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TORU KUMANO presents

Hm?

Ah-Yeah...

Huh?

Harada...

Right?  
I hope I remember right...

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Like-wise.

AND HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER BESIDES HER NAME.

Um... Nice to meet you.

OUR DEPARTMENT AND MAJOR ARE THE SAME, BUT...

OTHER THAN THE ONE TIME WE WERE IN THE SAME LECTURE AND GREETED EACH OTHER, WE HAVEN'T TALKED.

You're... Makino, correct?

MAKINO IS A STUDENT AT THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS ME.

What a coincidence, meeting you here.



Makino...

Is that a camera?



TO THINK THAT I HAPPENED TO MEET MAKINO, OF ALL PEOPLE, HERE....

Mm?



I REMEMBER HER BEING PRETTY BLUNT AND COLD DURING THAT TIME...

SHE SEEMED AS IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY INTEREST TOWARDS DEALING WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

BUT SHE WAS LIKE THAT TOWARDS EVERYONE.



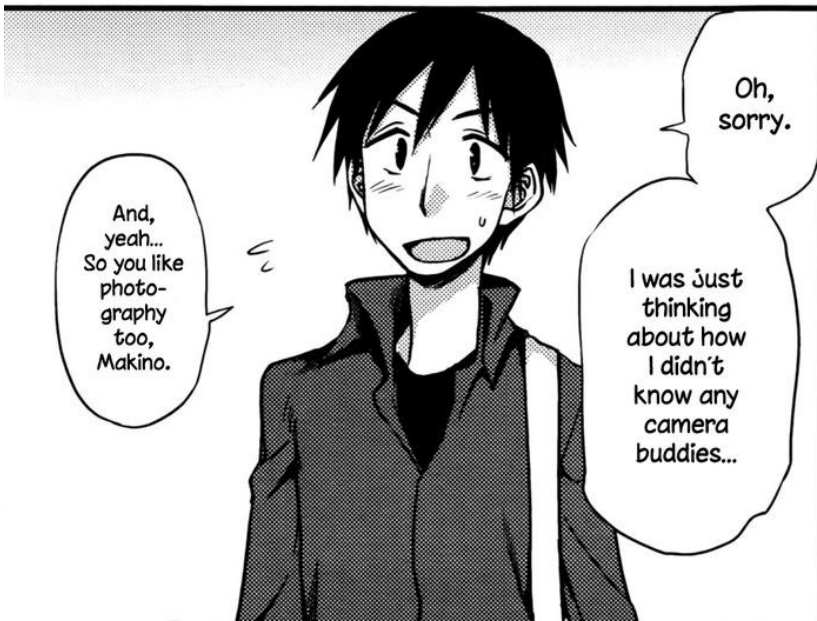
Well... On a hobby level...

I take them on walks and stuff...



...It is... So?

So, do you take pictures often?



Oh, sorry.

I was just thinking about how I didn't know any camera buddies...

And, yeah... So you like photography too, Makino.



Wh-What, do you have a problem with that?

Seriously?!

You're scaring me...



And even if she would otherwise, the way I invited her was terrible.

She's not going to do anything like this together with someone else...

Ah...  
Oh, crap! This is Makino we're talking about here...



Huh?



If you feel like it, could we go snap some together the next time we're free?

I'd love to see the pictures you've taken.



...Oh, no...



Sorry for just blurtin' this out all of a sudden.

No, well, if you don't want to, that's alright.



R-Really?

Oh..?



N-No! Of course not!

...What's with that reaction...  
Should I have turned you down?



Well...

I guess it's fine.

I don't mind.



Sorry, did I make you wait?

Makino!

AND SO...

WE MET THE NEXT WEEKEND PLANNING TO WALK AROUND THE CITY WHILE TAKING PICTURES.

No... I just got here myself.



But honestly, I don't know how to act around her.

I was hyped to find a camera buddy...

I never thought I'd go somewhere with just Makino...

Well, this sure got weird...



Or... maybe I was wrong?

Let's get going already.

Yeah, this might've been too much.

Even Makino didn't seem too enthusiastic about this trip...

Something wrong, Harada?



I know what you mean.

Utility poles are nice, aren't they?

I'D STARTED TO THINK OF HER AS A SILENT, UNFRIENDLY GIRL JUST JUDGING FROM THE WAY SHE USUALLY ACTS AT SCHOOL...



Look, look!

AND SHE'D STARTED PLAYING AROUND AND LAUGHING INNOCENTLY.

BUT AS SHE WARMED UP TO ME, HER SOUR LOOK DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY...



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REALLY BURNED INTO MY MEMORY AND I COULDN'T GET IT OUT.

THE SIGHT OF HER FACE AND EXPRESSIONS THEN...



Get back here, that's dangerous.

Haha... Well, that's great.

Man~ I was honestly creeped out when you invited me...

But before I even realized it, I was having tons of fun-

Let's leave, shall we?

It's this late already, huh...

Looks like we totally lost track of time while talking.



Nhaha!  
I never thought that someone would be you, though.

But hanging out with someone else isn't too bad!

I really can't handle this "student life" thing, see...  
So I thought I could be more at ease just by myself.



I'm finding you pretty hard to handle all of a sudden.

Seriously now...

Hey. Do you think we look like a couple?



Wait, now that I think about it... I've been alone with a guy all day, haven't I!...



You're like a completely different person right now...

You really drank too much, you know?

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This is totally like a date, huh? A date!

Ahaha haha!





Do you wanna take a shower first?

I- I guess I could...



It looks surprisingly normal inside, huh...

I was sure it'd be all weird.

Aren't the weirder ones more expensive or something..?

Not that I know anything about that...



ARE WE REALLY GOING TO DO IT?

ME AND MAKI- NO...



MAKINO...

WHAT IS SHE THINKING..?

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I'm partly to blame myself for just following her in...

Why did she invite me to a love hotel out of the blue...

She said it so lightly... even though she doesn't look like the type.

Is she actually used to... playing around?

No, she really doesn't feel like that at all...

Just what the hell...



Man, I'm pathetic...

...Rather than feeling happy, I'm getting nervous as hell.



I'm, uh...

Ready, so... you can go take a shower now....



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Sorry for the wait...

So-



And now her head's cleared up?

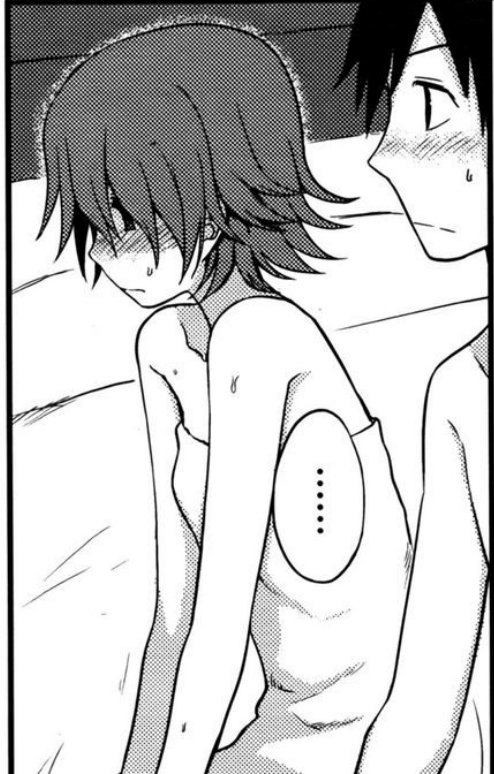
So, let's say she only brought me here due to her joyful, drunken state...



Maybe we really should call this off after all...



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Mm...

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Were you really fine...

With me?

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That that was your first time kissing, too?

Could it be...



Well, I mean, I've never had any one to do it with...

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Listen, Makino...

IT MIGHT BE THAT IT'S THE SAME FOR HER...

I THINK I FELL FOR MAKINO.

DURING OUR "DATE" EARLIER TODAY...



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Yeah...

...Can I?



I want to...

Put it in here.

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