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Chapter 15 The School's Rules and Getting called on

Kaoru Mitoma didn't panic. At that moment, everyone in the class turned to look at him in unison.

Although there were plenty of good-looking guys in Class A—like Shichiro Daiga, Sanada Kosei, Satonaka Satoru, and Hashimoto Masayoshi—Kaoru Mitoma still stood out from the crowd. He could tell the girls were whispering about something, and he also noticed the envious and curious looks from the boys. Kaoru Mitoma kept evaluating in his mind what kind of image he should be projecting right now.

"As for the explanation about personal points, Mashima-sensei already talked about it on the first day. His explanation was 'you can buy anything,' and I think that's enough."

As he spoke, Kaoru Mitoma glanced around. In fact, quite a few students had already sensed that something was off, but they just hadn't thought it through. Now that he brought it up again, of course everyone could immediately recall how vague Tomonari Mashima had been back then.

"Huh, what's that supposed to mean?"

Totsuka Yahiko stared at Suzuki Toru in confusion.

"Points are just yen, right? You buy whatever you want, that's normal, isn't it?"

Even in Class A, there were people who weren't the sharpest. After all, not long ago, they were just a bunch of regular middle schoolers from all over the country.

"Yahiko, that's not what he means."

"This 'you can buy anything' might include everything in the school, you know."

Totsuka Yahiko was stunned for a moment, then slowly came to his senses, his mouth suddenly feeling dry.

"Sakayanagi, did you buy your intel from upperclassmen using private points?" Katsuragi Kohei asked.

"Heh, I wouldn't go that far. There are plenty of idiots in this world," Sakayanagi Arisu said casually, then shot a slightly dissatisfied look at someone.

"Mitoma-kun, is that all you have to say?"

Kaoru Mitoma turned to look at Kamuro Masumi, who seemed completely baffled.

"Why are you looking at me?"

"About last time, what was the answer?"

"Disgusting."

Kamuro Masumi seemed to shiver in revulsion as she tugged at her skirt, her beautiful legs showing off the fairest skin, with just the right amount of softness. It's not like anyone's asking to see your panties right now, Kaoru Mitoma thought, speechless as he looked at Kamuro Masumi.

"Fine, fine, you guessed right. I went and asked the homeroom teacher. He said if you spend twenty million private points, you can promote someone to Class A and get the privileges of a graduate. But those privileges are tied to Class A, and buying them separately has never happened in the school's history."

As she spoke, she started shaking her leg. Was she feeling unsure about graduating?

Since the classroom was very quiet and everyone was watching, naturally, they all heard Masumi Kamuro words.

"Spending twenty million personal points just to get promoted to Class A... That's a staggering price," Kohei Katsuragi fell into deep thought.

"Hmph, even if they get a hundred thousand a month, if they don't eat or drink, they still couldn't save up that much in three years. It's no big deal!"

Although Yahiko Totsuka was shocked at first, he quickly relaxed and dismissed it with a sneer. Masayoshi Hashimoto eyes sparkled. This seemed like a pretty good option too.

"Heh, even a spot in Class A can be bought. Think about it, is there anything that can't be bought?" Arisu Sakayanagi said with a sweet smile.

"Can you buy exam scores too?"

"Don't tell me you can even buy eroge and shameful stuff?"

"Can we buy class points?"

Inevitably, Class A fell into a heated discussion.

Kaoru Mitoma then said. "In short, at certain times, our personal points might become our weapon. For example, we could spend a certain amount of points to force a student to drop out."

For some reason, the entire classroom went silent in an instant. All the noise stopped abruptly. After a moment, it was Sakayanagi Arisu who broke the silence.

"Hehehe, Mitoma-kun, you're surprisingly ruthless. I didn't expect that from you."

"It's just the most extreme measure, and it might not even work. But if it's for the class, I wouldn't hesitate to choose this method, even if it meant getting myself expelled."

As expected, the moment he said that, everyone's expressions shifted from suspicion to shock and even being moved. Especially among the girls, this kind of self-sacrificing, so-called 'yasashii' handsome guy persona easily wins a lot of favor. That's the only real advantage of being good-looking.

"You don't have to go that far, Mitoma-kun!" someone mustered up the courage to say that.

Kaoru Mitoma glanced at her—her name was probably Nishikawa Ryoko. She didn't seem to have any particular desires, just a background character. Even so, he still gave her a smile, which made her blush a little and quickly lower her head in embarrassment.

"Tch, so what if he's good-looking?" Totsuka Yahiko gritted his teeth in annoyance.

Sakayanagi Arisu didn't let the conversation stray too far. Smiling, she said, "To prepare for the upcoming competition, I think it's necessary to use our personal points to buy some strategies from Mashima-sensei. It's important for us to know certain rules in advance."

Her suggestion quickly gained support from quite a few students, and even some of Katsuragi Kohei's group looked interested.

"No, I get where you're coming from, but I don't think the school will reveal anything to us. If they told us the key rules, the competition itself would lose its meaning," Katsuragi Kohei said in a low voice.

The school hadn't deliberately hidden anything from the first-year students. Everything was laid out in the open, as if to say, "If you're interested, think a little harder." It felt like the school had planted apple trees all over the mountain, introduced everything to the new students, but then completely ignored the apple trees right in front of them.

It was a strange feeling. He and Sakayanagi Arisu had both thought of the same thing, but their ideas were different. They all understood the so-called key rules, which meant how the school would assess classes and students, and thus control the increase or decrease of class points.

In other words, Arisu Sakayanagi wanted to know the questions in advance, but Kohei Katsuragi didn't think the school would sell the questions to the students. That's why the school allowed them to see the apple tree, but wouldn't introduce the apple tree to them directly.

"Heh, how would you know if you don't try?" Arisu Sakayanagi said.

"If you check the time, Mashima-sensei should be arriving at the classroom soon.

As soon as she finished speaking, footsteps sounded outside the classroom, and then Tomonari Mashima appeared at the door. The moment he walked in, Tomonari Mashima suddenly felt something was off. It seemed like everyone was looking at him with complicated and expectant eyes.

"Mashima-sensei, how many points does it take to obtain the rules of this school?" Arisu Sakayanagi was the first to ask.

"Regarding the increase and decrease of class points, what form will the upcoming assessments take, and how can we avoid expulsion? Can you tell us about these things?"

A hint of surprise flashed in Tomonari Mashima eyes, but compared to previous years, this year's Class A students were actually pretty fast.

"Sorry, I can't tell you that." He said calmly, "There are thousands of specific rules set by the school regarding the use of personal points, and one of them strictly forbids teachers from selling exam rules." As soon as he said this, many students were visibly disappointed.

But right away, Tomonari Mashima changed his minds. "However, as an individual, I can sell you a bit of common sense—common sense you'll need to survive in this school."

After he finished speaking, Tomonari Mashima glanced at the camera in the corner.