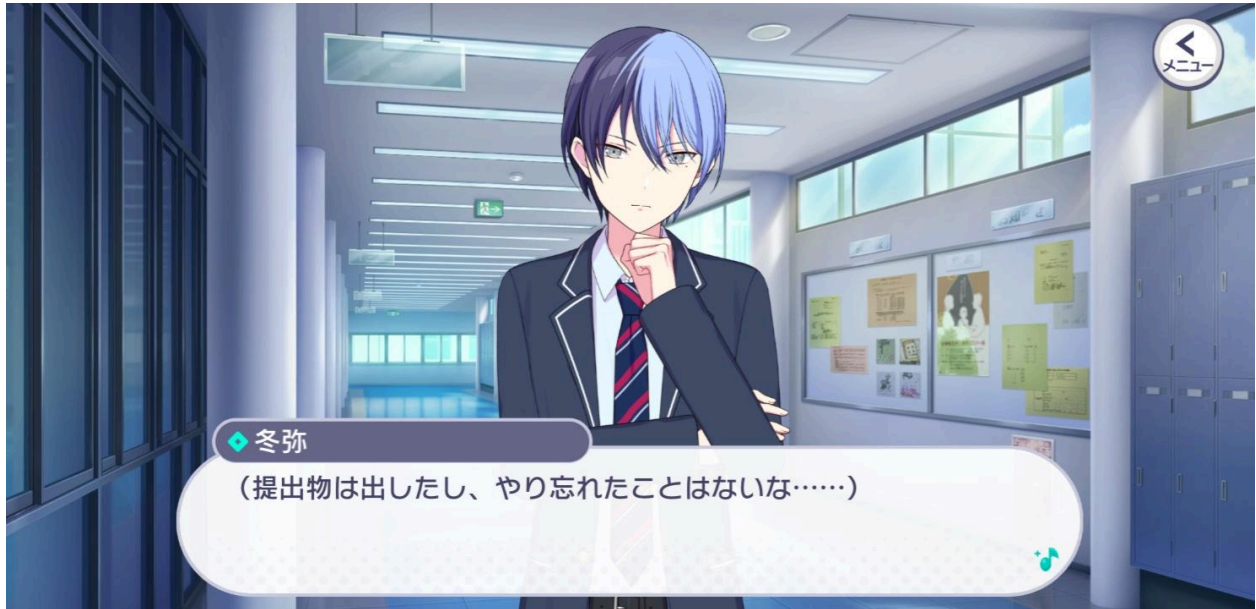


【絶たれた絆】Touya 3* Side Story 1 & 2 [Severed Bonds]

Side Story 1

After school

Kamiyama High School



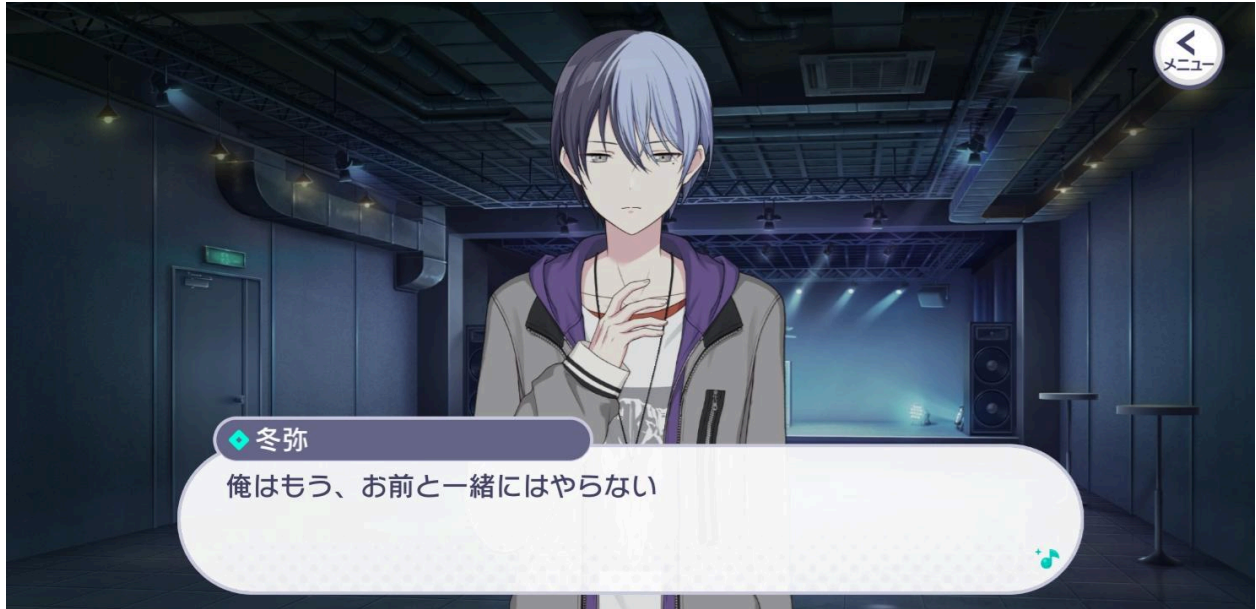
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(提出物を出したし、やり忘れたことはないな……)

Touya: (I've submitted all the work. I didn't forget to do anything.)

Classmate: Huh? Aoyagi, you're not with Shinonome today?

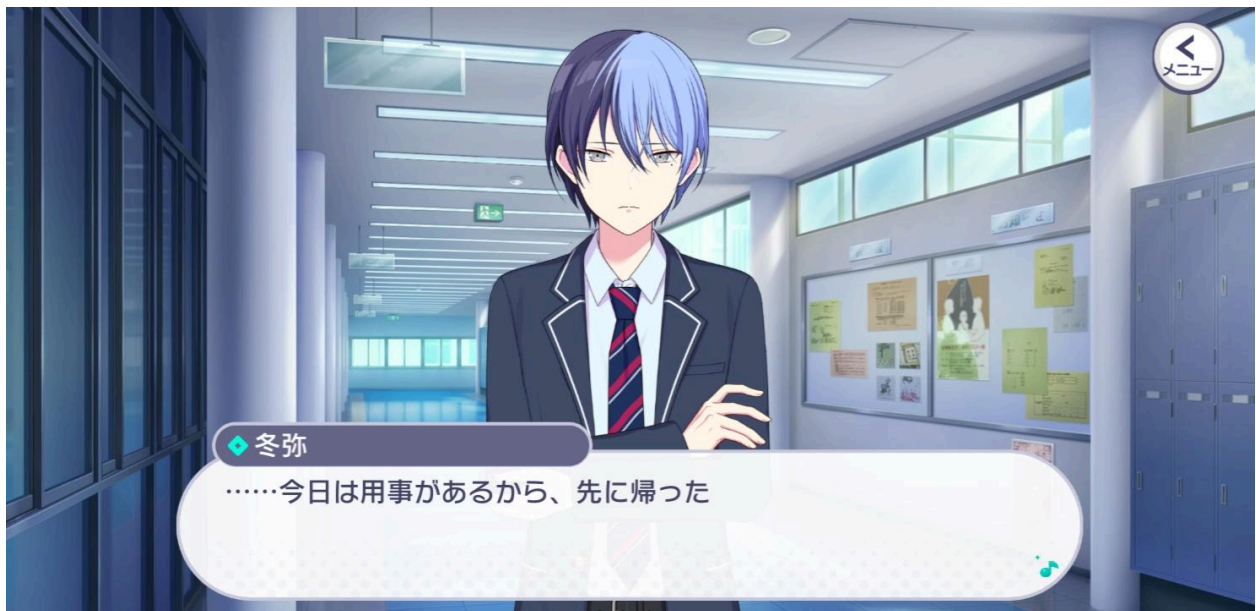
Touya: Akito's...



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俺はもう、お前と一緒ににはやらない

Touya: I'm not gonna perform with you anymore.



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……今日は用事があるから、先に帰った

Touya: He has things to do today, so he left first.

Classmate: Hmm. It feels weird not seeing you together.

Touya: ...Really?

Classmate: Really. Well, I might ask Shinonome for help with club activities again soon, so tell him to look forward to that. See ya!

Touya: Tell him, huh.

Touya: (Normally, this would be when I decide whether to go sing with Akito or go to WEEKEND GARAGE, but...)

Touya: (...I don't have... Akito, or music anymore.)

Touya: (Also, at home...)

Touya:

Tsukasa: Oh, Touya. What's the matter, spacing out in a place like this?

Touya: Tsukasa-senpai...



Tsukasa: Hm? What's wrong? You look like an abandoned puppy.

Touya:

Tsukasa: Hmm...

Tsukasa: Alright, if you have time, come along with me.

Mall

Touya: The mall... Do you have shopping to do?

Tsukasa: Ah, about that...



Saki: Gee, big bro, you're late— Wait, Touya-kun?!

Touya: ...Tsukasa senpai's little sister...?

Saki: Waah, it's been so long! I've heard talk from my mom and brother, but it's seriously been so long since we've met face to face! How've you been?

Touya: I'm fine. Are you feeling okay, Saki-san?

Saki: Gee, you know just Saki's fine! Touya-kun, you're earnest as ever.

Saki: My health's gotten a lot better and I was discharged recently. That's why I'm practicing going out today for when I return to school! ...Though I say that, I'm just going out to play. ♪

Touya: I see. I'm glad you've gotten better.

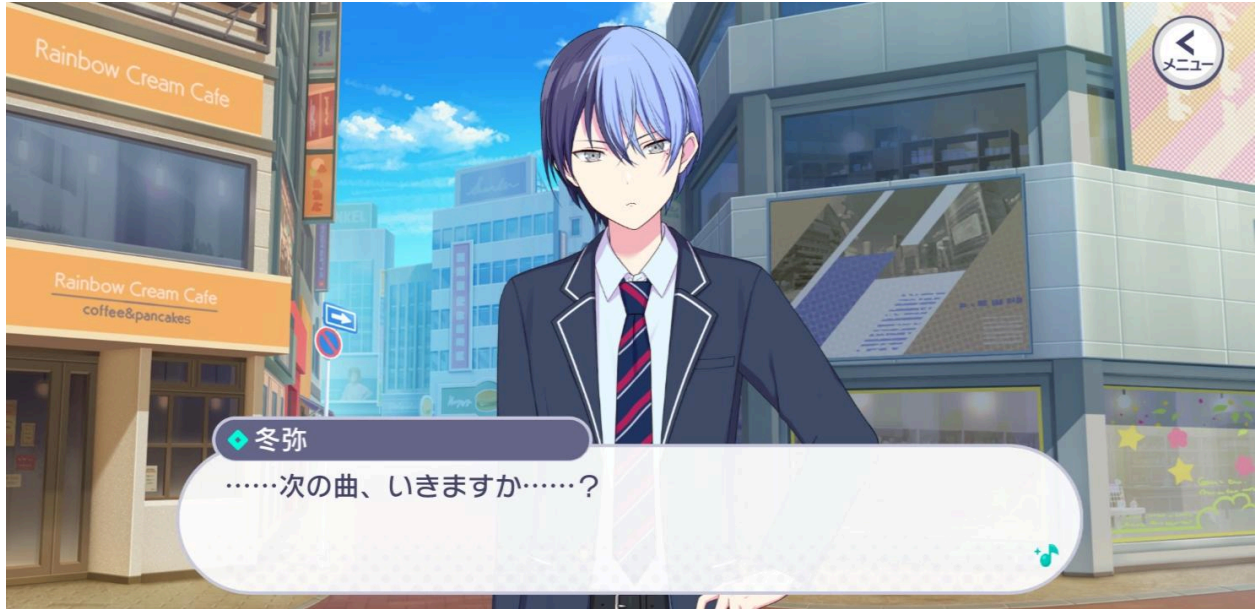
Saki: Ehehe, thank you. Sorry, though. You were dragged here by my brother, weren't you?

Touya: Yes, but I'm grateful. ...I didn't have plans after this, anyway.

Saki:?

Tsukasa: Touya, Saki! Status reports are good and well, but let's hurry on. First, the arcade!

Arcade



Touya: ...Do you want to move on to the next song...?

Tsukasa: Ugh... I can still, I can still go on...!

Saki: Ahaha, you really are bad at games. Maybe even I could win!

Tsukasa: Huhuhu, Saki... My dearest sister...! You think you can beat me?!

Saki: Of course! Touya-kun, switch!

Touya: Okay. Go ahead.

Tsukasa: Hahaha! Not bad for someone competing against me!

Saki: Ugh... I just need a little bit more...

Touya: Saki-san. Try to watch the intervals between the notes more closely. The rest shouldn't be a problem if you carefully listen to the music.

Saki: M-mhm. Maybe something like this...

Saki: Ah, I think it got a lot easier than before!

Tsukasa: Oi! Working together is cowardly!

Saki: It should be fine! It's my first time playing this game anyways!

Saki: Woah! I think it got harder while we were talking. I'll do this part like Touya-kun taught me...

Tsukasa: Ugh! This is hard! O-o-ouoiuiauhgsahodhgh?!

Saki: ...Yaaay! I beat big bro!

Tsukasa: What...?! How could this be!!!

Touya: Hu...

Saki: Gee, big bro, you're exaggerating at this point. Touya-kun's laughing at you.

Touya: (...? Was I laughing just now?)

Tsukasa: Grrrrr... Saki, Touya! I challenge you to a fighting game next!



Saki: Ahhh... It's been a long time since I played this much. Big bro, Touya-kun, thanks for today.

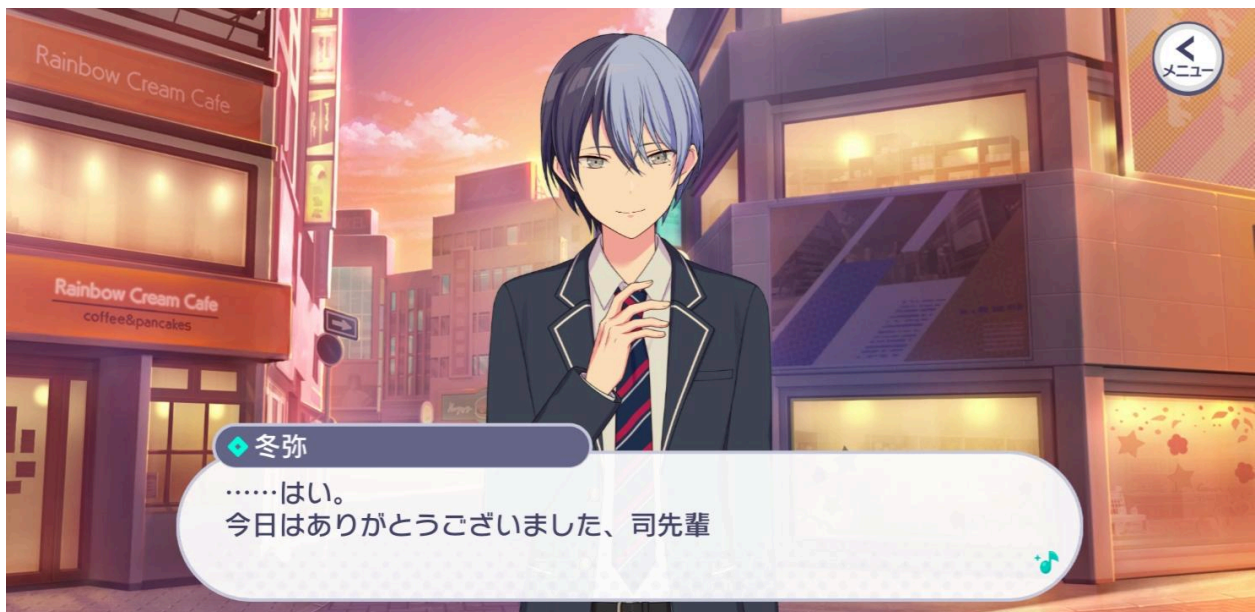
Touya: Not at all, thank you too.

Tsukasa: Alright.

Tsukasa: Touya. You look a bit better now.

Touya: Huh...

Tsukasa: I don't know what happened, but you can rely on me again! You *are* my junior after all!



Touya: ...Yes. Thank you for today, Tsukasa-senpai.

Side Story 2

Vivid Street



Akito: Touya. Apparently the others are already at WEEKEND GARAGE.

Touya: It looks like the event preparations are starting soon.

Touya: ...Speaking of which.

Akito: Hm?

Touya: Last time, on my way back from the show, some other musician called out to me.

Akito: What happened? Did they say something to you?

Touya: Nothing like that... It was more like...



Touya: (Today's show was good, overall. But the hook at the end could've been more...)

Musician: Oh! If it isn't BAD DOGS' Touya!

Musician: You performed today, didn't you?

Touya: ...Yeah

Touya: (He performed for today's show too... What could he want from me?)

Musician: You guys were real good up there! You've gotta let me hear that again!

Touya: ...Sure

Musician: I've gotta say though, it's pretty impressive that you're in a group with Akito.

Musician: In the past, anyone who invited Akito to join their group would just get turned away with a "No way I'm teaming up with slackers."

Touya: Huh...

Touya: But, the reason we teamed up is because we have the same goal...

Musician: Ah, I remember hearing about that.

Musician: You're working hard to surpass that event WEEKEND GARAGE's Ken-san was in, right?

Touya: ...Yes.

Musician: I'm looking forward to the performance you put on with An-chan and the others in Vivid BAD SQUAD too!

Musician: Not that I'm just gonna sit back and watch you. Let's perform again sometime when we get a chance!

Touya: Oh, of course.



Touya: ...and we just talked normally, then I left.

Akito: Hmm... He might be someone I know.

Akito: If it was on your way home from the show, it should've been near that shop.

Touya: Yeah. I see, so he was your friend.

Akito: Rather than friends... He asked me to join his group back when I sang alone.

Akito: But it was a team who sang for the fun of it. Since our goals were different, even when we did events together, we never clicked.

Touya: ...I see

Akito: What happened? You look kinda happy.

Touya: That's...

Touya:

Touya: Their goals and the direction they're taking with their music is different, but... They've been working here this whole time, right?

Touya: Being accepted by these people, I'm glad for that. It feels like it's okay for me to be here... Like I'm forgiven for it.

Akito: "Forgiven"... You don't have to think about it that way.

Akito: It's about whether you want to sing or not. Didn't I tell you that before?

Touya: Yeah. I understand now.

Touya: Even so, I'm still happy. It feels like I've been accepted by this town.

Akito: ...Man, you've been accepted here from the start though...

Touya: Yeah, that's true. It's thanks to you and the others that I noticed that.

Akito: Huh?

Touya: You and Azusawa, Shiraishi, and Ken-san. Besides...

Touya: Thanks to Miku and the others who I met in that strange Sekai, I was able to notice a lot of things.

Akito: Hmm.



Touya: ...I'll continue counting on you from here on, Akito.

Akito: Yeah, partner.

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