



Interview With Swim Swim

This story took place a little while after Swim Swim had just become a Magical Girl.

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—Today we'll be conducting an interview with the newly active Magical Girl Swim Swim. Swim Swim-san, pleased to meet you.

“Pleased to meet you.”

—For our first question. What do you think of your Magical Girl form, Swim Swim-san?

“A failure.”

—Eh?

“A failure.”

—By that you mean...?

“There are too many accessories so I keep getting stuck in narrow passages. I spent a long time adding wings, yet I can't fly. I grew too tall after transforming, so my sense of balance is poor. White stands out too much even at night, so it's hard to hide.”

—Quite an in-depth assessment... It must have been hard on you.

“People have said that before.”

—Is that so... Then, on the other hand, what parts of your Magical Girl form do you like, Swim Swim-san?

“It’s cute.”

—Could you please go into more details?

“What kinds of details?”

—Like say, you like the *cute-ticle* hair, or the cute smile.

“I like the *cute-ticle* hair and the cute smile.”

—...Eh? Ah, all right, then. So you like those points.

“I do.”

—I see. All right, thank you for your answer.

“You’re welcome.”

—Now then, let’s change the topic. I’m sure everyone wants to know some basic things about you.

“Mm.”

—In that case, can you tell us how you became a Magical Girl?

“The Magical Girl Raising Project.”

—The Magical Girl Raising Project?

“A game.”

—Ah, a game.

“I played Magical Girl Raising Project, then Fav popped out and I became a Magical Girl.”

—You played a game and then a mascot appeared and so you became a Magical Girl... is that so? Somehow, the story seemed to miss coherency somewhere.

“Magical Girl Raising Project let me become a Magical Girl.”

—Ahhh, all right. Then let's continue on this topic. You began playing Magical Girl Raising Project because you were interested in Magical Girls, right?

“Not really.”

—Huh? Don't you like Magical Girls?

“I like Princesses more.”

—Ahh, I see.

“The ads said I could make anything I wanted with my avatar and costume, be it a murderer, race queen, potter, or a Princess. Also, it was free.”

—Indeed, Princesses are also nice.

“Mm.”

—They're pretty and cute.

“Mm, mm.”

—Huh? But your costume doesn't resemble a Princess at all.

“Because my original game avatar looked like this.”

—Oh, so that's it... Wait. But you were attracted to Magical Girl Raising Project because you could play a Princess. Why didn't you make your avatar look like a Princess?

“There were reasons.”

—What kind of reasons were they?

“Since white is a Princess' color, I chose this costume because it was the whitest in the selection.”

—I see, so we have unlocked the mystery of why that striking costume of yours came to be.

“I also like that it could raise my party's magical defense.”

—Ah, so you paid proper thoughts to the gaming aspect as well.

“Permanent buffs are strong.”

—Is-Is that so... Then, onto our next question. Please tell us what you always keep in mind while going about your normal Magical Girl activities.

“Listening to the leader’s orders.”

—Leader? You’ve formed a team already?

“Mm.”

—I heard that most Magical Girls work alone and that teams are rare.

“If we work hard and combine our strength, we can defeat strong enemies.”

—I see, that matches the mindset of a girl who became a Magical Girl from a game.

“It’s not like that.”

—Everyone in the team gets along, right?

“It’s not like that.”

—Eh? So you don’t get along?

“Mm.”

—Is-Is that so... Wah, I think it’s pretty amazing that you managed to be a team even though you are on bad terms. After all, people on bad terms wouldn’t group up.

“It’s all thanks to our leader.”

—For a while now, that person sounded like they have a strong leader appeal.

“Her name is Ruler.”

—Uh, is it really all right to say her name?

“I was told to spread her name whenever I had the chance.”

—Ah, okay.

“If I am interviewed, I should spread our leader’s name and absolutely let everyone know how appealing she is.”

—Is that Ruler-san's order?

“Mm.”

—Oops, you might have wanted to respond that question just now with silence instead.

“That's true.”

—It's too late now... What other members are there in your team?

“Twin angels and a dog.”

—That combo sounds like the final chapter of the Dog of Flanders. What are your teammates like?

“They're all useless dummies.”

—Eh?

“That's what Ruler said.”

—Ehhhh... Did Ruler order you to say that too?

“No.”

—Then it might have been better not to say that... Putting Ruler-san's opinions aside, Swim Swim-san, what do you think of them?

“They're all good girls.”

—That sounds incredibly fake... Let's change our topic a little. Hmm... has your mental state changed ever since you became a Magical Girl?

“It has changed.”

—You can tell us anything, even if it's just minor details.

“Mm... My Magic is to swim into anything.”

—Ohhh, that's a handy Magic.

“When I became a Magical Girl, I used my Magic to swim into all sorts of places.”

—How nice, that sounds fun.

“After swimming into all sorts of places, I thought of swimming into a mountain.”

—Oh, a mountain?

“I thought that it would be fun to swim in there.”

—It does seem to have the size to swim around in.

“I swam inside the mountain, round and round, but I could not swim out no matter how I tried. The mountain was much bigger than I had expected.”

—Then, were you all right?

“No.”

—Huh.

“I thought that I could not swim along the ground inside the mountain, so I swam upwards. It was very painful and I couldn’t breathe. I got dizzy, my chest ached, and my eyes went dark.”

—Isn’t that a big deal?

“I’m not sure what happened then, but after looking into it, I learned that it was called passing out. That was the change in my mental state.”

—No, that’s not what I meant by an altered mental state. Anyway, what happened after that, Swim Swim-san? The fact that you’re here means that you were rescued.

“I emerged in a hole dug halfway inside the mountain.”

—Ahh, is that so? That’s wonderful.

“I was saved. I won’t ever swim into a mountain again.”

—I think that’s a good idea. One should stop doing dangerous things.

“Mm.”

—On the flip side, can you tell us what other uses your Magic has?

“I can scare people on Halloween.”

—I see, is there anything else?

“If I want to take a shortcut, I can go through a wall and scare the nearby people.”

—I...wonder if there's anything productive about that.

“I can scare away people gathered inside the temple.”

—I'm sorry, but could you tell me something that isn't related to scaring people?

“I figured out what passing out means thanks to that.”

—Ah, so you were still on the previous topic. It's not what I meant; I'm talking about how your power can help people. Have you done anything dramatic like saving people in the nick of time and so on?

“...I'll work hard on that from now on.”

—Ehh... Okay, that's good, I'll be cheering you on.

“Thank you.”

—Then let's move on to our next question. Could you tell me if you have any special skills aside from your Magic?

“I'm learning how to swim.”

—Oh, you're learning it because you're Swim Swim.

“I was confused about which was better between swimming and English, but in the end I chose swimming.”

—A good choice.

“I'm also good at running, I'm the fastest in my class.”

—You're surprisingly athletic.

“My punches and kicks are strong too.”

—Ohhh.

“When Tanaka-kun said Princesses shouldn’t be violent, I shut his mouth with a good beating.”

“Surprisingly enough, I feel Tanaka-kun was in the right.”

“The royal family must learn how to fight in order to protect the country. It is the royal duty, that’s what the book said. Aren’t Princesses royalty, too?”

—That, well, that might be true.

“So I beat up Miyazawa-san after he told the teacher that I kicked Tanaka-kun’s ass.”

—Please don’t do that, it’ll only propagate the cycle of violence.

“Ruler said so too.”

—That is the first good thing I’ve heard Ruler-san said.

“Princesses are not like knights and generals, so there’s no need for them to fight directly. She said that when the court is in chaos, a Princess should survive by Machiavellianism.”

—I take my previous words back. The next question then. Tell me about the Magical Girls you admire.

“Ruler.”

—Whoa whoa whoah, an unexpected answer. It’s amazing for that name to come up, considering the flow of the conversation up until now.

“Ruler.”

—I heard it. I’m listening.

“Ruler is the leader that I respect.”

—Ahh, I see. By any chance, did Ruler-san order you to say that?

“No.”

—Yes, of course. Let’s go on with that in mind. Swim Swim-san, which part of Ruler-san are you attracted to?

“The part where she’s strong and kind and wonderful and cute and beautiful and knows everything and teaches me everything.”

—And did Ruler-san order you to say that as well...?

“No.”

—Ahh, yes. Let’s go on with that in mind.

“Also, the part where she is like a Princess.”

—Ruler-san is like a Princess?

“Very much.”

—Very much, huh. Speaking of which, you’ve been quite eager to talk about Princesses for a while now, Swim Swim-san.

“Because she’s a Princess.”

—You’re really obsessed with Princesses. Is there any special reason for that?”

“When I was very small, Mama would read stories from picture books to me. I liked the ones about Princesses very much.”

—I see, I see, so it was because of the picture books. Do you also prefer Princesses to Magical Girls in animated films? Like Snow White, Cinderella, and so on.

“I’ve seen them all.”

—As I thought. Ah, but there are some Magical Girls who are also Princesses. Magical Daisy is the Princess of the Land of Flowers, after all.

“Magical Daisy... Don’t know her.”

—Then you’ll have to watch her. Magical Daisy’s very interesting. I highly recommend.

“When and on which day is her show?”

—The season has finished airing, so you’ll need to rent the DVDs...

“I can’t.”

—Eh? Why not?

“I can’t get a membership.”

—That is... too bad then.

“Lend it to me.”

—Eh? You mean me?

“Lend it to me.”

—Uh... I guess the Public Relations Department might have the full series, but...

“Lend it to me.”

—Forceful, aren’t we? But that’s fine. Magical Daisy would be happy to have more fans. I’ll send it over after the interview.

“Thank you.”

—Then, our last question. What does being a Magical Girl mean to you?

“Ruler.”

—Ah, yes. Ruler-san. The leader of your team.

“Mm. “

—And did Ruler-san order you to say—

“No.”

—Yeah, right, of course.

“Mm.”

—How shall I put this.... This interview gives me a better sense of how Ruler-san is rather than yourself, Swim Swim-san. Is that not true?

“Make Ruler look good.”

—No, well, I wasn’t planning to badmouth her.

“Ruler said she has a lawyer friend.”

—No, I really won’t say bad things about her... Although, after this Magical Girl Interview goes through editing, it’s possible that it won’t pass muster at all... I’ll do my best to take care of it.

“Thank you.”

—Now then, Swim Swim-san. Please say a few words to everyone to wrap this up.

“Team Ruler is looking for new members. Experience not required, rookies welcome, interviews conducted during office hours. Since we are Magical Girls, there will be no wages given. We can help you improve your skills, so to all the Magical Girls who are seeking a place to shine, why not join Team Ruler to move on to the next stage?”

—I was wondering why you were carrying a memo pad, so apparently that’s what was written in there.

“Mm.”

—Did Ruler-san ask you to promote her with that?

“Yes.”

—You’ve worked hard.

“There’s more.”

—There’s more?

“I let Swim Swim handle this because this interview is for newbie Magical Girls. However, next time, you should interview the most capable Magical Girl of them all, Ruler.”

—Haaaah.

“If there is a need to conduct another interview, contact me, Ruler said.”

—Yes, thank you very much for all your hard work.

“Not at all.”

—Swim Swim-san, thank you for today.

“Thank you.”



—Good evening, Musician of the Forest Clamberry-san.

“Good evening. I heard that you were interviewing promising new Magical Girls for a Land of Magic publicity magazine.”

“Yes.”

—What a surprise. I was not informed of anything like that despite being the person in charge.

“Is that so?”

—Yes. At any rate, she—Swim Swim—is just a Magical Girl candidate, so she’s not interview material until she properly passes her test. She might have excellent potential, but for now she’s just a temp.

—Is that the case?

“Yes.”

—I do apologize for that. Something must have gone wrong somewhere...

“A mascot character must have been meddling around and doing unnecessary things. You can’t rely on them at all. Now then, just leave all the information about this matter with us. It’s over. If you keep forcing your way into this, it’ll cause me a lot of trouble. This is a top-secret project by Human Resources, so... Are you listening to me?”

—If she’s a temp, then it can’t be helped. It was such an interesting interview though...

“Is that all of it?”

—Yes, that’s it.

“If you’re hiding anything...”

—I’m not hiding anything. I’ve never been good at hiding things.

“That’s good.”

—Then, there’s something I’d like to ask.

“What is it?”

—If the newbie Magical Girl interview gets scrapped then there will be a blank space in our magazine. Therefore, I was thinking that it would be good to replace it with an article along the lines of, ‘Listen To A Capable Examiner! Important Things About Being A Magical Girl!’ or something like that. So, Clamerry-san, I hope you’ll... Hang on, Clamerry-san. We’re not finished yet. Clamerry-san.