

	<i>My luck today's been getting better and better! That ten thousand's turned into a few million. I was right to choose poker! Hehe, a pair of queens, huh? Good cards. Call!</i>
Gambler	Check.
Zannen Tobari	Check.
	<i>Now it's down to the community cards... Hehe, King, Queen and two... At this point, I've got three queens. Let's see what the others will do. Check.</i>
Gambler	Call.
Zannen Tobari	Call.
	<i>These guys sure seem pretty confident. Interesting! Two... three... Here we go! Full house! Now's the place for a showdown! I'm all-in! Hehehe.</i>
Dealer	And the rest of you?
Gambler	Fold.

	<i>Chickened out, eh?</i>
Zannen Tobari	I'll take you on, shall I?
	Hahaha, alright! I'm feeling really alive right now! C'mon, let's showdown!
Dealer	Well then, please reveal your cards.
	How's that? A full house!
Zannen Tobari	Well well, that's quite a strong hand.
	W-What the--!

Dealer	I have a King full house, while yours is Queen. It's my win, then.
	N-nyo way...
Dealer	Thank you for the thrilling game, I've had my fill.
	AAAAHHRHGHG!!
Dealer	Somebody, toss him out!
	Hah... I lost with such a narrow margin... Now I'm broke...
Zannen Tobari	Don't tell me... You don't spend your nights in this park, do you?

	Huh? Hey, you're....! You're the guy who just beat me!
Zannen Tobari	Haha, please, don't glower at me like that. Can I sit beside you?
	Hmph! Do what you want.
Zannen Tobari	Then, if you don't mind...
	So, what could you want from me when I've gone broke?
Zannen Tobari	Ahahah. So you were betting everything you had? You're quite the gutsy gambler, aren't you?

	Well, there's no point in being gutsy when you lose it all...
Zannen Tobari	I suppose that's true, however, I've become interested in that gutsiness of yours.
	Well, thanks very much. Did you come all the way here just to say that shit?
Zannen Tobari	Of course not. I actually have a job I'd like to entrust to you.
	A job?
Zannen Tobari	Yes, I don't think the terms are bad for someone as penniless as yourself.

	So, what do I have to do for this job?
Zannen Tobari	My, it's really quite easy. All you have to do is transport some merchandise.
	Hah! That definitely is easy, but if it's that simple why do you need me to--
Zannen Tobari	For compensation, I'll give you back all the money I won earlier--
	Alright, leave it to me! I've got a great reputation for delivering merchandise.
Zannen Tobari	I'm pleased you gave your consent so readily. This is an advance. Once you're done, I'll give you the rest.

	Uwooh, awesome!!
Zannen Tobari	Now then, the merchandise can be found in the locker written on this memo. Here's the key. The time and place of delivery have been left with the goods too. I'm counting on you.
	Alright, leave it to me!
Zannen Tobari	Now, I'll take my leave. Oh, that's right, I forgot to say, there are three packages in total. They're heavy, so it may be wise to bring another two people with you.
	That so? Thanks for telling me!
Zannen Tobari	Not at all. Well then, good luck. Oh, yes, I forgot to introduce myself. My name is=
Man	Haa... I don't wanna work any more...



That exhausted salaryman is actually the CEO of a major construction company. With such a gloomy countenance and disposition, he is being negligent to those around him.

Kid

Hahaha, run awaaaay!



That elementary schooler running around over there is actually only pretending to be a child, in reality he is 53 years old. He cannot be classed as human, and uses the powers of the supernatural.



Hey! Hey! Hey!



Hm?



I figured you'd be around here.



This waste-like man is Dice Arisugawa. As is plain to see, he is scum who has yet to pay back the extraordinary novelist, Yumeno Gentaro, despite his having a hefty loan.



Who're you calling scum, who!?



Aha. My, Dice, it was just a lie. That aside, why are you so flustered?



Oh! That's right, that's right! Sorry it took so long to pay you back.



Huh...? Dice... This money... Did you steal—!



Dumbass, that's not it! This is my pay from a real job!



In conclusion, Arisugawa So-and-so, having become a criminal, cast off the material and rebelled against the world to the utmost. And I shall carve that sight into my eyes.



I really don't get what you're talking about... Anyway, do I look like the kinda guy who'd do something like that?



Well, rather than looking that way, rather you don't look the type who wouldn't either.



... I finally understand how you normally look at me,



Haha, it was just a lie. That aside, you have a job? Dice, what colour is the sky right now?



Huh? It's blue, obviously.



Oh... so this isn't a dream.



The hell is that supposed to mean!?



For you to say something as nonsensical as having a job, I thought I must have travelled to the world of dreams at some point, you see.



You... I can have a job too, y'know!



Well, I suppose so. Just for reference, would ya mind tellin' me what kinda job you got?



Oh, that's right, I need a favour. Could you help me with the job?



... I'd prefer you not to answer a question with another question.



So? Will you lend me a hand?



Whether or not I lend it to you, can't you tell me what kind of job-



Oh, right, it's no big deal! Just need to make a quick deliver of some packages together.



You were given this much money just for a delivery?



He was a suuuper generous guy~!



Dice... Are you being honest?



W-Well...



Yes, well...?



I can't help it! I did think it might be a dangerous job but I was broke after gambling!



Ha, honestly, someone like you... I suppose there's no helping it. It's fine, I'll lend you a hand.



For real? You seriously helped me out! Man, a good friend really is a great blessing!



Ugh... Honestly, I've never met anyone as unscrupulous as you.



Yeah, thanks!



That wasn't a compliment.



Oi, Ramuda! ... Not here, is he in the room at the back?



Pardon the intrusion--oh. ...*Hm? A woman's shoes are here. Hm, I have a bad feeling about this.* Dice, wait a minute-

	Ramuda, you here?
Woman	Eh?
	Oh, it's Dice! Yahoo~!
	Eh? W-why is there a woman in her underwear here?
Woman	KYAAA!!!
	Ouch!



Haha! Onee-san's kinda mad since you came in so suddenly, Dice.



Ouch...



I expected this would happen...



Ah, it's Gentaro! Hello!



Ramuda, I won't ask what you were doing, but please lock the door properly. For all our sakes.



Oh, c'mon! I'm making clothes for Onee-san, so I was just taking her measurements. But, sorry for not locking the door! I'm so careless~



Geez, man. Thanks to you, I got hurt.



It's okay, Dice! I'll fix it right up! Pain, pain, fly away!
There you go, you're all better now!



I'm not a kid, like hell I'm alright now!



Dice, you're at fault too. In someone else's home, you need to be sure to check before you go inside.



Uh... y-yeah you're right. Ramuda, my bad.



Haha, I'm totally fine! I'll follow up with Onee-san later too.



Yeah, thanks.



Anyway, didn't you have something to talk to me about?



Oh, that's right! I have something to give you, Ramuda.



Ehh~ What could it be, what could it be!



Hehe, here, the money I borrowed. Sorry it took so long.



Amazing, it's all here! You did good, huh!



“You did good”? Did what?



Well, you stole this from somewhere, right?



Why doesn't the idea come to you guys that I might've got this money from working!



Well in my case, it's no problem where the money came from! Money is money, after all~



I-I dunno about that...



To be precise, it's an advance for a job that he's scheduled to do, isn't it, Dice?



Ahahahaha...



A scheduled job?



A-actually...



Ahaha, Dice you're really funny! People normally wouldn't take a job that got full marks for shadiness!



Ngh... I couldn't help it!



Heh, so you want me to lend a hand too, right?



Y-yeah, that's exactly right! Please, it's a once in a lifetime request!



Good grief. Your 'once in a lifetime' will happen how many times, I wonder?



S-Shut up. I'm including my next life's amount too!



Hmph. So I'll be with you in the next life too, will I?



Since this seems fun, I'll help you out too~



For real? You're a lifesaver! Man, a good friend really is a great blessing!



Alright, now off to the locker to get that merchandise, let's go!



317, 317... Oh, alright alright, here it is!



So we have three of these 'full marks for shadiness' attache cases...



Hey, let's open them and see what's inside!



Yes.



Wait, wait, wait!



Hm?



It's bad manners to look inside.



Well, that's the correct approach, and we can't get a look anyway. Since they're locked.



That's true, and they're on pretty sturdy...



Really must be something they don't want us to see.



This really only belies suspicion...



Oh? There's something that looks like a memo inside the locker. Hm, let's see, let's see... There's instructions on how to get there. It's at Yokohama harbor's container yard. The time is pretty late at night~.



Yokohama, huh? Let's drop by Rio-san's place on the way back.



Ah, that's right, Dice. Did you ask the name of the person who gave you this job?



His name? Ah, he did introduce himself, what was it again... Tomari? Tojimari? Oh, right!



Did you remember?



It's Zannen Tobari!



Eh? Zannen Tobari...?



Hm? Ramuda, do you know him?



Haha. His name is similar to an acquaintance of mine, so I was just surprised!



Hm, is that so?



I don't get why he's suddenly made contact, but this definitely sounds like a pain in the ass. Well, it's not the type of thing I need to bother telling these two about anyway.

Zannen Tobari	Please excuse me. What a wonderful room, how much is it to spend the night?
Hitaki Tsumabira	Did you come all the way here just to ask for the price of a room?
Zannen Tobari	No, but I thought making small talk is an important part of doing business. With you it seems completely unnecessary, though.
Hitaki Tsumabira	That's a condition for building a friendly relationship. What you and I have is for sheer profit alone. Otherwise, making conversation with a low-class man such as yourself would have me running in fear.
Zannen Tobari	My, my, that's rather harsh. However, I also prefer when things are more straightforward. May I sit?

Hitaki Tsumabira	Please do.
Zannen Tobari	Here, this month's pay.
Hitaki Tsumabira	Be certain, the grasshopper will be sent out via the usual route.
Zannen Tobari	Thank you very much.
Hitaki Tsumabira	And, what's happening about the matter we discussed?
Zannen Tobari	Without incident, I have those from Yokohama and Shibuya. As for Shinjuku and Ikebukuro, my older broth is taking care of it.
Hitaki Tsumabira	And when will it be done?
Zannen Tobari	That would be tonight.
Hitaki Tsumabira	Tonight, is it? Kufufu, the thought of those foolish men who considered themselves warriors, the looks on their despair-ridden faces... I can't help how much I'm looking forward to it.
Zannen Tobari	And what about <i>that</i> ?
Hitaki Tsumabira	Of course, I have it ready. I was under a fair amount of risk in order to bring it out myself, so please ensure that you eradicate them all.
Zannen Tobari	No need to worry. If we use that, there's no chance of loss.
Hitaki Tsumabira	Kufufu, well then, I'll be enjoying it from behind the scenes.
Zannen Tobari	Hahaha, please do enjoy it at your leisure.