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Chapter 32 Contract

Even though she really wanted to know the rules, if anyone could just buy them, the competition would probably turn into a battle of personal points. Any class that didn't have enough points to buy information wouldn't even qualify to stand at the starting line."

"What do you mean by 'exam'?" Suzune Horikita zeroed in on the key point.

"Does the increase or decrease of class points have something to do with the exam? What kind of exam is it, exactly?"

"That's paid information."

Suzune Horikita hesitated for a moment, but quickly regained her resolve.

"How many private points does she want?"

"Four hundred thousand private points, and she'll tell us everything she knows,"

Kikyo Kushida answered without hesitation, even though she knew full well that Kaoru Mitomawas targeting Suzune Horikita.

Compared to two million private points, this price actually made Suzune Horikita frown. Wasn't it a bit too low?

Then she started to consider whether it was worth the price, and how much of it was actually true. But on second thought, maybe Class A didn't know that much about the inside story either.

"Four hundred thousand private points is too much. There's no way I can come up with that all at once."

Suzune Horikita fell into deep thought.

"Kamuro said it's fine if you don't have the private points right now. You can pay in installments, as long as you sign a contract,"

"Do you want everyone to chip in? I think if each person gives ten thousand points, we can gather it pretty quickly."

Horikita Suzune started to hesitate. She admitted that Kikyo Kushida suggestion was a pretty good one, but she also doubted just how many personal points Class D still had left. Some of the guys had already spent over twenty thousand personal points just to buy a game console. It was hard not to wonder if they'd be eating dirt by the end of the month.

"Kushida, can I ask you something?" Horikita Suzune said.

"How many personal points do you have left right now?"

"Eh, I still have a little over fifty thousand. I've been spending a lot lately, sorry." Kushida Kikyo blushed a bit. She'd bought a few high-end outfits, so of course she'd burned through a lot of personal points. If even Kushida Kikyo had spent that much, there was no need to mention the others.

"Looks like it's really hard to count on you guys." Horikita Suzune let out a deep sigh.

"Since we can pay in installments, tell her I accept her terms. I'll give her half my personal points every month until I've paid off the rest."

Because she wasn't sure how many personal points she'd have next, Suzune Horikita didn't dare set a fixed number, so she had to stay flexible.

Kikyo Kushida quickly said, "Horikita, you don't have to shoulder all of this yourself. If we ask everyone, we can still come up with four hundred thousand personal points. Besides, it's for the good of the class."

"No need. I'm not just after information about the class." Suzune Horikita tone was calm—Kaoru Mitoma words had gotten to her. Whether it was class points or personal points, whichever could get her to Class A the fastest, that's what she wanted.

"I can help too, you know. If I try a little harder, I'm sure everyone would understand." Kikyo Kushida volunteered, a hint of determination in her eyes. But who could really know what she was thinking inside?

"This has nothing to do with you. I don't need your help." Suzune Horikita didn't even hesitate, rejecting her offer outright. Just like how Kikyo Kushida inexplicably wanted to be friends with her, she inexplicably disliked Kikyo Kushida—on every level.

Maybe sensing what she was thinking, Kikyo Kushida opened her mouth, then finally just nodded helplessly.

"If you ever need anything, I'll be here."

With that, she lowered her head and started fiddling with her phone, sending a message to someone. Before long, Kikyo Kushida told Suzune Horikita that the other party had agreed to the terms. After school, the two of them could meet at a café and sign a contract while they were at it.

Yeah, the other person's name was Masumi Kamuro, a student from Class A. Suzune Horikita didn't think much of it.

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Afternoon.

When she arrived at the café, Suzune Horikita noticed that the other person seemed to have been waiting for quite a while.

"The information you wanted."

As soon as she saw Suzune Horikita, she tossed a file onto the table, then took a casual sip of her coffee, her long legs under the table trembling slightly.

"How much intel is in there?"

Suzune Horikita sat across from her, wanting to pick it up and weigh it in her hand.

"Only four hundred thousand private points, and you still want more intel?"

Masumi Kamuro scoffed, tapping the contract on top of the documents.

"Take a look at the contract first. If there's no problem, sign it."

Suzune Horikita examined it carefully. It was pretty much what they'd discussed, just with an added final deadline. She had to pay off the remaining balance within six months, or it would count as a breach of contract, and she'd have to pay five times the penalty—two million private points.

Six months... Suzune Horikita hesitated for a moment, but she stuck to her decision. Class points could be exchanged for private points, and even if Class D was doing badly, it wasn't like they'd get nothing. She'd have to pay back over sixty thousand private points a month. It was tough, but only for now. She was confident she could pay off the debt in six months.

"I can sign, but how do I know this intel is actually reliable?" Suzune Horikita wasn't stupid—she'd even thought of that.

"Look at the guarantor next to the contract. Mashima-sensei is our Class A homeroom teacher. He's already read the document and is willing to vouch for it."

Masumi Kamuro answered, sounding a little impatient.

Looks like there's no problem, then.

With that thought, Suzune Horikita picked up her pen and wrote down her name, making two copies and keeping one for herself.

"I've got things to do. See you next time."

Masumi Kamuro picked up the contract, clearly not wanting to stay a second longer. Suzune Horikita started to feel a little suspicious. Was she planning to take the money and run?

But when she looked at the contents of the document, she immediately relaxed. The other party hadn't lied to her. After all, it was content personally written by Kaoru Mitoma. There was no way he would let Suzune Horikita down. Yeah, how could he ever let his debtor down?