

Ceremonial Makeup
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That night, in Night Raven College, was a special night- one that requires all the students to wear their ceremonial robes, that is. A certain Savanaclaw student sat perched on the side of the school's hallway, absentmindedly tapping his magical pen on his chin.

"Where *is* that girl?"

The boy, Ruggie, was waiting for Heartslabyul student Ashley to join him before entering the ceremony. They'd agreed to meet up half an hour before the ceremony began, but the red-head was nowhere to be seen after 15 minutes.

"Ruggie-kun! I'm so sorry, I wasn't paying attention at the time!" A girl shouted out, waving her hand while running towards Ruggie. Stopping right in front of him, Ashley leaned on the wall and pants after running all the way from Heartslabyul to campus grounds.

"Took you long enough, Ashley-chan." Ruggie pouts, but quickly stops Ashley from apologizing even more. "H-Hey, it's all fine! Don't worry, okay?"

Ashley managed one last apology before standing up, fixing her ceremonial robe's crooked sash. "I was too focused, I didn't realize it was time to meet until it was 5 minutes late..." Ashley said. She briefly took off the hood of the robe to straighten out her hair, seeing that it went flying everywhere from how fast she ran out of the dormitories. "I'm just glad the housewarden didn't chew me out for being late!"

Ruggie laughs at the thought, nodding in agreement. "It'll definitely be a pain if Riddle-kun held you back even more, shishishi~" Ashley giggled in agreement, exhaling another sigh of relief.



In the corner of his eye, Ruggie notices that Ashley's makeup was messily put on and her eyeshadow was slightly smudged towards her temple. Ashley didn't seem to notice just yet, so the boy opted to stay silent. Ruggie's eyes lightly scrunch, quietly observing which parts of her makeup needed emergency help.

"Nn? Ashley-chan, your makeup's kinda smudged around there." Ruggie finally points out, motioning to her left eye. Ashley took out her phone and checked through her camera. "Oh no, you're right...! I didn't bring anything to fix them either..."

The girl looked at her reflection dejectedly. "Should I make a run for it and try to fix it back at the dorm..?"

Ruggie shook his head. "Nah, no need. I've got all you need right here!" Ruggie pulls out a small handheld purse, opening it and showing Ashley the contents. It was filled to the brim with every type of makeup they needed for their mandatory ceremonial robe look, ranging from foundation to eyeshadows. "C'mon, I'll fix it for ya. It's fine, I've done it as a job before."

The boy led Ashley to lean back on the side of the hallway, expertly taking out his supplies. "Are you sure? I can fix it myself..." Ashley asks, sitting down on the side. "I've been running around fixin' other student's makeups too earlier, so this won't take long! I'm not gonna ask you to pay up like the rest though, shishishi."

Ruggie quickly wiped off her smudged makeup using a remover and a cotton pad, being extra careful around her eyes. Ashley gratefully nodded and closed her eyes to make it easier for Ruggie while the boy worked efficiently, erasing her eyeshadow and eyeliner and reapplying foundation on the splotchy areas. He expertly put the eyeshadow back on and drew the eyeliner with one sharp stroke, perfectly complimenting her eye's shape. He had his palm cupping Ashley's cheek to keep her in place and avoiding smudging the makeup again.

Looking at Ashley's face up close, Ruggie notices quite a lot of things he had never noticed before. Like how long her eyelashes were, or how plump her pink lips looked.



“...You know, you’re actually pretty cute.” He mumbled under his breath, putting on the finishing touches on her face.

“Hm? What did you say?”

Ruggie cleared his throat, letting the girl go and packing up his makeup kit. “Ah, nothing~ Your makeup’s done now. What dya think? Great handiwork, don't you think?” He said, jokingly praising himself while he fixes up the clip on her hair.. Ashley opened her eyes and checked her reflection on her phone once again, pleasantly surprised at the result.

“Ah! This looks so much better! Thank you so much, Ruggie-kun~!” Ashley praised, giving Ruggie a side hug as appreciation. Ruggie gladly hugs back, a proud grin growing on his face.

“We should go now, the ceremony’s starting any time soon! We better not be late again!” Ruggie said, taking Ashley’s hand in his and pulling her towards the Mirror Chamber. Ashley stumbles and walks along with him, putting her robe’s hood back on her head.

“You’re right, let’s go!”

