

# Harry Chapter 01

Harry and Luken arrive at the convention hotel the night before the event. They arrive in the “company minivan” which has a logo and contact info for the Japanese swordsmanship school Luken recently established as a business. They make their way over to the hotel lobby. There’s a long line of weeps trying to get their hotel room keys or a code they can use through a phone app. Luken tells Harry to scout around for what restaurants in the hotel are still open. If there’s nothing which looks appetizing, they can get dinner off-site.

Harry takes a look around in the hotel and sees a lot of overpriced restaurants with food which do not look appetizing in the display photos. After spending about ten minutes on restaurant scouting, Harry steps outside of the hotel to see if there are any restaurants across the street. He sees nothing. He makes his way back to the front of the hotel.

A car pulls up to the loading/unloading area at the front of the hotel. A man in his late 20s who was driving the car pops open the trunk, removes a large piece of luggage from it, and places it on the ground. Based on how he puffed and wheezed trying to pull the luggage out of the trunk, the luggage is obviously heavy. A woman in her late 20s steps out from the passenger side. The man tells the woman, “I’m going to find a place to park.” He then kisses the woman on the lips. He adds, “Love you.”

The woman replies, “Love you.”

The man drives off. The woman starts to drag her luggage. She can barely drag it. Two of the wheels are broken and she lacks the strength to lift the luggage off the ground. She has no choice but to drag it. Harry approaches her.

“Would you like help with your luggage?”

Seeing Harry, the woman replies without much hesitation, “Yes, please.”

Harry takes the luggage by its handle and wonders what he got himself into. The luggage is densely packed and it’s a wonder the wheels broke before something else came apart at the seams. Harry lifts the luggage using both hands. Harry asks, “Are you going to check into the hotel now?”

The woman replies, “Yes.”

Harry carries the luggage to the end of the line for the check-in.

The woman says to Harry, “Thank you but you didn’t have to carry it this far.”

Harry replies, "I'm here already so I might as well stick around until your... boyfriend? Husband? Comes back? I assume he went to go park?"

The woman replies, "My boyfriend. Yeah, he'll come here after he parks."

Harry says, "I'll stick around until he does. By the way, I'm Harry."

The woman replies, "I'm Dove Firebrand."

Harry asks, "Are you a cosplayer?"

Dove Firebrand is a cosplayer who has several thousand followers on social media platforms. Dove mentions she is a cosplay guest at the convention. She'll be selling prints, trinkets, and signing autographs at her guest area table during the convention.

Dove asks Harry what activities he's looking forward to at the convention. Harry explains he's going to perform on stage and demonstrate Japanese sword techniques, in addition to having an "Introduction to Japanese Swordsmanship" workshop. Dove asks at what times the performance and workshop take place as this conversation has piqued her interest. Harry says he's not sure and needs to check the times. Dove asks Harry to drop by the cosplay guest area when he can and let her know at what times his performance and workshop are.

As Harry and Dove continue their conversation, the line slowly inches forward. Dove manages to check in and acquires two hotel room keycards. Harry drags her luggage off to the side of the lobby so it won't get in anyone's way.

Dove turns to Harry and says, "Thank you very much. I'll wait for my boyfriend to show up and have him carry the luggage."

Harry replies, "Let's see if we can get a hold of a bellhop."

While there was no bellhop to be found anywhere, Harry sees a hotel luggage cart. He takes a hold of it and brings it back to where Dove's luggage is. Harry's arms are so tired at this point, he can't lift the luggage to place on top of the cart. Harry then hears Luken's voice.

"Oh, there you are. I wondered where you ran off to."

Harry says to Luken, "Hey. Get this luggage onto the cart, will you?"

Luken looks at Dove and asks, "Is this your luggage, Miss?"

Dove replies, "Yes."

Luken grabs the luggage handle and easily lifts it with one hand. He then looks at Dove and says, "Oh! You're a cosplayer!"

Luken gently lowers the luggage onto the luggage cart.

Luken reaches into his pocket and pulls out a keycard with a sleeve. The sleeve has the room number on it. He tells Harry, "Here's your room key. Just get back to your room early enough so we can go over tomorrow's choreography," and then hands Harry the keycard and its sleeve.

Luken starts to walk away. Harry says, "Wait! You have the wrong idea!"

Harry turns to Dove and says, "I hope to see you in costume tomorrow. I hope you'll be able to see our performance."

Harry runs after Luken. A few seconds later, Dove's boyfriend arrives at the hotel lobby.

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After eating dinner at an off-site restaurant, Harry and Luken return to their hotel rooms. Luken reserved two rooms which are connected to each other with a doorway. The doorway has two doors - one door on Harry's side, one door for Luken's side. The doors have a knob only on one side. Most hotels which host conventions have this type of dual-room connectivity setup. Reserving this type of room is intentional on Luken's part.

After Harry and Luken are done discussing what they plan to do for tomorrow's performance, Harry brings up the topic of Dove Firebrand. Harry goes to Dove's social media image posting account using his phone and shows Luken the contents.

Luken says, "She's quite the character."

Harry asks, "What do you mean?"

Luken starts to elaborate.

"She's an interesting blend of cute and femme fatale seductress. She's not obese but has a round face. Voluptuous. Many of her photos are suggestive with an emphasis on her large breasts and cleavage. The cherry on top are the words 'recruiting sex partners' in her user profile. Everything she says about herself on her account sends the message she's openly recruiting simps to worship her."

Harry looks at his phone again and says, "I think that's an accurate description."

Luken adds, "...and to send her money."

After a slight pause, Luken continues, "If you choose to show an interest in her, just don't get shot by her NTRed boyfriend. Just because she says she's into fucking multiple dudes doesn't mean her boyfriend accepts the idea."

Harry responds, "She's more likely to call me a coomer and tell me to get lost."

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Convention day 1 of 3. Dove is now in full costume and she parks herself in the cosplay guest area. She sets up a table and opens up business. In addition to her, other cosplay guests occupy the area with their own tables. The cosplay guest area becomes full of people who want to meet them.

Harry and Luken are trying to rehearse the choreography of the presentation they plan to have later in the evening. Once they go through it a few times, Harry tells Luken he'd like to visit the cosplay guest area. Luken tells him he can go do whatever he wants but to show up at the backstage area at 5 P.M. Their presentation time slot is 6:30 P.M. Harry makes his way over to the cosplay guest area only to be disappointed. There's such a crowd and long lines, it looks like it would take at least a few hours for Harry to even be able to see Dove in costume. Harry gives up for now and figures he can go back in another few hours before his evening performance.

Harry makes a trip through the dealers' room, only to find nothing of specific interest so he moves on to the artist alley. One there, he sees a few artists whose works pique his interest. He specifically takes an interest in the works of an artist called "Pablo Palette". Harry takes a mental note of this artist's name for future reference.

Harry starts to get hungry. He sends a text to Luken to ask what he plans to do for lunch. Luken texts back and says he brought some fruits to munch on and won't be eating an actual meal until after their performance is done. Luken also says there are some behind the scenes issues he needs to deal with right now so he suggests Harry get lunch without him.

Harry attempts to find something to eat at the convention. While there are various food trucks with meals specifically geared toward weebies, Harry finds none of it appetizing. Everything he saw resembled overpriced junk food. Harry is in his late 40s, has experienced eating much higher quality meals throughout his life, and has much deeper pockets than the teens and 20-somethings who make up the bulk of the attendees. Harry figures he can try visiting one of the hotel restaurants which were closed the previous night. When he does so, he finds a restaurant which he sees to offer meals of decent quality. At the very least, the quality is higher than the food truck meals which are extremely greasy and oversaturated with sodium. While he is dressed in his gi, he doesn't look too out of place due to a few other patrons wearing costumes of anime characters.

After eating a highly satisfying meal, Harry makes his way back to the convention and tries his luck with the cosplay guest area again. He sees the lines being even longer. Harry gives up for now and revisits the artist alley.

Once back in the artist alley, he makes his way to the booth of the artist known as Pablo Palette. There's a man in his early 20s occupying the booth. Harry asks the young man, "Hi. Are you the artist?"

The young man replies, "No. I'm the slave labor, I mean boyfriend selling her art."

Harry is a bit surprised by what he heard. He responds, "Her?"

The artist's boyfriend says, "She doesn't hide that fact but with her artist name being what it is, a lot of people think she's a guy."

Harry says, "Oh, OK. Well, I have a question about her art. Are you an artist yourself? Can you answer some questions about her techniques?"

The boyfriend responds, "Nope. Sorry. I know her products inside and out but I know nothing about art techniques."

Harry says, "Oh... Kay. Will she show up to this convention some time today?"

The boyfriend replies, "Unfortunately no. She's actually at a different con halfway across the country."

Harry replies, "Wow. Busy girl."

The boyfriend then takes one of the business cards on the table and hands it to Harry. He says, "Here. Take this. It has her contact info so if you have any specific art related questions, you can drop an e-mail."

Harry says to the young man. "Cool! Thanks."

By the time Harry makes his way back to the backstage area, it is 5 P.M. He and Luken use the remaining time to meticulously review what they practiced. 6:30 P.M. is approaching. The convention emcee introduces the pair and they proceed to put on their swordplay presentation. Unlike other sword schools which bring a steel sword sword and perform test cutting sessions in front of a live audience, Luken went with a different approach: Put on a show. Luken's logic is, sword schools which put on a cutting demonstration are dime a dozen. In order to be remembered, Luken concluded it's better to entertain the audience with something they usually won't see. Luken thought putting on a performance consisting of serious swordplay while telling an amusing story through action with no spoken words would be the best way to be remembered. As much as Harry and Luken practiced their performance, once in front of a live

audience, not everything went perfectly. Some actions could have used an extra half step. Some, one less step. The distance between the two while swinging weapons was not perfect. However, they both manage to make instantaneous corrections so the audience didn't know any better.

6:45 P.M. The audience goes wild over their performance. Harry knew their performance wasn't perfect but was very satisfied with their ability to course correct. Luken on the other hand, was not happy with himself after they were done. He immediately starts taking mental notes over how he could do better next time.

After the cheers die down, Luken speaks into a convention-provided microphone. He mentions the web site of the sword school he and Harry started, as well as info concerning a sword skill workshop taking place on convention day 2.

Harry and Luken receive praise from the convention staffers backstage. Luken tries to take in the compliments at face value while struggling to not be so harsh on himself.

A convention emcee goes up on the stage. He announces there will now be a break with the live performances and the stage will be clear to prepare for the rave, scheduled to start at 9 P.M. The emcee suggests everyone to go get dinner while they still can if they plan on attending the rave.

7:15 P.M. - Harry and Luken start discussing dinner plans. They decide they should go back to their rooms first, drop off their equipment, get changed out of their gis and into regular clothes before going out for food.

Moving from the convention center to the convention hotel, Harry and Luken are a few dozen steps away from the hotel elevators. There are two of them. At this very moment, there's no one else waiting to go up the floors. While walking toward the elevators, Harry notices Dove, in full costume, walking toward the elevators as well. Luken then blends into the background and seems to disappear.

Harry approaches Dove and says to her, "I love the way you look."

Dove replies, "Why thank y..."

Before she can say "you," she says, "Hey!"

Harry says, "I'm sorry I couldn't visit you at your guest booth. There was such a huge crowd I couldn't get through."

Dove responds, "I'm sorry I couldn't see your live performance. I just got out from the cosplay guest area. Ugh. I'm starving."

Harry and Dove walk toward the elevators as they have a conversation.

Harry says, "I assume you have dinner plans with your boyfriend?"

Dove frowns and responds, "That bastard told me to find dinner on my own because he made other plans. That fucker."

Harry replies, "Ouch. What did you have in mind for dinner?"

Dove says, "I haven't had a double bacon cheeseburger with avocado slices in ages. There's a burger joint across the street from the convention center, too."

Harry and Dove reach the elevators. Dove presses the "Up" button.

Harry says, "Would you like a dinner invite?"

Dove responds, "Oh. Feeling confident now, are we?"

It's at this moment Harry decides to take his shot. He says to her, "Especially with the beautiful woman in front of me recruiting sex partners."

Dove grins. The expression on her face says she's glad Harry is hitting on her while also suggesting she's having the thought, "Mister, you're out of your league."

Dove's grin turns into a regular smile. She says, "Tell you what. My room is located on the 12th floor. If you take the stairs and beat me to the 12th floor, I'll go to dinner with you."

The right elevator door opens. Harry says to Dove, "I'll see your elevator doors open on the 12th floor."

Dove tells Harry, "Good luck," and enters the elevator. The elevator doors close. Dove presses "12". Someone else is in the elevator as well. He tries to push one of the buttons. Dove gets out of the way. The man in the elevator then presses all the buttons from 2 to 11.

Dove says, "Hey!" and looks at the man. He is wearing the same type of gi as Harry. While she doesn't know his name, she now recalls this is the same man who easily lifted her luggage with one hand and blurted out, "Oh! You're a cosplayer!"

Harry presses the "Up" button on the first floor. He takes the left elevator. He gets off at the 11th floor, then climbs the stairs to get to the 12th. He easily beats Dove to the 12th floor. He sees the right elevator door open. Luken steps out from the elevator and quickly walks toward Harry. Harry and Luken fist bump. Luken also hands Harry a paper bag containing some fruits. Luken walks toward the stairs and goes down one floor.

Dove approaches Harry and says, "All right. That was really clever."

Harry asks, "So do we have a dinner date?"

Dove snaps, "You're paying."

Harry smiles and replies, "I have no problem with that."

Dove pulls out her phone and says, "Let me text you. What's your phone number?"

Harry and Dove exchange contact info. She adds, "What's your room number?"

Harry texts the room number.

Dove says, "11th floor. OK. I'm going to change. I'll see you in a few minutes."

Harry takes the stairs down to the 11th floor.

Dove opens the door to her hotel room. As soon as she steps in, she sees her boyfriend naked and he is pounding away at a girl doggy-style. Dove says, "I told you not to bring your bitches into our hotel room!"

Dove starts to step out of the hotel room. Before the door shuts completely behind her, the girl having sex with Dove's boyfriend says, "I am not a bitch!"

Dove peeks her head back into her room and says, "Oh! Hi, Kyandie," steps completely outside, and then shuts the door behind her.

Dove travels down one floor and walks over to Harry's room. She knocks on the door. Harry opens the door, sees her still in costume, lets her in, and then says, "What happened? I thought you were getting changed."

Harry has not had time to change out from his gi either.

Dove sits down on Harry's hotel room bed and starts complaining about what she just witnessed. Due to the open relationship she and her boyfriend have, there have been a few occasions Dove witnessed her boyfriend having sex with multiple women. This time, the girl is someone she actually knows and is supposedly... friends with.

Kyandie Teethrott is a cosplayer with one hundred thousand followers on social media and growing. She is also an "internet model" who uploads photos of herself in her birthday suit to a spicy content website. She has a few dozen paid subscribers for the spicy photos and is currently making, on average, approximately two thousand dollars a month. Her catchphrase is, "I'm so sweet, I'll make your teeth rot!" She is not a cosplay guest at this convention.

As Harry listens to Dove complain about her boyfriend having sex with other women and not being discreet about it, Harry takes an orange out from the paper bag Luken handed to him earlier. The orange has a few knife cuts in it to make it easier to peel. Harry gives the orange to Dove.

Dove stops complaining, stares at the orange, and then says, "This is exactly what I need right now."

Thanks to the knife cuts, Dove peels the orange easily with her bare hands and starts eating.

The paper bag containing the fruits were a part of Luken's personal "rations" for the day. Since he didn't plan on eating an actual meal until dinner, the fruits were meant to tide him over until then. The orange just happened to be left over. After hearing her conversation with Harry on the first floor about how she was starving, Luken figured it couldn't hurt to give the fruits to Harry in case Dove wanted something small to eat before going to dinner.

Harry sits on the bed next to Dove. After Dove finishes eating the orange, Harry asks, "Are you feeling better?"

Dove replies, "Much."

After a short pause and silence, Dove says, "I'm evening the score now. Come here."

Dove grabs Harry's gi at his chest area with both hands and pulls. Harry's head moves forward and as it does, Dove's lips lock onto Harry's lips. They lock their lips together for about a half a minute. After their lips break contact, Dove says, "You're a pretty good kisser. More!"

They continue to kiss for a few minutes. Dove reaches her hand over to Harry's crotch and can feel him getting hard. She stands up and tugs on Harry, telling him without saying a word she wants him to stand up too. She starts to loosen Harry's gi top. He starts to unbutton and unzip her costume top. One costume and martial arts uniform attire piece at a time fall off from their bodies. Dove takes Harry by the hand and they head into the shower.

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Several hours pass. Harry and Dove made love for the past few hours so they're now resting. They are naked and cuddling.

Dove asks, "Who's the woman in your life?"

Harry replies, "I have a wife who hates my guts and I haven't touched her in years."

Dove asks, "Any kids?"

Harry replies, "One. I have a daughter who'll graduate from high school soon."

Dove asks, "Any plans for a divorce?"

Harry says, "Not at the moment. I should have filed for divorce 10 years ago."

It is at this moment Dove's stomach growls. She then says, "Fuck. I forgot I haven't had dinner yet."

Harry says, "I think I have a solution for that."

Harry puts on his pants and moves to the door with a knob on only one side. He opens that door, then knocks on the door behind it. Luken opens his side of the door and gives Harry two full paper bags from a burger restaurant, in addition to a drink tray with two drinks. Because of where Dove was located on the bed and the viewing angle wasn't optimal, Dove could not see Luken's face at all. All she saw were Luken's hands while giving Harry the burger restaurant bags and a drink tray.

Each bag contained an order of a double bacon cheeseburger with avocado slices and a side of curly fries. Harry gives Dove one bag and one drink. He then tells her, "I think you'll enjoy these."

Dove gets partially dressed. She looks in the bag and pulls out the burger. She sees the curly fries still in the bag. She looks at the burger and sees it's what she said she wants earlier in the evening. She takes a hold of the drink. She can tell it's not soda based on the cup's weight and how cold it is. She then realizes it's her favorite drink - strawberry milkshake. Dove is both shocked and pleasantly surprised. She asks Harry, "How did you know? How did you do that?"

Harry responds, "I've been blessed with the world's best wingman."

Harry and Dove finish their meal. Dove gets dressed back into her costume and approaches Harry. Her face is now directly in front of Harry's and she stares into his eyes. She says to him, "That was an unexpected but wonderful evening. Thank you."

Dove kisses Harry. After she does she asks, "What's your schedule for tomorrow?"

Harry responds, "I'm running an introduction to Japanese swordsmanship workshop at noon."

Dove frowns and says, "Damn it."

Harry responds, "What's wrong?"

Dove frowns and says, "That's when I have to be at the guest area. But I want to see the workshop you're running."

Harry thinks for a few seconds and then says, "Can you drop by Live Programming 3 at 11 or earlier?"

Dove asks with curiosity, "What do you have in mind?"

Harry takes another few seconds to think before explaining, "If you can drop by early, I can give you an individual lesson. You just need to be dressed in something allowing free movement. What costume are you wearing tomorrow?"

Dove says she'll be dressed as a female character from a fighting game. The costume is the most comfortable one she owns, as well as allowing free movement. Harry says that's perfect.

Dove says with excitement, "How about 10:30?"

Harry figures the room should be accessible to performing guests at that time. If not, he can ask convention staff to open the room. Dove says she'll show up at Live Programming 3, at 10:30 tomorrow morning. She heads toward the door to leave Harry's room. Before she leaves, she gives Harry a deep, wet, sloppy kiss. She tells Harry good night and exits his room.

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Convention day 2 of 3. 10:30 A.M. Harry shows up a Live Programming 3 and as he suspected, he had access to the room. A staffer peeks in, sees the "Performing Guest" badge around Harry's neck, and leaves him alone. A few minutes after 10:30, Dove shows up in full costume, this time as a character from a fighting game. Harry and Dove say good morning to each other, and then Harry starts giving her a private lesson in how to use a sword. As per the usual with lessons like these, Harry gives Dove a wooden sword to wield. Harry starts the lesson with the absolute basics and Dove tries to follow his instructions the best she can. After a few minutes, she stops swinging the wooden sword and says, "Holy shit. It's been less than a minute and my shoulders are hurting already!"

Harry asks, "Do you need to stop?"

Dove responds, "No. Let's continue."

Harry continues with the lesson. Since this is the first time Dove is handling a weapon of any kind, Harry tries to spread out the physical parts of the lesson as much as possible while inserting info having to do with theory and history. Even with this mix, Dove gets a workout she

didn't expect and is quite happy about it. At 11:00 A.M., she says she needs to stop because she now needs to go to the guest area.

Harry asks her, "Until what time are you stuck in the guest area?"

Dove says, "5. That's the cutoff time because some guests are judges for the masquerade."

Harry says, "I'll drop by before 5."

Dove looks around. She sees the door to the room is open. She closes the door, and then walks back to Harry. She then wraps her arms around the back of his neck and says, "I wanted to make sure no one's looking."

Dove gives Harry a deep kiss like the one she gave him the previous night.

Dove says, "I'll catch you later," walks toward the door, and then exits the room.

Luken shows up to Live Programming 3 about a minute after Dove left.

Harry and Luken go over what they'll actually do with the workshop. With a little under an hour to go, they make good use of the time they have remaining. The workshop starts at noon.

The workshop concludes successfully. The workshop proceeded with less hiccups than the live performance. Luken still finds ways to criticize himself for a perceived shortcoming.

Harry tells Luken he wants to visit the guest area. Luken says to go ahead without him. Luken has a potential business meeting with a photographer and doesn't know when that meeting will take place. He's waiting for a text from the said photographer to nail down a concrete schedule.

Harry, still dressed in his gi, goes to the cosplay guest area. He sees an even bigger crowd than yesterday. Harry decides to visit the artist alley again to kill some time with the hopes the lines for the guest area will die down a bit closer to 5 P.M.

Once at the artist alley, he notices a crowd around the Pablo Palette booth. The artist's boyfriend is busy with making the sales. As one art buyer after another buys up the booth inventory, Harry decides he should make a purchase before everything is sold out. Harry waits for about 10 minutes. Once the artist's boyfriend was able to give his attention to Harry, he says, "Oh, hi again! Enjoying the con?"

Harry starts to ask for various tapestries on display. The artist's boyfriend says, "Let me take a look to see if there are any left."

After rummaging under the table for about a minute, the boyfriend says, "You're in luck. These are the last copies of the ones you asked for."

Harry asks, "If there weren't any left, would you have been willing to sell the ones on display?"

The boyfriend replies, "I wouldn't do that to you or to myself. Up close, they have some obvious blemishes. They're perfect for display but I don't want to deal with complaints about them."

Harry counts his blessings to get the last "good" copies of the tapestries he wanted.

Harry asks the boyfriend, "Have you sold out of anything?"

The boyfriend replies, "Other than the tapestries I sold you? Well, the girl with the shark teeth seems to be a popular one. I heard there's a performing guest who cosplays that character. Um... Rodent something."

Harry thinks he knows who that performing guest is. He says, "Rodent Rayon?"

The boyfriend says, "Yeah! Her! Thanks to her, there was an uptick in sales of anything having to do with a character she cosplays. At least at this booth."

Harry knew of the cosplayer, dancer, singer, idol, influencer, and performing guest Rodent Rayon because of Luken. While driving to the convention, Harry asked Luken what was one of the things he hoped to do at the convention. Luken replied he's going to weeb out by attending the Rodent Rayon concert.

Harry exits the artist alley and heads back to his hotel room. He drops off the goods he purchased from the Pablo Palette booth and heads over to the cosplay guest area again.

4:30 P.M.

By the time Harry arrives at the cosplay guest area, the lines have died down and he was finally able to visit Dove at her booth.

Dove sees Harry approaching and says, "Hey! You're here!"

Dove explains how hectic her day was, meeting one fan after another. Harry asks if it was fun meeting the various fans. She says it was. She asks what Harry's day was like and he gives a brief summary of his day so far. They exchange tales of what their respective days have been like so far.

Harry asks, "What are your dinner plans? Are you meeting up with your boyfriend?"

Dove frowns and replies, "Yeah. Him. I'm supposed to have dinner with him but he also said he has additional plans for later tonight. Listen. Go make your own dinner plans. I'll text you after I'm done with my own dinner."

5:00 P.M.

Harry exits the cosplay guest area. With perfect timing, he receives a text from Luken.

The text reads, "j0. Got out of a meeting with a photographer. I have a second meeting with him later tonight. Thinking about getting an early dinner. What are you up to?"

Harry texts, "Holding my dick because NTR dude wants to have dinner with birdie."

Luken texts, "Man... NTR dude is really something else. I'll tell you all about him later."

Harry texts back, "Where are you getting dinner?"

Luken text replies, "Local ramen shop."

Harry texts, "I'll join you. Text me the restaurant address."

At 5:30, Harry meets up with Luken at a local ramen restaurant and they place their orders. As they wait for their meals, Luken explains who the photographer he had a meeting with is and what kind of discussions took place. Harry is taken aback by the details.

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Dove returns to her hotel room and removes her costume. She opens her luggage and pulls out a silver dress. She puts it on. The silver dress fits onto Dove's body in a way to accentuate her curves. Her boyfriend returns to the room, sees Dove in the silver dress, and then says, "You look beautiful."

Dove frowns and responds, "Three's a crowd. Kyandie isn't joining us, is she?"

Her boyfriend says, "No, dinner is just for us. Let me get changed and we can head out."

Dove says with a frown, "Are you meeting up with Kyandie after dinner with me?"

He replies, "Yes but it's not what you think. It's a business meeting."

Her boyfriend starts to get dressed into a tuxedo. Once they're both dressed up, they head down to the first floor and go to the hotel's most expensive restaurant. Dove's boyfriend made reservations so they were seated almost immediately upon arrival. They place their order after being seated, enjoy their meal, and Dove's boyfriend pays the check.

Dove says, "So what was this important thing you wanted to talk about?"

He pulls out a box made for a ring out from his pants pocket and says, "This."

He presents the box, opens it, and there's a diamond ring inside. He then says, "Marry me."

Dove looks at the ring and says, "Not yet. Not here. I need you to hang on to this until tomorrow morning and ask me again."

Her boyfriend reacts, "What? Why?"

Dove says, "Because Michelle and Anri will arrive tomorrow! I'm not saying no but I need you to hang onto this until tomorrow morning. Then ask me again."

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7:30 P.M.

Luken went to the follow-up business meeting he mentioned earlier.

Harry is back in his hotel room after a very satisfying dinner.

His hotel room bed currently has a few of his personal belongings, including a "value pack" of condoms. He and Dove went through a little less than half of the pack the previous night.

Harry takes a shower. After washing up, he wonders whether to head back to the convention. The masquerade is supposed to start at 8:00 P.M. The masquerade is the signature event for anime conventions but in order to attend it, it's usually necessary to get tickets earlier during the day. They are often not available at the box office right before the show starts. Unlike some anime conventions, tickets at this convention are free for all attendees but they are distributed on a first come, first served basis. Harry wonders about trying to get a seat for the masquerade anyway and if he can't, then he can look for various counter programming activities. He didn't have to concern himself with what to do. Harry receives a text from Dove. She asks him if he can talk. Harry calls her. Dove answers and says, "Are you in your room?"

Harry replies, "Yes."

Dove says, "I'm heading there now," and hangs up. About a minute later, Dove arrives at the front of Harry's hotel room door and she knocks on it. Harry lets her in. She is still dressed in the silver dress. She's also on the verge of crying as her eyes appear to water.

Harry asks, "What's wrong?"

Dove responds, "We don't have much time."

Dove wraps her hands around the back of Harry's neck and starts kissing him. Harry lifts her off her feet like a bride and carries her to bed. They start taking each others' clothes off.

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Dove starts fellating Harry. When it seems his penis is as hard as it will get, she rips open a condom from its packaging and holds its tip. She makes sure no air fills the tip by pinching it with her thumb and index finger. She rolls down and slips the condom onto Harry's penis. After she does, she mounts herself onto Harry and slides his penis into her vagina. After it goes all the way in, she uses her right hand to take hold of Harry's left hand. She interlocks her thumb and fingers with Harry's thumb and fingers. With her left hand, she does the same thing with Harry's right hand. Once their thumbs and fingers are interlocked, Dove starts to gyrate her hips, and then moves her hips forward and backward. The gyrating motion and the forward/backward motions are periodically alternated.

Dove makes love to Harry as though this is the last time she's ever going to make love to anyone.

Midnight. Dove gets back into her silver dress. She's about ready to leave Harry's room. Before she heads toward the door, she gives Harry one last deep and passionate kiss. After their lips separate, she gives him a very tight hug and says, "Thank you."

Dove tries her best to hold back her tears. She exits Harry's room, goes up one floor, and returns to her room. Once back in her room, she takes the silver dress off and heads into the shower. After she turns the water on, she starts crying. She tries to wash up but can't do so effectively because she continues to cry. She does her best to wash up as she cries. After she's done with the shower, she continues to cry. She cries for more than an hour. This is the most intense sadness and emotional pain she has experienced in quite a while. She flops onto the bed. She cries herself to sleep and becomes unconscious at around 1:30 A.M.

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Convention Day 3 of 3. 8:00 A.M. Dove is awake and starts to get into her day 3 costume. Her boyfriend returned to their room after 2:00 A.M. so he's in no mood to get up.

There's a knock on Dove's hotel room door. Dove answers.

"Come on in!"

Dove lets the arrivals in. She goes over to the bed and starts to nudge her boyfriend in an attempt to wake him up. She says, "Get up! Wash your face! Michelle and Anri are here!"

Anri is not the real name of Dove's friend. "Anri" is a nickname. Her real name is Henrietta. Her name is pronounced "ANRI-etta" but when anyone reads her name, they say "HENRY-etta". In order to force people to pronounce her name correctly, she doesn't reveal the correct way to spell her name unless she needs to.

Dove's boyfriend tries to get up. He's groggy for obvious reasons. He uses the bathroom to wash his face and empty his bladder. Once he's out of the bathroom, he says, "Good morning Michelle. Anri."

Dove says to him, "Pull out the box now."

He reacts, "What? Now? Here?"

Dove emphatically says, "Yes!"

He digs into one of his bags and pulls out the box with the diamond ring in it.

Dove says, "Ask me."

He opens the ring box, presents the ring to Dove, and then says, "Marry me."

Dove takes the ring out from the box, slips it onto her left ring finger, and says, "Yes!"

Dove then grabs her boyfriend and kisses him. She also makes sure to let Michelle and Anri see her slipping her boyfriend the tongue.

Anri says, "Um... wow."

Michelle says, "Woohoo! You go, girl!"

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On the third day of the convention, Harry and Luken have no official duties to perform. They did their presentation on day 1 and held a workshop on day 2. They can enjoy day 3 as fans and not worry about needing to perform a job.

Before officially checking out of the hotel, Harry and Luken inspect their rooms to make sure they leave no personal belongings behind. After they check out, they stash their personal belongings in the company van.

While heading to the convention center from the parking lot, Harry asks, "What do you feel like doing at the con today?"

Luken responds, "No idea. I'll have to check the programming schedule."

Harry then asks, "Doesn't Rodent Rayon have a concert going on?"

Luken replies, "That was yesterday and I missed it."

Harry says, "That sucks. I thought you were looking forward to that."

Luken says, "I was. Then the whole business meeting thing came up and I got offered a job. Couldn't go to the concert because of it. The job's now done, I got paid, and didn't even have to do my impression of Lady Godiva."

Harry often has trouble picking up on Luken's references but this is something he didn't need to consult an encyclopedia.

Harry says, "Why can't you say 'I didn't have to take my clothes off' like a normal person?"

Luken responds, "You of all people should know me and normal have the same distance as here and the dark side of Europa."

Harry pulls out his phone and looks up "Europa". He learns it's one of Jupiter's many moons.

Harry then asks, "So one of the people involved with this job last night was Jonny. Who was the girl who offered you the job?"

Luken says, "Yeah... That gets interesting. Ever heard of a cosplayer known as Kyandie Teethrhott?"