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Chapter 42 Members of the Student Council

Actually, today wasn't just about the grades being released—the student council finally announced the list of new members too. Three first-year students made the cut. Well, to be precise, not a single one of them was rejected.

When Class A heard the news, the students from the Katsuragi faction were clearly over the moon. No matter what school you're at, getting into the student council is a pretty solid addition to your resume, especially at a top-tier high school like ANHS.

If you work a little harder, you might even become the student council president someday. For Class A, that's a huge advantage. But when they heard that Kaoru Mitoma was also on the list, some people couldn't help but make strange faces.

Even though Kaoru Mitoma usually doesn't take the initiative to join class activities, everyone knows he's on good terms with Sakayanagi Arisu, so in some people's eyes, he's considered part of the Sakayanagi faction.

At the very least, he's seen as a student who leans toward Sakayanagi side. With him joining the student council, it's only natural for people to wonder if Sakayanagi Arisu is also trying to infiltrate the student council, giving the girl another source of support. But in the end, suspicion is just suspicion.

With two students from Class A joining the student council, it means there's a two-thirds chance that the next student council president will be one of their own. Victory!

This afternoon, right after school ended, Kaoru Mitoma and Katsuragi Kohei headed to the student council office together. Neither of them spoke on the way. It wasn't until Katsuragi Kohei couldn't stand the silence anymore that he broke it, looking seriously at Kaoru Mitoma.

"Mitoma, why did you pay a million private points for me?"

Rather than wondering how he managed to get a million private points, what Katsuragi Kohei really wanted to know was why Kaoru Mitoma was willing to spend them on him.

"Who told you that?" Kaoru Mitoma asked, puzzled.

"Tachibana Senpai was the one who informed me. I asked her, and she told me. At first, she thought I already knew,"

Katsuragi Kohei recalled the moment Tachibana Akane revealed the truth to him, feeling a complicated mix of emotions toward Kaoru Mitoma.

"Didn't expect tachibana senpai to be so loose-lipped," Kaoru Mitoma frowned, then simply nodded.

"I did spend a million personal points, but at first, it wasn't specifically for you. The reason I ended up spending it on you was just because I thought you were a good fit for the student council, that's all."

Katsuragi Kohei expression was complicated. Honestly, they'd only known each other for less than a month, and yet Mitoma had already dropped a million personal points on him—that was equivalent to a million yen.

To say he wasn't at least a little anxious or overwhelmed would be a lie. Whether it was gratitude or anxiety, he just couldn't figure out why Kaoru Mitoma had chosen him.

"You still haven't told me what your first request is," Katsuragi Kohei said quietly.

The only explanation was that Kaoru Mitoma needed him, needed him to do things that Mitoma himself couldn't do.

In other words, the so-called million personal points was just a transaction, each getting what they wanted. No, what Kaoru Mitoma gave him was a spot on the student council; the million personal points was just the price Mitoma paid.

But once that price became concrete and clear as day, Kohei Katsuragi felt his scalp tingle. It was like he'd suddenly taken on a debt, and he couldn't help but feel uneasy inside. He wanted to do something for Kaoru Mitoma right away. Otherwise, he'd feel way too guilty about the guy personal points.

A million... That was enough for him to live for a few years, and he could even take his little sister out for some fun.

"You'll find out soon enough." Kaoru Mitoma had already spotted the student council office.

"But before that, you need to act like you don't know me." Act like they didn't know each other?

Kohei Katsuragi was stunned for a second, silently complaining to himself—they weren't that close to begin with!

Before he could say anything, Kaoru Mitoma suddenly smiled and waved to someone across the hall.

"Good afternoon, Ichinose-san."

A girl appeared in the hallway opposite them, also heading toward the student council.

"G-Good afternoon, Mitoma-kun..." For some reason, the flawless face of the girl started to show a hint of awkwardness.

When Kaoru Mitoma greeted her, her eyes darted away, as if she didn't dare meet his gaze.

Of course, this girl was Ichinose Honami. She had no idea why Kaoru Mitoma's name was on the list of new student council members. If she didn't have a sliver of courage left in her heart, Ichinose Honami wouldn't have dared to come to the student council at all.

"Ladies first, after you." Kaoru Mitoma smiled slightly, his eyes shamelessly roaming over the girl's body. Even though she was still developing, her chest was as full as any grown woman. Just the school uniform alone couldn't hide how high and round it was—especially full.

The ANHS school uniform wasn't as conservative as other high schools. The hem of her skirt didn't even reach her knees, exposing her smooth, pale thighs. Her slender, straight calves were pressed together, looking like they'd feel pretty nice to the touch.

"Want to see Ichinose and Shiranami stacked together,"

"Have Ichinose Honami sing a lullaby to put me to sleep,"

"Teach her even more things,"

"Take a look down there,"

"Help Ichinose Honami grow through pain,"

"Break free from the shadows of the past"

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Ichinose Honami kept her head down. Under his gaze, she knocked on the student council room door.

"Come in" Horikita Manabu voice came from inside. Watching as the girl pushed open the door and entered, Kaoru Mitoma and Katsuragi Kohei followed right behind her.

At this moment, quite a few student council member had gathered in the office. As they walked in, everyone's eyes naturally focused on them.

"This year, you three are the only new first-years." Horikita Manabu sat in the president's seat, calm and composed. Meanwhile, the vice president, Nagumo Miyabi, was lounging on the sofa, leaning back against the soft cushions, smiling as he looked at Kaoru Mitoma and Ichinose Honami.

"Heh, congratulations, congratulations."

With the two big shots having spoken, the other members also clapped a little to welcome them. Facing their upperclassmen, Katsuragi Kohei and Ichinose Honami didn't dare act arrogant, quickly using polite language to express their thanks. However, Horikita Manabu didn't seem like someone who cared much about these formalities.

"First, let me introduce you all. This is the student council vice president, Nagumo. Next to me is the secretary, Tachibana, and the treasurer, Fujimaki. These member here are second-years: Kiriya, Mizowaki, and Tonokawa..." As Horikita Manabu made the introductions, Kaoru Mitoma gaze fell on the student council members.

Excluding the first-years, the entire student council only had thirteen members, seven of whom were second-years. Once the third-years stepped down next semester, it looked like all the key positions in the student council would end up in Nagumo Miyabi hands. Horikita Manabu had everyone introduce themselves, then said,

"Since you've just joined the student council and aren't familiar with things yet, I think you should start with some odd jobs for now. The upperclassmen will help you get used to the work."

That was only natural, since there weren't many open positions in the student council anyway. Judging by the number of people, it seemed like the student council wasn't usually that busy. For a high school with fewer than five hundred students and teachers, this setup might even be more than enough.

While Kaoru Mitoma was lost in thought, he suddenly noticed Horikita Manabu staring at him with a piercing gaze.

"Mitoma, you'll be the vice president."