

FUNBARIGAOKA NEIGHBORHOOD, WAKEFIELD'S HOUSEHOLD— 11:30 A.M./ THE DAY BEFORE VALENTINE'S DAY:

As she waited for her fiancé to return from running some errands, Jade had locked herself in the kitchen to cook something...

<< Dammit! Why can't I get this stupid chocolate to come out decently?! Yet I followed the recipe on this site by the book...>> the raven-haired girl muttered and frowned, as she revised the recipe from her telephone screen. When she re-read the dosing of some ingredients, Jade realized that she had made a mess. So the girl screamed out indignantly: << GRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!! I've been stuck here for hours and I'm going nuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuts!>>

"What's the matter, Miss Jade?" Draco asked with apprehension, as he appeared to her in his spirit-ball mode beside her shoulder.

<< It's this mess in here...>> angry, Jade commented, as she pointed to a shapeless blob made of chocolate on top of the baking mittens.

"Oh... um... its appearance looks ... well... quite distinctive, young lady..." the wyvern spirit tried his best to comment on, as he admired his mistress's freshly baked culinary "masterpiece."

<< Knock it off, Draco! It doesn't look anything like the picture from the recipe I selected!!>> dejected, the raven-haired girl wept, as she covered her face, while her spirit ally sweatdropped and stroked her head with his wing.

"What kind of recipe are you referring to, Miss Jade?" intrigued, Draco asked her, and the girl showed her phone screen: it was a website full of Japanese recipes related to Valentine's Day. So, the spirit concluded earnestly: "... now I get it."

<< I'm trying so hard...>> Jade sighed sorrowfully, as she wiped her tears with the back of her right hand, and she whispered as her cheeks flushed. << ...**for him alone**...>>

"That's very sweet of you, young mistress. I'm sure Mr. Ryu will appreciate all the effort you invested in baking that dessert..." the wyvern spirit cheered her up, and the raven-haired girl stared at him in puzzlement. So, Draco sweatdropped and asked her: "What?"

<< How do you expect him to enjoy this gross, starchy crap I cooked up, Draco?! I have to start all over again and make it look edible before tomorrow!>> angry, Jade blurted out, as she tossed yet another unsuccessful attempt into the garbage, while her spirit ally nodded and he was still sweatdropping.

"Very well, Miss Jade. Now, you must calm down." Draco replied and looked concerned, as he turned back to normal and hugged her with his large wings.

<< Fine...>> the raven-haired girl sighed, as she hugged him back.

LUNCHTIME:

<< This is my special pre-"Valentine's Day"-themed lunch, so help yourself, Jade-chwan!~>> Ryu exclaimed cheerfully, as he placed heart-shaped dishes in front of the American girl and offered her a fake red rose.

<< Thanks, Ryu...>> Jade said and looked slightly gloomy, as she picked up that rose and looked at the hot plate in front of her.

<< Why do you look so sad, baby?>> slightly worried, the long-haired man asked her, as he tilted his head to the right.

<< It's nothing... let's just focus on eating!>> the raven-haired girl answered dryly and her cheeks flushed a bit.

<< Okay, Jade-chan...>> he said half-heartedly, as he sat down across from the beautiful American girl, who was fully absorbed in eating what was on the table.

"It's unusual to see the lovely Jade-chan so down in the dumps... I wonder what happened to her and why she won't tell me anything. Maybe later I'll try to cheer her up..." Ryu thought with concern afterwards, as he ate quietly and constantly glanced toward the raven-haired girl.

5:00 P.M.

<< Ryu, go out for groceries! Chop chop!>> suddenly, the American beauty ordered bluntly, as she handed her boyfriend the shopping list.

<< ... I thought you had already sent me off this morning, Jade-chan.>> the long-haired man asked and sweatdropped.

<< You've run out of ingredients as you cooked breakfast and lunch, you prick...>> Jade promptly replied with a nerve throbbing on her forehead, prepping a fist to hit the Japanese guy, so he turned pale and rushed out the door. Thus, the American girl smiled in satisfaction, as she wore an apron and added: << ...good, so I can do more testing in the kitchen with Valentine's Day chocolate and not having him in the way.>>

Given her usual inability to cook, the tsundere raven-haired girl chose a different recipe from the Japanese Valentine's Day blog she had consulted hours earlier, as well as one that was easier to replicate, and set to work again. This time, everything looked like it was progressing smoothly or without making any mistakes. As a matter of fact....

<< ...NAILED IT!!!>> Jade exclaimed triumphantly and had a chocolate stain on her cheek, as she witnessed that perfect-shaped, tasteful heart chocolate out front.

"Congratulations, Miss Jade!" Draco rejoiced in his fire-ball mode, as he floated beside her.

<< Finally Ryu will get to eat something I prepared with commitment and love... ♥>> the raven-haired girl sighed and her cheeks flushed, as she cleaned her face with kitchen towels.

"Make sure to put it in a case, wrap it and hide it in a convenient place before giving it to your sweetheart, young mistress." Draco reminded her, and the American girl nodded, as she left the chocolate in the mold she had used, and then took it to her room for wrapping.

<< Jade-chan, I'm back home!>> Ryu called loudly from downstairs as the raven-haired girl had just finished wrapping the chocolate in a gift package and hiding it in the nightstand drawer next to her bed. He kept calling her name: << Jade-chaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaan?>>

<< I heard you, you idiot!>> Jade blurted out in annoyance, as she returned downstairs.

<< Why were you upstairs, Jade-chan?>> the long-haired man asked her naively, as he placed the grocery bags on the kitchen table.

<< What a noisy guy you are! I'd just been charging my phone, Ryu!>> the frowning raven-haired girl confessed and sweatdropped, as she helped him arrange the groceries.

<< All righty, but don't be mad, sugar!~>> the Japanese man smiled, as he winked, while Jade frowned and blushed. Thus he asked her: << Shall we train a bit after that?>>

<< Fuck, that's the dumbest question you've ever asked me...>> the American beauty sighed, as she shook her head.

THE NEXT DAY, VALENTINE'S DAY:

<< Good morning, my love, and Happy Valentine's Day!~>> Ryu chirped in love, as he carried breakfast to his girlfriend's room, who was still in bed.

<< G-good morning, Ryu...>> Jade stammered and her cheeks flushed, as she averted her gaze and brushed a strand of hair nervously. << There was no need for you to make all this stuff for me, you know!>>

<< I disagree! Today is the "Day of Love", and I will spend it with my super sweet girlfriend ♥>> the long-haired man added and his cheeks flushed, as he picked her chin up and turned her toward him gently.

<< I hope we won't just be eating, Ryu...>> the frowning raven-haired girl remarked, as she was still blushing.

<< Of course not, baby! I was planning to cuddle and snuggle a little bit, too~>> Ryu acknowledged in love, as he nuzzled his cheek close to Jade's embarrassed face.

<< KNOCK IT OFF!!>> the American beauty growled and gritted her teeth, as her cheeks flushed more and more, while planting a foot in Ryu's face to make him back off.

<< O-okay, Jade-chan... At least can I feed you some breakfast?~>> the Japanese guy asked, as he sweatdropped and his cheeks flushed.

<< I don't like playing busybody. However, you put so much effort into making this stuff and it would be a waste not to eat it...>> Jade scoffed haughtily as her cheeks were still flushing.

<< Now that's the spirit for the "Day of Love," Jade-chan!>> Ryu exclaimed with a smile, as he grabbed a mouthful of food with his chopsticks and handed it to the raven-haired girl, who ate silently.

<< Today it's Valentine's Day, so I wanted to give you this, Ryu...>> Jade stammered and her cheeks flushed, as she averted her gaze.

<< I can't believe it... did you make me Valentine's chocolate?~>> the long-haired man asked gleefully, as he grabbed the raven-haired girl's hands, who blushed and stared at him with concern.

<< Let's say so.>> Jade sighed, as she let go of her boyfriend's hands and opened the drawer of her nightstand, from which she pulled out a colorful heart-shaped package and handed it to the Japanese man timidly. << Here...>>

<< Oh thanks a bunch, Jade-chwan!~>> the long-haired man smiled and his cheeks flushed as he unpacked the gift box: in it there was a milk chocolate heart with a block letters inscription of the name "Ryu", which was made of white chocolate.

<< I hope you like it, Ryu... it wasn't easy to prep it and also make it edible.>> the raven-haired girl stammered and her cheeks flushed, as she fiddled with a strand of her hair nervously.

<< It'll be delicious for sure, 'cause you poured all your love into it ♥>> Ryu sighed in love and his cheeks flushed, as he surrounded himself with many shiny stars.

<< Yeah...>> Jade said and her cheeks flushed, as she rolled her eyes, but she didn't hear him talk anymore.
<< Are you still there?>>

<< Oh Jade-chan...>> the long-haired man started sobbing and his gaze was down on the chocolate heart.

<< Why are you crying now?!>> concerned, the raven-haired girl exclaimed, as she grabbed his face in her hands and lifted it toward herself.

<< I'm really touched...>> Ryu replied with a smile, as tears lined his cheeks.

<< Um... Why?>> the American girl asked in confusion, as she raised an eyebrow.

<< 'Cause I didn't expect you'd give me homemade chocolate, Jade-chan....>> the Japanese man smiled softly, as he wiped his cheeks with the back of his left hand, and the girl blushed as she frowned.

<< Now I regret making that chocolate heart for you...>> pouty, the American beauty snorted and her cheeks were still flushing, as she turned her back to him and crossed her arms across her chest.

<< No, no, no, no!! Please, don't say that, Jade-chan! You misunderstood what I said....>> Ryu begged her, as he placed his hand on the girl's shoulder.

<< What have I misunderstood, Ryu?!>> she growled nervously and menacingly, as she slowly turned toward the Japanese man, who began to break into a cold sweat.

<< Well... you know... You wouldn't want me to croak and not tell ya what I think of this delicious homemade chocolate, would you?>> the long-haired man stammered and sweatdropped, while the raven-haired girl rolled her eyes and watched him bring the chocolate closer to his mouth.

<< Wait, please...>> suddenly, Jade stammered and her cheeks flushed, as she turned back to the Japanese man.

<< What now, Jade-chan?>> he asked in confusion, but the American girl took the chocolate heart in her hand and moved closer to her boyfriend for a kiss, as well as making him blush with a funny and shocked face.

<< H-Happy Valentine's Day, Ryu ♥>> finally, Jade smiled and her cheeks flushed more, as she was feeding chocolate to Ryu, and, heart-eyed, he ate it, as his cheeks puffed up in a funny way.

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