

Chapter 1

Natsume: Mm, this time I'll rearrange the order a bIT, and put this in firST...

In principle this should produce various resulTS, so I shall wait and sEE♪

Sora: HaHiHuHeHo~ Is Shishou~ inside?

Natsume: Ah, it's SoRA, is something the mattER?

Sora: There's nothing in particular, but because Senpai is busy and Shishou is doing experiments, Sora could only play games by himself in the Game Research Club Room...

Sora was feeling a little lonely, so he came to look for Shishou~ If there's anything Sora can help with, please tell him!

Natsume: I'm really sorry for making Sora feel loneLY. If that's the caSE, why don't I put the experiments on hoLD, let's go to the Game Research Club Room to play some games togethER~

Speaking of whiCH, I heard there are quite a few interesting games lateLY.....

Sora: Shishou misunderstood Sora, he wants to help Shishou~ out, not make Shishou put off the experiments he's doing to accompany Sora!

Besides, Sora thinks that the color Shishou~ emits when he's doing experiments is very beautiful. Sora doesn't want this color to disappear, so being able to help by Shishou's side is enough~

Natsume: AhahaHA, what a good chiLD. Good bOY, good bOY♪

(Hm, what should I dO? Despite Sora wanting to help being a good thiNG, for the current hIM, assisting me hands-on may be quite dangeroUS.....)

(I'm afraid of making Sora sad if I refuse hIM, that is not what I wish for as weLL.)

(I'll settle it like thIS, thEN.)

Seeing as Sora came here so enthusiastically, I shall accept that enthusiasm~

Let me think of a job that I can give to SoRA.

Sora: Then, may Sora ask Shishou~ about the experiment he's working on?

Natsume: Good question~, I'm currently carrying out a few experiments in preparation for our upcoming live, you see. The current results look like this.

Sora: Wow, pretty! As expected of Shishou~, seeing these special effects will surely make others feel warm and happy~

Natsume: This is still not the finished product. I've met a few dead ends, so I'm not sure on how to proceed, but it feels like a part is missing.

Sora: What part is it? Sora can help Shishou~ look for it.

Natsume: Mm~, I think the thing that's lacking is a mirror. With a mirror's optical reaction, another layer should be added to the special effects.

Sora: Alright, Sora will go look for it~

Although, Shishou~ What kind of mirror do you need?

Natsume: *Seek within your heart the end point that becomes an illumination, and whatever you receive shall be the most optimal choice.*

Sora: Huh? What does that mean?

Natsume: It means that we currently have no way of knowing what kind of mirror it is, but Sora doesn't need to stress himself too much. You'll find the mirror we require in the end, after all.

I believe in Sora this much~

Sora: HiHi~♪ Then Sora will go find it~, Shishou has to do his best over here too.

Natsume: Give it your all, SoRA~

Sora left while in deep thought. Even though I assigned him such a task, in truth, it wasn't the kind that was necessary.

I feel like I gave Sora a useless job just to satisfy his feelings of wanting to help out...

Should I have just directly told Sora that I didn't need any of his help?

Sora: Mm, what kind of mirror would suit the special effects Shishou~ is making? Huu, Sora still can't figure it out.

Yuta: Hey Harukawa-kun, what are you doing over here?

Sora: Mm, what kind would be better...

Yuta: Harukawa-kun?

Sora: Ah? Yuu-chan, hello! W-when you see someone familiar, you greet them!

Yuta: Harukawa-kun, you looked like you were in a daze while walking. Is there something troubling you?

Sora: Sora was thinking about the mirror problem, so he's really sorry for not noticing Yuu-chan earlier~

Yuta: Mirror? Could you tell me in detail? Who knows, I might be able to help.

Sora: The thing is like this and this... And that's why Sora was thinking about what kind of mirror would be more preferable.

Yuta: I see. The types of mirrors are far too many, so I can't think of which to recommend either...

Although when it comes to using mirrors, most of them reflect, right? Then if so...

I know a few games that involve mirrors. Does Harukawa-kun want to try them out? You never know, it may give you some inspiration~

Sora: Thank you, Yuu-chan! Sora will definitely try them out later!

Chapter 2

Sora: Uwah! Sora is sorry for bumping into you.

Eeh, so it was Anzu! Walking while daydreaming is dangerous, you say?

Mhmm, Sora will focus properly on the road ahead, thank you.

You're asking if Sora looks a little gloomy because he didn't rest well yesterday?

That's right. It's because Sora was playing the games Yuu-chan recommended yesterday that he didn't realise how late it had gotten, so he ended up only getting a few hours of sleep.

That's why Sora is like this right now, and his eyes feel a little uncomfortable too...

HiHi~♪, thank you for the reminder, Anzu. Sora is just getting ready to go to the Game Research Club Room to rest for a bit~

You say you want to accompany me?

HuHu~♪, there's no need to trouble Anzu. She has a busy color on her, so she should go ahead and take care of her things. Sora has no problem being by himself!

You're patting Sora's head while saying "good boy, good boy"? You're also saying that idols can't not tidy up their hair before going out?

Ah, Sora just remembered! Because he was almost late today, he forgot to tidy up his hair before leaving home! That shouldn't happen, Sora will keep that in mind for the next time!

Then Sora will go to the Game Research Club Room now. Bye, Anzu.

<Some time later>

Yuta: Um, Harukawa-kun, are you here? (Whispering)

Sora: Sora is here, please come in~

Ah, it was Yuu-chan! Hurry, hurry, sit beside Sora~

Sora is playing the game Yuu-chan recommended, but he's not sure about what to do on this level?

Yuta: Mm? I heard from Anzu-san that you were resting in the Game Research Club Room, why are you playing games?

Sora: That's because Sora has already rested.

Sora feels all refreshed after resting, so that's why he started playing games.

Yuta: Seeing Harukawa-kun refreshed makes me feel relieved.

I heard about your condition when I met Anzu-san and it made me a little worried.

Sora: Sora is really sorry for making Yuu-chan worry about him.

Yuta: It's alright. Here, Harukawa-kun, give me the controller for a bit. I'll try and see if I can beat this, I actually haven't played up to this level.

Although, seeing as Harukawa-kun is still playing this game, does it mean that you still haven't found the suitable mirror yet?

Sora: That's right. Even though the light reflected by the various mirrors in the game are very pretty, Sora still doesn't know what kind of mirror he wants~

Yuta: What good timing. Let's go to the amusement park, Harukawa-kun.

There's a newly opened attraction there that should help with your problem~

Sora: Mm? What kind of attraction is it?

Yuta: I have to keep that a secret. You'll know when we get there~

It's something I saw at home yesterday, although I'm more concerned about why an amusement park flyer randomly appeared in my house.

Sora: Mhmm, Sora is really looking forward to it~

It would be great if Shishou~ and Senpai could come along too, but Senpai looks like he's been really busy recently, and it seems that Shishou~ has gone to help his mother today.

That's right, what about Hina-chan? Sora and Yuu-chan should invite him to go together with them!

Yuta: Huh, actually, Aniki has been gone since earlier today. I don't know where or what he's run off to do...

Sora: Then it'll just be Sora and Yuu-chan. Sora is going to get ready, just hold on for a while, Yuu-chan~

Yuta: Okay. I beat this level too, Harukawa-kun.

Sora: Ah? Sora was too busy talking just now so he didn't pay attention to anything!

Yuu-chan, how did you do it?

Yuta: Haha, I'll tell you on the way there.

Because that attraction is super popular, we'll end up being in a long queue if we keep delaying any longer.

Sora: You're right. Then Sora and Yuu-chan will set off now, HaHiHuHeHo~...☆

Chapter 3

Tsukasa: Mm, this place is so *crowded*, it's just full of people.

Ah, I'm sorry for bumping into you. I was pushed by an unknown person just now, so I apologize. Please forgive me.

Huu, it seems that I have to be more cautious. Does a place such as an amusement park have this many people everyday? If so, I find that incredibly unpleasant.

Which attraction should I try out next?

Let me see, how about the roller coasters? Or the ferris wheel?

???: That student, are you having trouble deciding which attraction to go to?

If that's the case, why don't you come try the one over here on our side. It's the newly opened attraction in this amusement park, and it'll be sure to satisfy you~

Tsukasa: Are you perhaps speaking to me? That attraction you're talking about...

Eh? Hinata-kun, it's you. May I ask what you're doing here?

Hinata: Hahaha, so it was Tsukasa-kun! At first I only saw someone wearing our school's uniform, so I thought it was just a random student I didn't recognize.

Although, why has Tsukasa-kun come to the amusement park? Is someone with you?

Tsukasa: I came alone. I'm here because I wanted to learn about modern business models for the Suou family, although I am personally interested in such things as well.

Hinata: Haha, so it was like that. But relatively speaking, it's rare to see someone come to an amusement park alone.

Tsukasa: Hm? Was there such a saying?

Hinata: Hahaha, well, not really. As long as you have fun it's fine, right?

Speaking of which, is Tsukasa-kun interested in a House of Mirrors? Why don't you come over and play for a while? I'm currently working a part time job there, so I could take you to it if you want.

Tsukasa: May I first ask for you to introduce what a House of Mirrors is? I have no understanding of what it is.

Hinata: A House of Mirrors is basically a maze made up of various types of mirrors.

The mirrors' different effects, combined with the complex nature of the maze, what kind of reactions will it produce, I wonder~☆

Tsukasa-kun will have to find out for yourself~

Tsukasa: That sounds interesting. Then I'll be troubling Hinata-kun for a bit, please take me there.

Hinata: Alright, here's the admission ticket, please hold it well~

Tsukasa: Eh? Why did you suddenly stop, Hinata-kun? Have we arrived?

Hinata: T-Tsukasa-kun! I need your help!

Look, those people walking over there... That's Yuta-kun and Sora-kun, right?

Tsukasa: Oh, yes. Is there something wrong with that?

Hinata: You see, I've been hiding the fact that I'm working here from Yuta-kun. If he finds out, he'll get mad at me for sure.

So I have to ask Tsukasa-kun for a favor, if you see Yuta-kun and Sora-kun, please don't say that you met me!

Tsukasa: But...

Hinata: They're heading this way so I gotta go, thanks a bunch!

Tsukasa: What should I do? Why don't I pretend that I never saw them in the first place and just leave...

Yuta: Hey Tsukasa-kun, I never thought we'd met here~

Sora: Hello Tsuka-chan~

Tsukasa: H-hello to the both of you, what a coincidence...

Sora: Weird~ Sora swore he saw two familiar colors, where's the other person?

Tsukasa: T-there's no other person! Could it be that Harukawa-kun just made a mistake? I was alone this whole time!

Sora: Eh? Is that so~ Did Sora really make a mistake?

Yuta: Haha, you don't have to mind it that much. Although, where is Tsukasa-kun going to play in the amusement park?

Tsukasa: Er, I still haven't decided...

Yuta: Hm? What's that in your hand?

Sora: Looking at what's written on it, it seems like an admission ticket to the House of Mirrors. So Tsuka-chan was planning to go there? Sora and Yuu-chan are headed there too~

Does Tsuka-chan want to come with us?

Tsukasa: S-sure!

(I'm done for, I didn't hide the admission ticket well enough and I ended up being found out!)

(If this goes on, they'll find Hinata-kun...)

Yuta: (Is something wrong with Tsukasa-kun today? He doesn't seem like himself.)

Chapter 4

Sora: Found it! The House of Mirrors is over here!

Yuta: Wow, it looks grand, like a palace made out of crystals.

Tsukasa: Yes, it really seems to be noble and elegant.

Yuta: Since the outside is already this beautiful, I've become more excited for what's inside!

Wait here, Harukawa-kun and Tsukasa-kun. That guy wearing a hat over there seems to be selling admission tickets. Look, he's wearing the same uniform as us, it could be someone we know.

I'll go buy the tickets from him.

Tsukasa: !!!

Yuta: Hey student, we need two admission tickets over here.

Ah, hey, don't walk away, we want to buy tickets! (Puts his hand on the person's shoulder)

You're wearing the same uniform as me, you're a student from Yumenosaki Academy too, right? Who knows, we might recognize each other~

You're shaking your head, so it seems that we don't. Well, I'll have to trouble you for two admission tickets.

Thank you, do your best at work~

He turned and ran away after selling me the tickets... Could it be that he's shy and doesn't want to be seen by people from the same school?

Watch out, there's a step in front of you! Don't fall...

He fell before I managed to say it. His hat fell onto the floor too, I'll go help him pick it up.

But isn't that person?

Aniki?!

Hinata: Yuta-kun, I'm sorry!

Sora: What happened? Sora saw a bad color coming from Yuu-chan so he and Tsuka-chan rushed over here.

Tsukasa: ...

Sora: Eh? Hina-chan? So you were at the amusement park too!

Yuta: So you were working behind my back again?

That flyer at home was Aniki's, and the reason you were wearing a hat was to hide from me too, correct?

Hinata: I'm sorry, Yuta-kun...

Tsukasa: Er, please don't blame Hinata-kun. I understand the reason why he would do such a thing. Not to mention, the person who should apologize is me. I actually met Hinata-kun before, but I lied to Yuta-kun and Harukawa-kun. I'm really sorry.

If I had told the both of you earlier, perhaps the situation wouldn't have turned out like this.

Sora: Ah, what's up with everyone? Each of you is emitting a bad color, it doesn't match the color of the amusement park at all! So everyone should smile instead!

Yuta: Huh, to be honest, I understand Aniki's way of doing things. I'm just mad that you hid it from me.

As Harukawa-kun said, we shouldn't spoil the joyful atmosphere of the amusement park~

Aniki should lift his head up, I forgive you. You were surely worried that I would insist on working together if I knew about this, right?

Then I won't let Aniki worry about me anymore. I promise that this time, I won't work together with you. I'll have fun at the amusement park today, and the next time, I'll take Aniki to play here together.

So look forward to it, Aniki☆

Hinata: Yuta-kun...

Okay, I'll be waiting for it!

Now then, our three customers, please come in~

<Ten minutes later>

Tsukasa: The inside really is as interesting as Hinata-kun said, it's certainly well worth looking forward to!

Yuta: Yeah, the flyer I looked at before mentioned this being a popular attraction, seems like that was the truth.

Harukawa-kun should pay attention, there's a variety of mirrors here.

Tsukasa: Eh? Yuta-kun, Harukawa-kun doesn't seem to be here.

Sora: Yuu-chan, Tsuka-chan, where are you guys?

Uu, it looks like Sora shouldn't have ran.

Because Sora ran too fast just now, he couldn't differentiate between the paths for the correct one. That path was just a reflection from a mirror, and Sora almost crashed into it.

Maybe Sora should walk slowly, but he won't be able to find Yuu-chan and Tsuka-chan faster like this...

Just now, the mirrors seemed to have a flash of Yuu-chan's shadow! Even though the shadow in it seemed irregular, Sora is sure of it!

Yuta: Ah, Harukawa-kun, we found you! We're sorry for getting lost from you.

Tsukasa: Allow me to express my apologies as well. Getting lost in a maze is taboo, so please let us walk together next.

Sora: But, Sora just found an interesting mirror!

Look here, look here! These mirrors reflect a fat Sora, while those reflect a tall Sora!

Tsukasa: These are funhouse mirrors, aren't they? Such mystical effects.

Yuta: I'm not sure if this is of any help to Harukawa-kun, but me and Tsukasa-kun found a couple of interesting mirrors up front too~

Let's go look at them together~

Chapter 5

Sora: Thank you Yuu-chan and Tsuka-chan for accompanying Sora to the House of Mirrors, Sora had lots of fun...

Yuta: But Harukawa-kun doesn't look that happy, is something troubling you?

Tsukasa: If there's anything I could be of help with, please tell me, Harukawa-kun. As you said earlier, we should be in a happy mood as long as we're inside the amusement park.

Sora: Sorry, Sora is fine. He is just feeling down about not being able to find the suitable mirror.

Yuta: So it was that. It's regrettable that we weren't able to find the right one, but Harukawa-kun shouldn't be discouraged. I believe that you'll find the right mirror sooner or later.

Tsukasa: That's correct. As long as you persevere, you'll be sure to find the thing that you're looking for.

Sora: Thank you Yuu-chan and Tsuka-chan, Sora won't give up!

Hinata: It seems that our three customers have managed to make it to the end. Please come this way, you can receive your souvenirs here♪

Here, put your hand into the box like this, and take out the gift box containing the souvenir~

Yuta: Then Harukawa-kun should go first~

Sora: Thank you, Yuu-chan!

Natsume: With this, the experiment should be complete.

Natsume: As soon as Mommy's work ended, I headed straight back to school to work on the experiment. Honestly, I'm a little tired~

Hm? When was Sora standing at the door? Come in, come in♪

Sora: Shishou~ I'm sorry.

Natsume: Eh? Why is Sora apologiziNG?

Sora: Sora didn't manage to find the appropriate mirror. Didn't Shishou~ say that the experiment was complete?

Sora didn't get to help Shishou~ until the end, I'm sorry...

Sora went to the amusement park to play today, and even though he had fun, he ended up getting nothing, so Sora feels a bit ashamed about that.

To express Sora's apologies, he hopes Shishou~ accepts this. This is the souvenir that Sora got from the amusement park.

Shishou~ Please look...

Natsume: Ah, this is a priSM~

That's iT! FirST, do it like thIS, then thIS, then thIS...

Sora: Woah! It's so pretty!

Natsume: Haha, Sora found the perfect mirror after aLL. LoOK, I only had to make a few adjustments heRE, and that was enough to create an effect more spectacular than I could imagiNE!

But what makes me happier is that I was able to receive the mirror of Sora's "feelinGS".

You must've thought hard about what kind of mirror would be more suitable for the past two daYS, correCT?

From this priSM, I was able to understand Sora's feelinGS. And compared to anything elSE, those feelings are far more importaNT.

Just like this priSM, the light casted by Sora has the brilliance that will surely be able to bring everyone happineSS!

The next time we perfoRM, we shall use these special effects to bring joy to everyoNE. After aLL, we are magicians who deliver happineSS.

Sora: Even though Sora didn't understand some of what was said, but it seems to have helped Shishou~ Sora is really happy if that's the case!

Natsume: That's rigHT, you were a great heLP. Thank yOU, SoRA.

Sora: (Shishou~ is emitting a color of inner happiness. It looks like he wasn't just consoling Sora after all. Seeing Shishou~ this cheerful, Sora feels really happy too☆)

Natsume: (In the beginniNG, I had just simply said that we were missing a mirrOR. I even prepared myself to praise Sora for whatever kind of mirror he would fiND.)

(But I never expected Sora to put this much effort into looking for iT. The final effect that the mirror managed to create was just the icing on the caKE.)

(As expectED, having the help of your companions is better than suffering aloNE♪)

(So I shall apologize for my past actions of just assigning a random job to yOU. I'm sorry, SoRA.)

(Perhaps the one who wasn't well prepared was mE, and not SoRA~)