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REALLY?

YOU SURE I CAN HAVE THIS?

YEP.

I ALREADY COPIED OVER MY CONTACT LIST.

YEAH, THAT SORT OF THING'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

THAT ONE? IT WASN'T REALLY MINE TO BEGIN WITH.

YOU'RE LUCKY I CARRY TWO ON ME.

One for work, and one for personal use.

ALSO, HOW DID I ONLY JUST FIND OUT THAT YOUR PHONE DOESN'T EVEN WORK?

WE DON'T HAVE TIME! WE GOTTA GO!

WHAT ABOUT COFFEE?

ACK!

IT'S ALREADY EIGHT !?

Chapter.1

I'M BACK.

Oh!

WELCOME BACK!

SATORU KOUSAKA

DANTE

THE HAT

IF I DON'T GET A BITE TO EAT IN ME, I'M DONE FOR!

SORRY, RYOU-KUN!

I KNOW YOU JUST GOT BACK, BUT MIND TAKING OVER FOR ME?

OF COURSE! GO AHEAD.

IN THE BACK FOR YOU.

YOU HAVE,

ERR,

GOTOU-SAN

WAIT-ING

OKAY, I'M OFF TO LUNCH!

OH, WAIT.

BOSS!

HM?

...UGH.

IF YOU WANNA TALK, THEN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

BUT I TOLD YOU I WAS GOING TO SWING BY THREE DAYS AGO!

And I told you not to come here, anyways!

BUT YOU NEVER SAID IT'D BE TODAY!

Twitch

ABOUT TIME!

I'VE BEEN HERE AN HOUR AND A HALF!

YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE REMODELING THE PLACE.

Jink

IT FEELS JUST A LITTLE LESS SHODDY IN HERE NOW.

IF YOU'RE ONLY HERE TO PROVOKE ME, THEN YOU CAN LEAVE.

Guh...

B-MAN... I'M SO SORRY FOR LEAVING YOU ALONE WITH HIM.

YOU'RE FREE TO GO NOW.

UHH... I WAS FINE, REALLY.

Thanks, I guess.

IT WOULDN'T BE AN EXAGGER-ATION.

IF I WERE TO CALL YOUR HANDIWORK THE FINEST IN THE WORLD,

WHEN HAVE I EVER TAKEN OFFENSE WITH YOUR CRAFT, KUTSUNA?

PROVOKE YOU,

YOU SAY?

I CAN'T HELP BUT GAWK AT YOUR ABSURD BUSINESS PRACTICES.

BUT,

TUNK

KUTSUNA.

HOW MANY TIMES DO I-

THIS AGAIN?

INSTEAD OF WORKING ALONE,

WHY NOT PARTNER UP WITH ME?

I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE.

IS THAT ALL YOU KNOW HOW TO SAY?

YOU AND I NEED TO TEAM UP.

THESE ARE PARTICIPATION DOCUMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR'S FASHION WEEK.

THEY'RE GOING TO BE SHOWCASING FALL AND WINTER COLLECTIONS.

FWAP

...A SHOW FOCUSED ON HATS?

HMM...

THEN ALLOW ME TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT.

YOU'RE THE ONE ENTER-ING.

WOW.

AND YOU ENTERED?

...

WHY SO INDIFFER-ENT?

WH—

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE !?

FWIP!

IT'S YOUR SHOP'S NAME ON THERE.

SEE FOR YOURSELF.

...WHAT?

KRUSH...

WHAT'S THE POINT OF TALKING TO SOMEONE WITH NO MOTIVATION?

YOU COULD'VE AT LEAST TALKED TO ME!

YOU NEVER WOULD'VE ENTERED ON YOUR OWN.

YEP.

YOU'RE HEADING...

FEB-RU-ARY?

THAT MEANS...

YOUR'S WILL BE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

AS FOR MYSELF, I'LL BE TAKING PART IN THE PARIS COLLECTION IN MARCH.

W YORK.

IONWEEK.CO

the public.

TO NEW YORK.

HMM...

BUT YOU *WILL* ACCEPT THIS OFFER.

YOU MUST.

Rattle

WELL,

THIS DOESN'T MEAN I'VE AGREED TO JOIN YET.

HAD A FEELING YOU'D SAY THAT.

Pat

I WANT YOU TO PUT ON A DAMN GOOD SHOW.

...LOOK.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

YOU NEED TO START MAKING MOVES, AND SOON.

YOU KNOW THAT YOURSELF, DON'T YOU?

JUST LIKE BACK THEN.

YOU REALLY BROUGHT *THAT UP* RIGHT AFTER I RENO-VATED?

"BACK THEN"?

...HEH!

BWA HAHA...

ARE YOU *TRYING* TO TEAR MY SHOP DOWN?

SMILE

WELL, IF THAT HAP-PENED,

YOU'D HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO JOIN ME, RIGHT?

CRUUU MBLE

WELP!

DON'T LET ME DOWN.

Blab

I'D PAY ANY PRICE, JUST FOR YOU!

Blab

IF THEY ARE, I DON'T MIND SPOTTING YOU SOME CASH!

Blab

YOUR LABOR COSTS ARE STARTING TO PILE UP, RIGHT?

Blab

UNLIKE *MY* STORE!

WELP, I'M SURE YOU'LL SCRATCH BY.

Blab

Mannequin guy!?

Oh! It's the mannequin guy!

Ahahaha!

Ooh scary!

I'M GONNA MAKE HIM WEEP !!

S-

SA-TORU-SAN?

SHOULD I...

LEAVE THESE HERE?

OH!

THANKS.

CAN YOU START THE WATER FOR ME?

ALREADY DID.

SHOWER'S ALL YOURS.

...WHERE'S MY TRANS-LATOR APP?

...UH-HUH.

UH-HUH...

UH-HUH...

WELL, LEMME SEE.

I TOLD THEM TO GO THROUGH A MEDIA-TOR.

UGH, ENGLISH... I WASN'T EXPECTING A DIRECT EMAIL.

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o Mr. Satoru,

sorry to have mailed so suddenly.

e only spoke briefly at the recent exhibition,
ut I would love to be able to display your hats.

WOW.

SOUNDS LIKE A BIG FAN.

"WE ONLY SPOKE BRIEFLY AT THE RECENT EXHIBITION, BUT I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO DISPLAY YOUR HATS.

OF COURSE, YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO DISPLAY ANY TIES, BELTS, OR OTHER GOODS THAT YOU REQUEST."

RYOU-SENSEI !!

WHAT ?

"SEN-SEI"?

OH!

I DIDN'T MEAN INTER-RUPT YOUR-

Grab

YOU GET UP TO A LOT, HUH?

I'M IM-PRESSED.

...

CAN YOU TRANSLATE THIS EMAIL FOR ME? MY ENGLISH SUCKS.

I'M GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE READ IT OVER, SO YOU'LL HAVE TO WRITE IT OUT.

SHOULD I DICTATE IT?

OK!

I LIED.

IT'S NOT OK.

HM?

OH ...

SO IT'S LESS KANJI,

AND MORE THAT YOU'RE NOT GOOD WITH WRITTEN JAPANESE?

I CAN WRITE HIRAGANA AND KATAKANA WELL ENOUGH,

BUT KANJI?

WELL ...

Yama, kawa, ichi, ni, san...

Are there any kanji you can write?

OKAY.

AND I'LL TYPE.

ALL RIGHT. THEN YOU SPEAK,

CLACK CLACK CLACK

CLACK

OOPS!

I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THIS FIRST.

clack clack clack

I DIDN'T MEAN TO EAVES-DROP.

ERR, SOR-RY.

...YOU HEARD THAT?

...

HMM ...

Creak...

GIMME A SEC.

FOUND IT.

TAKE A LOOK.

SATORU-SAN! YOU'RE IN IT!

You're hair's so dark!

I SURE AM.

THAT ARTICLE IS ABOUT ME, AFTER ALL.

A FASHION MAGA-ZINE?

YEP, FROM FOUR YEARS AGO.

OH!

FLICK

Wow... First place!

AND I CAME AWAY WITH FIRST PLACE IN THE MAIN EVENT.

THERE'S THIS INTERNATIONAL CONTEST HELD IN FRANCE ONCE A YEAR.

SO, I DECIDED TO SUBMIT MY HATS ON A WHIM,

I STILL REMEMBER THE RUNWAY

AS CLEAR AS DAY.

THEN, IN THAT YEAR'S COLLECTION,

THERE WAS A FAMOUS BRAND THAT WANTED TO DISPLAY MY AWARD-WINNING HAT.

IT LOOKED FANTASTIC.

BUT AS FLATTERED AS I WAS ...

THE LIGHTS SHONE BRIGHTLY ON THE RED FABRIC,

AND IT SET THE MOOD IN THE WHOLE VENUE.

IT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE SOMETHING

I'D MADE WITH MY OWN HANDS.

NOW I'M A HOUSEHOLD NAME.

THEY SURE DID.

IF IT DID THAT WELL, THEN ORDERS MUST'VE COME FLOODING IN.

THEN, DURING MARKET WEEK,

I SAW SOMEONE WHO'D BOUGHT MY HAT BAWLING HER EYES OUT.

SOUNDS LIKE THAT HAT BROUGHT YOU NOTHING BUT GOOD.

WOW ...

RIGHT?

TO BE HONEST, I WAS SHOCKED.

WHICH IS WHY I'M SO SCARED TO MAKE ANOTHER.

BUT WITH ALL THE ORDERS,

I HAD TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT THE PEOPLE WANTED.

IT'S NOT THAT I COULDN'T MAKE WHAT I WANTED ANYMORE,