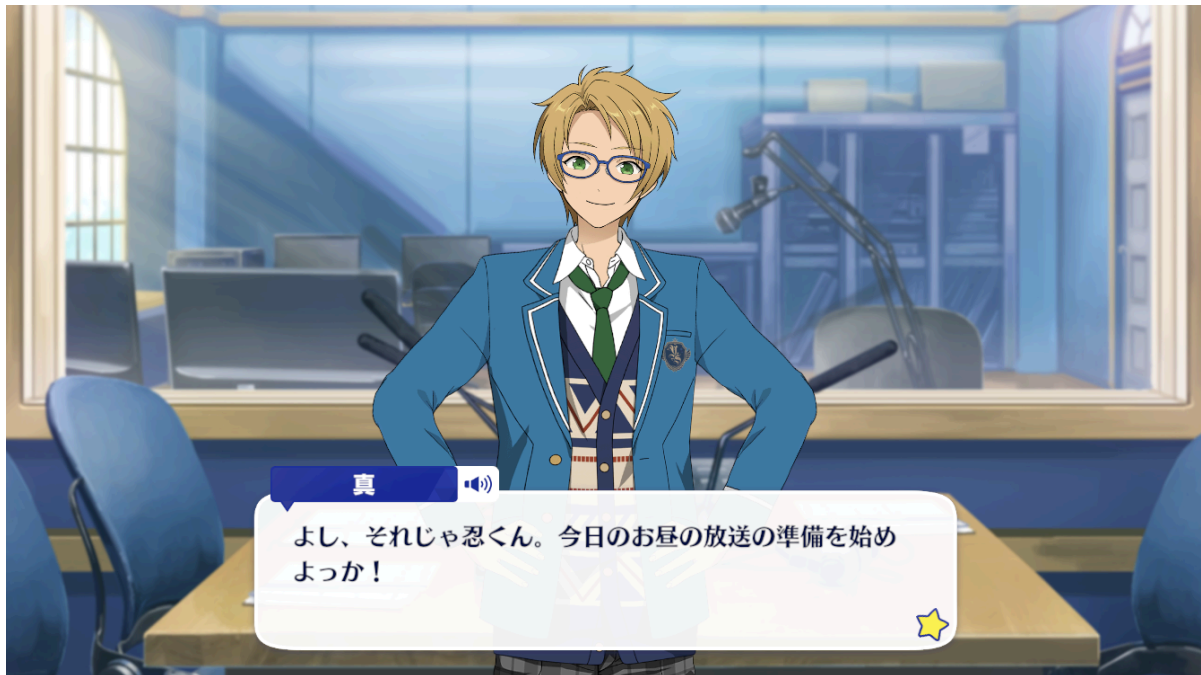


## Backstage RADIO

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Characters: Makoto, Shinobu

Season: Winter



**Makoto:** Alright, Shinobu-kun. Let's start preparing for today's noon broadcast!

**Shinobu:** Yuuki-dono!

**Makoto:** Uwah!? What's wrong, Shinobu-kun? You have a determined look on your face...

**Shinobu:** I would like you to leave all the preparations to me this time! I would like for you to just wait and read out the manuscript.

**Makoto:** Eh? Is that okay with you? But you've already done the writing and manuscript, so I think I should at least do the preparations...

**Shinobu:** It's alright! Cmon cmon, leave everything here to me...☆

**Makoto:** I understand. Then, please take care of everything.

**Shinobu:** Firstly, I'll start off by turning on the PC.

...There! I've safely switched on the power. After that, as soon as the sound source data can flow, the PC preparation will be complete.

Now I'll adjust the mic position...

Fufu~n♪ And so the advance preparations have been properly completed.

**Makoto:** Well done~ ! As expected of Shinobu-kun, it feels like you don't need my help anymore.

**Shinobu:** It's not something worthy of praise. I've already done this preparation many times before.

Besides, this the last noon broadcast you're in charge of. I wanted to show you that I can properly do the broadcast preparations on my own too...♪

**Makoto:** Fufu, you've become reliable, Shinobu-kun. I won't have to worry about leaving everything to you then ♪ Because I'm also going to graduate soon. Today's broadcast theme is also 'graduation', right?

**Shinobu:** That's right! For this broadcast, I did interviews with graduates about their memories in Yumenosaki! We will also be playing a graduation song, one that celebrates new beginnings.

**Makoto:** You did all the work and I really didn't have a role. All I really did was the final check of the manuscript. You've matured so well, Shinobu-kun, I feel kind of moved...

**Shinobu:** Fufu, this is your last spotlight as a Broadcast Committee member so I did my best ♪

**Makoto:** You could've still relied on me a little, you know. Aren't you busy with the student council election and all?

**Shinobu:** P-please don't mention the student council election! I was reluctant to run for election and was involved in various things, but in the end I just couldn't say no and got swept along.

**Makoto:** Even then, you're able to properly do your election work so I think it's amazing. When I look at you working so hard, I can't help but think of the time you first did a noon broadcast on your own.

**Shinobu:** Ahaha, how nostalgic. I was so inexperienced back then.

If I remember correctly, I realised that I had left the manuscript at home right before the broadcast, and ended up relying on you and Isara-dono... Looking back now, I was too careless.

If it happened with the student council election speeches, I'd receive a proper scolding. Even just thinking about it makes me shiver.

**Makoto:** But you could also say that it's exactly because you had this experience that you didn't make the same mistake, right?

**Shinobu:** You might be right. I rigorously checked to make sure I didn't forget the manuscript today too.

**Makoto:** Then that must mean you're maturing wonderfully.

Yep yep. In the end, as long as I think of you there, I have no worries for the broadcast committee! I can entrust everything to you from now on without reservations.

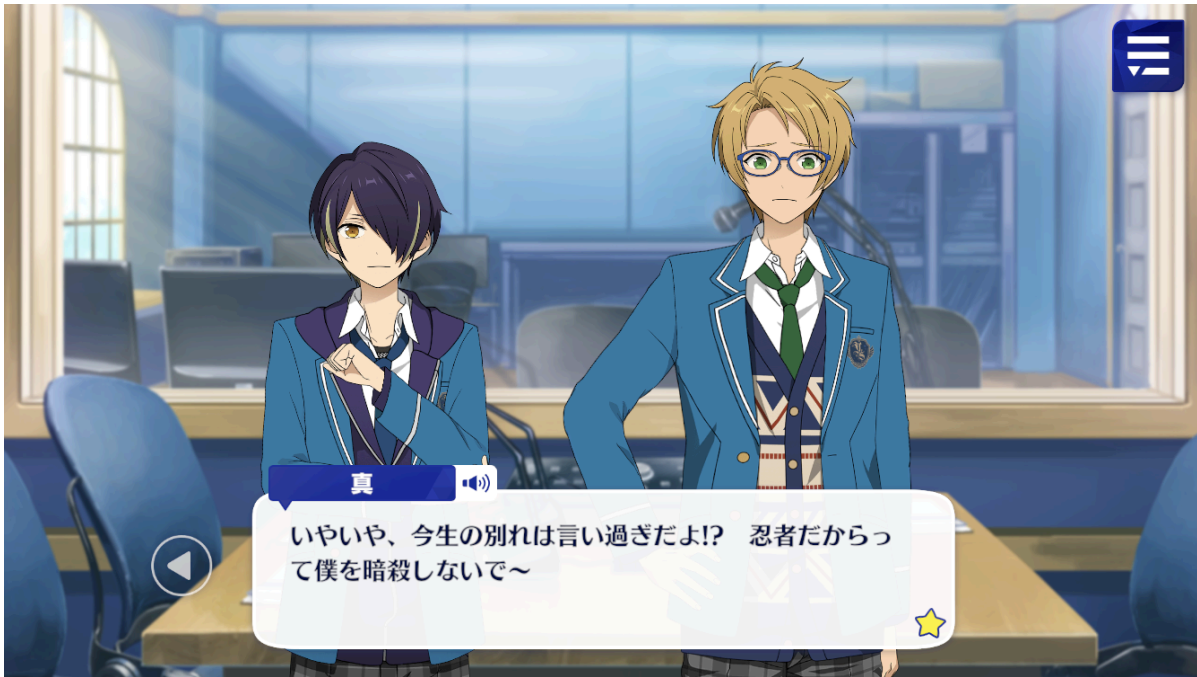
**Shinobu:** .....

**Makoto:** Oh? What's up, Shinobu-kun? D-did I say something wrong?



**Shinobu:** I-it's nothing like that. It's not that but... you were praising me to death just now.

And why are you saying things like "I can entrust everything to you from now on" all of a sudden! Are we parting for good...!?



**Makoto:** No, no, “parting for good” is a bit much isn’t it!? Don’t assassinate me just cuz you’re a ninja~

**Shinobu:** Uuuuh... Please don’t suddenly create a ‘farewell’ mood then. I’m about to cry out of loneliness~

**Makoto:** I think you were the one who first brought up the topic you know... but I probably made it gloomy so sorry about that.

Hey, hold back your tears, Shinobu-kun. If you cry now, it’ll definitely come through in the broadcast. If your crying sounds enter the broadcast, everyone listening will become worried.

**Shinobu:** I know. This is my last noon broadcast with you and I don’t want to end with tears either. Since we’re doing this, I’d like us to look back on happy memories in the academy and end the broadcast with smiles on our faces.

And so today’s broadcast will be accomplished splendidly!

**Makoto:** Mhm, just like that. That’s a good smile, Shinobu-kun ♪

Well then, it’s time now. Shall we begin the noon broadcast?

**Shinobu:** With pleasure! Let’s begin with the greetings and the title call. Switching the mic on... ♪

*“Greetings to everybody in Yumenosaki Academy♪ Today’s noon broadcast will be delivered by Sengoku Shinobu and...”*

**Makoto:** *“Yuuki Makoto~ As of now, the third years’ graduation draws near, doesn’t it? How is everybody spending the remainder of our lunch break?”*

**Shinobu:** *“We are your companion to bring excitement and colour into your lunch break, Yumenosaki Academy☆ Youth RADIO! Our broadcast will now begin~☆”*