"Lately Sano keeps calling somebody." Sumire quickly changed the topic. She does not want Yuhi to know what she is currently thinking.

"Sumire forget about him for a moment."

Sumire could not miss his tone when he said those words. Yuhi must think that she is always thinking of Sano. Though normally he is hard to read when he is jealous, Sumire immediately understood. She leaned forward and Yuhi immediately kissed her. He pried her mouth open after mumbling if it was okay. He always asks her for permission before doing anything. This person is so considerate of her. She thought that Yuhi would not be jealous of Sano of all people but it seems like the slight mention bothers him. Calling Sano by his first name doesn't help, it makes it look like they are close.

After kissing for a good few minutes the two of them are out of breath. Yuhi nibbled on her earlobe and she mumbled. "Idiot, quit it."

"Nobody is around."

"..."

He didn't even check. Then again even though he respects her sometimes he goes overboard. Like secretly placing kisses on her neck whenever they go out for a meal.

Sumire pulled away from him and stood up. She walked over to the large cherry tree that caught her attention earlier. It was in a rather remote looking spot but still close to the bench they were sat on. It is strange that there is still a cherry tree blossoming when it is June.

She hears footsteps behind her and soon Yuhi wrapped his arms around her waist. He buried his face in her neck and she rolled her eyes. "Dont brood."

"I wanted to keep kissing."

At that comment Yuhi flinched and she sighed. This isnt going to be easy. Yuhi acts like he does not care about Sano, in fact Yuhi seems to focus more on Soujiro but it must upset him. The matters of the heart are truly complicated.

"Are you okay Yuhi?"

"No, I want to take you home."

It pained Sumire hearing his tone. Home huh? It feels strange for her to hear such words. To think the day would come when she would have a home. After the accident that happened when she was a child she did not have a proper home.

A home, a place to go back to and somebody to welcome her back.

To think she would have it. Her gaze fell on the large tree a few steps away from her. Now that she thought it through the reason she liked cherry blossoms is most likely because of that large tree in the Holy Knights headquarters.

"Just bare with it, after I give birth you can have me all to yourself."

"I need you, its hard Sumire." Yuhi muttered.

"I know." She understood his emotions very well.

This entire time Yuhi has lived his life alone and now that he has her he does not want to go back to those days.

After hugging her for a few minutes he lets her go. "Are you hungry? I made you some lunch."

Sumire slowly nodded her head as she stared at the man. He didn't say anything after that, is he truly okay? Sometimes she worries about Yuhi. While unlike her past relationships Yuhi opens up to her more, he is still hiding things from her.

The two of them return to the bench area and Yuhi takes out a three tier lunch box. Sumire laughed. "Uh isn't this too much?"

"Hospital food is bad right? No matter how much Nagawa tries to improve it."

Well it isn't that bad. But indeed homemade cooking is still the best option. She opened up the first tier and saw some gyoza, a small box of fruits strawberries and blueberries, chikuwa cucumber. The second tier consisted of some warm rice and an omlett. The third tier contained some fried chicken cut up into cute animal shapes and vegetables.

"Yuhi-san, do you think I can eat all this now?"

"Obviously not, you eat half and save the rest later when you get hungry." Yuhi sounded pleased and he pointed to the bag. "There is more here."

Sumire looked at him blankly before she quickly realized it. "How long will you be gone?"

Yuhi kissed her cheek and then behind her ear. "Just a week and a few extra days."

That's almost two weeks, almost half a month without Yuhi. Also she recalled what Sano was telling her the other day. According to him she will give birth soon, she does not want to do this without Yuhi. Yuhi must have understood since he gently kissed her lips.

"I will be there, don't worry okay?"

She buried her face in his arms and mumbled. "You have to promise me."

"Yeah I promise."

It is still very worrying but Sumire knew she could not sulk about this now. She needs to use this little time she has with him to kiss him all over and remind him that she is his. Its not like Yuhi will have the guts to cheat on her. But she is worried about all those pesky flies.