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MERMAID PANIC 2

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SHINJU
THE LEGENDARY
MERMAID PRINCESS



☆ "THE MERMAID'S LEGEND" - 1000 YEARS AGO, A MERMAID PRINCESS FELL IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN, AND SEALED THEIR LOVE WITH A KISS. THE LEGEND HAS TO BE FULFILLED AGAIN, OR ELSE THE EVIL SEA WITCH WYNDIA WILL DESTROY THE OCEAN AND EVERYTHING IN IT.

☆ I'M SHINJU, AND I'M THE MERMAID PRINCESS OF THE 1000 YEAR OLD LEGEND. IN ORDER TO PROTECT MY BELOVED OCEAN, I USED THE MAGIC OF THE PINK PEARL TO TURN INTO A HUMAN TO MEET MY BELOVED. THE MAN OF MY DREAMS IS A GUY NAMED RYUICHI, BUT IT'S HARD TO TELL WHAT HE THINKS ABOUT ME.

☆ I'LL DO ALL I CAN TO WIN RYUICHI'S LOVE, AND OF COURSE, TO STAY PALS WITH MY NEW FRIEND IZUMI!

☆ WHEN WE LAST LEFT OFF, THE EVIL SEA WITCH WYNDIA HAD TRICKED RYUICHI. I SAVED HIM, AND LUCKILY HE DIDN'T CATCH ME IN MY MERMAID FORM.

☆ IT SEEMS THAT NOW RYUICHI DOESN'T REMEMBER MUCH FROM OUR ENCOUNTER. SO I'VE COME BACK TO RYUICHI'S HOUSE. I WONDER IF WAITING FOR ME THERE, WE'LL FIND THE RED STRING OF FATE...?!

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WYNDIA
THE EVIL SEA WITCH



SEIKO
RYUUCHI'S
LITTLE SISTER



HARUMI AND IZUMI
SHINJU'S CLASSMATES



RYUUCHI
THE FIRST GUY
SHINJU MET

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Think of me sometimes, will ya? ♡

Hi.
I'm Shinju.

My full name is Shinju Himeno.*

I just turned 15 years old on my last birthday.
You could say I'm an average girl...
But the truth is, I'm not a girl at all.
Actually, I'm a mermaid.

So,
I'm not that normal after all.

*note: her last name is a pun that means "Princess"

Mermaid ♡

Princess ♡

And really,

I'm not even an *average* Mermaid.

I'm a Princess.

Really, a Princess.

The Mermaid ♡ Princess.

Tee hee hee ♡

Isn't that awesome?

But,

Even though I'm a Princess, I still have to work hard.

How should I say this.

The truth is, I'm in a lot of trouble.

In fact, I have to fulfill a legend from the Mermaid's world.

The "Mermaid's Legend".

It's really awful, but if I don't fulfill the legend then...

"The Mermaid's Legend"

Every 1000 years.

The Mermaid Princess must become human.

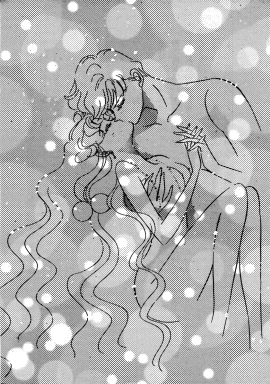
And on her 16th birthday, she must meet her lover.

They must make an oath of love.

And then.

They must seal their oath with a kiss.

But...



If I don't find my beloved before my 16th birthday, and -

If we don't pledge our love to each other, and -

We don't seal it with a kiss, then -

The whole world of Mermaids will disappear...

The whole underwater bubble world will die

The entire world of mermaids will be destroyed

The mermaids, and everything else in the ocean will all cease to exist.

And that's not all.

The evil Sea Witch Wyndia will plunge the oceans into a world of darkness, turning the seas from blue to black in a terrible instant.

So that's why.

I have to defeat her, and her evil black pearl.

I have to keep the world of Mermaids safe and keep the oceans blue.

The fish.

And the corals.

And the crabs.

Everyone.

Everyone.

They'll all die.

And it'll all be because of the Sea Witch Wyndia.

Every 1000 years, the Sea Witch Wyndia threatens to plunge the world of the Mermaids into a void.

Wyndia.

Last time, she sunk down into the sea.

But I'm sure she'll come back again.

And.

Every 1000 years, a Mermaid Princess is born to vanquish her.

And.

It's terrible to be in that spot.

Because the Princess is responsible to deal with this, every 1000 years.

Anyway.

I'm in the fighting spirit.

I'm going to do everything I can to protect the world of the Mermaids.

Sparkle ☆

My grandma gave me this pink pearl necklace.

And it sways back and forth over my chest.

But the truth is.

The pink pearl has a magic that allows me to transform from a mermaid into a human and back.

It's pretty convenient.

As for now.

It's time to get on the bus. ♡

I have to avoid water, because if it touches me the magic wears off, and I turn back into a Mermaid.

And now is no time to be in Mermaid mode.

Ting –

If it does, I'll grow a long pink tail.

And I need to practice walking around more.

Being a Mermaid learning all of these human things is hard.

But I'm taking it one day at a time, living like I'm not a Mermaid.

But.

Going on the bus is hard, because it's so crowded.

I'm used to swimming in the BIIIG open seas.

And I can't say anything about how freaked out crowds made me.

Anyway, one day I'll be able to go back to living my normal life as a mermaid.

Like I was saying, if water touches me the magic will wear off and I'll turn back into a mermaid.

That's why I have to be super careful when I'm taking a bath.

I learned the hard way that if I take a bath, I'll turn into a mermaid right in the tub!

And that would definitely shock anyone who saw it.

On top of that.

If anyone saw me as a mermaid, it would be bad because it would start a huge panic in the household.

People would really freak.

So I have to be careful to make sure that I'm looking and acting perfectly human all the time.

Especially since.

The Sea Witch Wyndia is trying to stop me while I'm on my mission.

With her pearl.

I've got to hurry up and save the Mermaid world, find the person I love, and make a vow with them.

But.

There's a problem.

And that's.

Me.

And the person I like.

The person I really like.

The thing is, the person I'm in love with, I'm not sure he feels that way about me.

I really like him, and when I get near him my heart pounds, and everything feels simple and easy like I should just tell him.

I really like him, and when I think about if he rejected me, it makes me sad.

I really like him, but it's awful, because I have a rival for his attention.

And everyone knew about it.

That is.

Everyone knew but me.

Actually, it was a huge failure on my part.

I.

I thought I was the only one who likes Ryuichi.

I didn't notice that anyone else liked him too.

But actually, it turns out that my best friend Izumi has been in love with him for a long time.

And Izumi, she's my best friend, so if she likes Ryuichi, I shouldn't stand between them.

You see, we don't have men in the Mermaid world.

So I don't really know what I'm feeling.

But you know,

Somehow, it'll work out.

I'm sure I'll figure it out.

However...

No matter what, I have to find someone to fall in love with.

And so if Ryuichi falls in love with Izumi, I have to rethink my strategy.

Anyway, before I knew what was going on suddenly my best friend Izumi was acting weird.

She was angry.

Really angry.

I had never seen her get so mad before.

So I thought, I should study up on what was going on.

Let's Study About Love!

"Shinju, what are you reading so seriously about over there?"

I spun around,

And behind me, watching me read a book, stood Seiko.

Ah.

So, Seiko is Rymichi's little sister, in case you don't remember her from our last adventure.

They're siblings.

And my grandma used magic to give me a pink pearl pendant, which allows me to turn into a human when I need to. It's a really handy trick.

But, um.

Rymichi, and Seiko, they don't know anything about the magic of my pink pearl.

I noticed she wasn't really paying attention.

You know, I wonder if there's something about be that Seiko doesn't trust.

Anyway

There's nothing I can do about it either way.

"Special report: Do you want to find your beloved?"

Seiko blurted out a dramatic reading of the title of the book in my hands.

Then she started rummaging through the other books on my table.

"Oh jeaz, all these are books and magazines about love and romance aren't they? Blech."

Seiko sounded totally disgusted.

But, I can't let that get to me.

I've got to study.

Study.

I've got to keep reading and keep studying.

So.

The bookshop owner is getting to know me.
I keep going back to buy more books and magazines about love and romance.
I'm at a point where there's not many books left to buy on the subject.

But,

The stack of the books and magazines on my table is like a mountain.

How-e-ver,

I hope that if I read enough of them, I'll be able to find my beloved.

And that I'll be able to seal our love with a kiss.

That way I'll be able to save the world of the mermaids. ♡

That would be great.

I just want the ocean to be safe so I can go back someday.

"Hey, what's this magazine about..."

Seiko grabbed one of the magazines from the pile on my desk.

And in an instant, Seiko's face turned bright red as she looked at the magazine in her hands.

And that's not all.

Her face got all excited looking, like she was about to consume some really delicious food.

I wonder what happened all of a sudden?

Was there something

On the cover of the magazine that she thought was so weird?

"Hey, Shinju, can I flip through this magazine?"

"Of course, but why?"

"Thanks, uh, yeah, great."

That's all she said.

She was all flustered.

Seiko took a couple of the magazines from my pile.

Huh?

Seiko, you didn't ask if you could go that far.

But.

Seiko's eyes looked so earnest when she was looking at my magazines.

I wonder if Seiko is interested in romance, too.

But...

I'm not sure Seiko will be compatible with anyone.

And if she knew I am in love with Ryunichi, that would be awful.

Anyway I'd better get back to studying, so I'll be able to get rid of the evil Sea Witch Wyndia.

"Ohhhhhhh ~ ♡ "

I-I'm so shocked.

Seiko shouted from across the house.

When I looked in on her, her face was once again bright red. ♡

She looked really happy, and in a daze.

But.

At the same time, she looked like she was about to bounce off a wall.

Seiko, you're being s-s-so weird.

"What are you two going on about in there?"

Ryuichi got up from the living room sofa and came into the dining room where Seiko and I stood.

Ryuichi Kaidou.

This is the guy who I was telling you about before. He's Seiko's big brother. And he has no idea that I'm completely in love with him.

Ryuichi.

Seiko.

And me.

Ryuichi and Seiko's mom is gone.

And.

Their dad is a professor at the local university, actually he's a lecturer on marine biology.

At the moment, his job has taken him abroad.

And so,

In the house, it's just the three of us alone.

"Hey, hey, Shinju, can I rip out this page?"

Seiko held an armful of my magazines.

And she was all teary-eyed.

She looked like she had been crying.

You're being weird, Seiko.

What is going on with you?

"Can I take this page?"

"I want this gravure model's page."

Flip.

She opened the page she had in mind and showed it to me.

I guess she found a page she really liked in one of the romance magazines.

I let her borrow, maybe it was something different than what I've already seen.

What's a gravure model?

There's nothing but pictures on this page.

On the gravure page, there was a big picture of a smiling man.

Where have I seen that before...

Maybe he is someone I met at school...

But,

I think I've seen him around this house before too...

Who is he?

Ohhh.

I really don't know,

"Who is this?"

I blurted out, without thinking.

"Whaaaaat! Shinja, you don't know? I can't believe you, you're such a stupid girl and you don't know anything -"

Seiko was shouting.

"Hey, hey, let me see that magazine again so I can see who you're talking about."

Seiko held the magazines up against her so I couldn't see them.

"If you want that gravure page I promised you, let me see it."

That's what I said.

And suddenly.

Seiko threw the magazine up over my head and ran to my other side to catch it.

Before I even had a moment to react she was already scrambling away.

The pink pearl on my necklace swayed from the motion.

Well, if that's how it is...

"That guy, his name is something like...Kazami...or something."

Ryuichi tried to think and remember.

Kazami...?

Yemaah.

Speaking of which, it feels like I've seen that name written somewhere before too.

Ryuuichi was lost in thought, while he was trying to remember this guy's name.

"Big brother, how could you forget? His name is 'Yuu Kazami' you know!"

Yuu...Kazami...?

I wondered if that isn't the name of someone in my class...

Hearing the full name still didn't ring any bells.

Seiko had to tell me more.

"Seiko, who is this Yuu Kazami guy?"

I said, without thinking.

And in an instant.

Seiko stopped, stared, and without thinking said -

"S-S-Shinju, I can't believe you!!"

I swear, if she says one more raunchy thing to me I'm going to open my mouth and give her a piece of my mind.

"W-what is your problem? What don't I know about so weird?"

"Weird -"

As soon as it came out of my mouth,
I regreted it.

But,

I don't remember exactly what she was freaking out about.

"Big brother, you know who I'm talking about right?"

"Seiko, do you honestly expect me to have the names of everybody I've ever been to school with memorized in my head?"

Huh?

This was one of our classmates?

I felt like

My face was just one big question mark.

"Yuu Kazami, he's 16 years old, and jeez you guys, he's a super idol."

Super?

Idol?

Aren't those the people on TV?

What do you call them, entertainers?

Ah! ☆

I see.

I remember.

I know that face.

I've seen it on TV before.

And around school. I think I heard the name somewhere.

Harumi and Izumi might have been talking about it.

Yeah.

Thinking about it, actually, I'm sure I've heard the name more than a few times before.

She's that super, super popular idol.

"Shinju, you really don't know?"

"No, I know I've heard that name somewhere before."

"Ileaz, you don't say —"

Seiko's voice boomed throughout the room.

"Yuu is a super super popular idol, he started working on a drama show when he was in high school, he's been in 9 commercials selling chocolates and juices, he's even released a CD that's a triple million seller, and now he's a super hot gaware idol -"

It was a pretty great explanation. I didn't know most of that.

I wonder if most people know that kind of stuff.

"So, what's the big deal about him?"

Why does Seiko care so much about a gaware idol?

Her face turned into a giant question mark before my eyes.

You could even see the question marks registering in her eyes.

Yeah.

She looks totally dumbfounded by me.

She almost looks like she's been defeated.

"Well, you see, it's because Seiko is a really big fan of his..."

Ryuichi turned from Seiko to me.

I see.

Seiko still looked dumbfounded.

Ryuichi was trying his best to be supportive.

And then,

"I'm not just a fan of his. I'm in love with him."

She really,

Really,

Just said that.

She's in love with him ~.

Seiko really just said she's in love with him.

Wait a minute.

Wait...just a...second..

B-but...

N-no way...

This means Seiko doesn't have a brother complex after all.

"Seiko, do you really love this guy?"

"It's not just me, there are tons of girls who are in love with Yuu. ♡"

Seiko told me proudly.

Seiko, do you even know how outrageous what you just said is?

I can't believe it.

But.

I've got troubles of my own, without worrying about the people whose faces are in the magazines I buy.

"Seiko...did you just say...that tons of girls are in love with Yuu also?"

"Yep."

"But...I'm a girl."

"Of course you are, Shinju, do you think I'm some kind of idiot?"

Of course.

Seiko would say that.

But what I mean by saying that I'm a girl too is...

Really, do I have to be in love with that guy too?

Huh?

What?!

"Oh, ohhh, I just...I love him...Mr. Kazumi...."

"His name is Yuu."

"Oh, I see, well then...I guess I'm supposed to be in love with Yua Kazumi too, right?"

"Yes."

Seiko said it without even flinching.

"I absolutely must?"

"Yep, you definitely have to like him."

She said it so plainly.

So clearly.

Seiko was completely fervent when she said that.

That I have to love him too...

I wonder if that's true.

If so, wow, that's wild.

"Seiko, do I really, really, really have to love this guy?"

"Of course you do."

"Seriously?"

"You're just being nonsensical. Not all girls have to be in love with Yuu."

"Really?"

"Really."

Seiko really does stand up for what she believes in, that's for sure.

And all this time, I could have sworn she was that adamant because she had a brother complex.

Should I really like this Yuu Kazami guy?

Flap flap.

I flipped to the special feature in the magazine on this guy.

"Yuu Kazami" had a whole full page spread.

In the center of a gaware magazine.

There he was, with a big grin.

And again on the next page.

And on the next page.

And the one after that too.

I held the page featuring the main "Yuu Kazami" spread out in my hand.

Yuu...Kazami...

I see.

Yuu Kazami.

He has really long hair.

And a piercing in one ear.

Really thin eyebrows.

And super deep, dark-blue eyes.

Thin lips.

Sparkling white teeth.

He's a bit mysterious looking but handsome.

Yeah.

Pale blue.

Dark blue.

Almost stormy.

But he looks kind.

Like the ocean.

Yeah.

I think he looks really great.

Definitely.

It's easy to see why girls are attracted.

But.

I noticed.

On the page that says "Yuu Kazami"

There's something.

Something about this guy that I noticed.

It's Seiko's fault.

But it's like she said: he is lovable.

That said, I don't believe all girls have to love him.

Jeez.

I'm supposed to be using this thing to study about love.

And so.

I think no matter how many books I buy or how much I study, I just have to not get distracted.

I can study this matter at school, too.

Lunch time!

I'll study while I eat my lunch.

And - while - I'm - at - it

I-I won't give up!

I went back and paused on the page for "Yuu Kazami" again.

"Ohhhhh, it's Yuu! ♡"

"H-Harumi."

I was surprised.

Girls were screaming.

"Shinju, let me see that page. ♡"

The girls behind me were shrieking so loudly it made me want to bolt.

GRAB.

Before I knew it, the magazine was snatched out of my hands.

The girls were passing it around like a circle of sharks in a feeding frenzy.

I was really shocked.

"Shinju, let me have it."

"No."

I answered before even thinking about it.

"Shinju, do you like Yuu Kazami too?"

"Well...I..."

I wouldn't go as far as all that.

I answered without really considering it.

Was it because I'd be spending so much time reading special editions about love?

I guess.

But that's not all.

Over time, my feelings had been changing too.

"Whenever Izumi has brought up Yuu in conversation, Shinju, you've never wanted to get involved, so we all thought you weren't interested in him."

"I don't really hate him exactly..."

I was looking down at the magazine, stopped at the page where Yuu's face was smiling from.

"I think, all girls are fans of Yuu's, that's all."

"Izumi"

"I mean, Izumi's a fan, just like me, but she's also in love with him too right?"

When it comes to Kazami, Seiko and Izumi are on the same page.

But,

Huh?

Wait a sec.

Is Izumi really a fan of Yua Kazami the same way as Seiko?

I thought Izumi was in love with Ryouichi, right?

"Izumi..."

"Yuu is a special case."

No way.

Does Izumi like Yua Kazami too?!

"But, Izumi, in your case your favorite person is someone else, right?"

"But, look at Kazami..."

Izumi's face was bright red.

Her favorite person is definitely Ryouichi.

She loves Ryouichi but she also really likes Yua Kazami.

And it's the same case with Seiko.

I wonder if this is what love really is.

"I saw Yua's new drama series"

"I saw it too, and it made me fall in love with him all over again."

"Me too...."

"Hey, have you bought his latest CD?"

"I bought it, and got the exclusive limited edition poster too."

It went on and on like that.

It was all the girls could talk about.

All of our conversations became about "Yua Kazami".

"WOW!"

I-I'm shocked.

Suddenly, Yuu Kazami was standing right before me.

It wasn't actually him, but a life-sized cardboard cutout of him...is that what they're called?

It was his body printed on a large piece of cardboard.

I wonder what they'd say about this back in the ocean.

Ahh.

Yuu Kazami...

Everyone really does love him.

All of the girls are totally in love with Yuu.

Yeeaaaah.

That's right.

All of the girls are saying it too.

Maybe.

Maybe that's what love really is.

Oh yeah.

I've got to get refocused, so I can
fulfill the "Mermaid's Legend".
Ready, set, GO.

The Idol and the Mermaid

That's right.

When I started all of this, that was my goal.

That's how I became friends with Harumi, and Izumi, and Seiko in the first place.

Since then we've all been checking up on each other.

But now.

I've been distracted by keeping my eyes on this guy instead.

Which means.

Slowly, I've noticed...

I've slowly, slowly realized...

That...

While I've been looking at him.

While searching for my destined lover.

I -

I've noticed that there's only one person I like.

That I love. ♡

And so -

I think I've fallen in love, really.

Like Seiko said it would be.

But although I think Yuu Kazami is cool, he's not the one I love.

I can't believe it, but it's how I really feel.

In my heart.

When I hear the word "love", there's only one person I think about.

There's only one person in the world who comes to mind.

Anyway.

The person I like.

The person I love.

I've found him.

And.

This time.

I know for sure it's love. ♡

This time.

I'm going to make it happen.

I have a feeling it'll work out.

It must be Mermaid's intuition.

"Hey Seiko, did you see that someone put a new poster up in the bathrooms?"

"Stop it, no way, I've gotta go check it out."

Seiko, if it wasn't you, then who posted it?"

Ryuuichi would have thought Seiko put up the poster too, she'd been doing it all over the house.

"Actually, it was me.♡"

And I rose my hand.

Ryuuichi had a stunned expression on his face.

"Was it you who went through the house putting up all those posters?"

"Well, I like him too."

Ryuuichi's expression looked even more shocked.

"Jeaz, well, I don't like him staring at me while I'm trying to use the bathroom."

Was Ryuuichi getting upset about Yuu?

That can't be.

Because it's just a poster.

That I posted up.

I thought it would make people happy.

That's why I did it.

The poster of Yuu.

Was staring back at me.

She looked my way thoughtfully.

"Ah, Oh no!!!! Yuu's latest drama episode just started!"

Jeaz.

Ryuuichi looked in the direction of the screen off to the side, where Yuu's drama was playing, and seemed to be lost in thought.

Yuu was in the drama.

And in the singing variety show.

And in commercials.

Everyone ~ seemed to be glued to their screens.

Everywhere, people were obsessed with Yuu.

If I say so myself, whoever put him on the screen had a nice idea.

Everyone had made clippings of his gravure feature in the magazines.

It was really perfect.

But for some reason, it felt like something about Yuu was missing.

Even though Seiko was staring up at his face on the screen with a look of total admiration.

However,

He isn't a love rival of mine.

And I won't give up.

Fans like Seiko were on the TV and they aren't giving up either.

I really like Yua too.

But I want to fulfill the "Mermaid's Legend" even more.

"Ahhhh!!! Yuua!!!!♡"

In an instant, a shrill scream rose from the TV screen.

Girls had spotted Yua and were in a frenzy.

I guess that's how it is.

"I love you"

It was Yau's voice.

Saying it as if he noticed me.

As if he were staring into my eyes as he said it.

L..love...you.

W-what should I do?

Thump thump thump.

My heart started to pound.

I was panicking.

That's right.

That's how this really feels.

Ahh..

Ah.

But.

What should I do about this?

"Hey, what stupid thing are you doing while sitting in front of the TV?"

"R-Ry-Ryuichi...I, I ah, I was just watching Yua..."

"Are you a moron now too?"

I had never heard him call me a moron like that before.

"What do you mean?"

"Being absorbed in a drama series will rot your brain."

Ryuichi said matter-of-factly.

But.

He wouldn't even face me as he said it.

I get it.

He must be copying, because that must be something Yua says too.

Or maybe it's because... I said I like Yuu.

I guess if I studied those love magazines more, I'd know what's going on.

Like about what the red thread of destiny is.

I had read that lovers who are destined to be together both have red threads tied around their pinky fingers.

But I don't see any.

Yuu doesn't have a red thread on him either.

"If I see him, I'll tell him how much I like him."

I puffed out my chest and said confidently,

And then,

"Well fine, Shinju, if you're being serious then is there something else you want to say to me?"

Ryuuichi said.

He had the same aggressive tone in his voice as when he called me a moren.

His eyes were flashing full of passion in my direction.

But why?

Did I say something strange?

"Shinju, what did you say about that idol guy?"

"What about it?"

"I guess you don't understand. But Shinju, if you really just like idols, then we have nothing more to discuss. I guess you're just like everyone else living on the planet."

Ryuuchi said with a sigh.

What?

What the heck?

Am I different than the others?

"Are you saying I'm not like other people, that I'm not like a human, that I'm like someone who is from the ocean?"

"Ugh, you're being so weird. All I'm saying is that if you're obsessed with entertainers then you're as vapid as everyone else, either living on sea or land."

An ordinary person or an entertainer.

Me, and You.

Like someone from the ocean or land.

What the hell.

Jenz.

What has gotten into Ryuichi lately?

He's really shocking me with his attitude.

But I'm sure he'll be fine.

"Well, that's fine by me, in either case."

I said, smiling.

But,

I wonder if he knows that I'm really a mermaid.

Maybe he saw me changing from being a human into being a mermaid at some point.

"And I don't care if Yuu is an entertainer or not."

I said again, beaming.

"Shinju, do you really like him?"

Ryuichi asked, puzzled.

"Yes, I do. ♡"

I.

I said, even happier than during my last reply.

But.

Really, all I care about is fulfilling the "Mermaid's Legend".

I just want to find my beloved.

And fulfill my destiny.

"So you're saying you're going to 'chase' him like the others do?"

Huh?

"Chase?"

We don't use that word in the world of Mermaids.

What does that even mean? I've got to respond before I seem weird.

But.

I don't know what it is.

"What do you mean, 'chase'?"

"Are you going to be like the other idiots, lining up in front of the studio and TV stations trying to get a glimpse of him?"

"I mean, are you going to 'chase' Yua and try to meet him in person?"

"I'm sure I will."

Oh.

So that's what 'chase' means.

It's the opposite of wait around.

I don't even know where I would begin to try and find Yuu.

"I guess I will go chase him, I don't want to wait around here."

Ryuichi clenched his fist.

He'd never seen him do that before.

"Well, do whatever you want."

Ryuichi stomped off in a fury.

Yuu.

Wait for me.

I stared into his brown
eyes.

Shining back at me
from the screen.

Wait for me, You.

I'll follow you anywhere!

"Shinju, I'll 'follow you,' too♡"

"Seiko!"

"If you're going to 'chase' Yuu, then, I'm definitely going to too!♡" Seiko said, raising her voice to a fevered pitch.

She must have overheard me and Ryuichi's conversation.

But,

Even though Seiko is my rival, 'chasing' an idol together sounds really strange.

"Well, Shinju, how do you intend to 'chase' Yuu?"

"Huh?"

I had no idea what she was saying.

Oh yeah.

I guess I'd have to figure out where I'd find him.

I'll have to think about that.

But even when I think about it, I don't get any ideas.

I see.

Ohh yeah.

Seiko's my rival, even in 'chasing' him, so it'd be weird to tell her.

Nope.

Well,

I'm not alone. There are many others chasing after him too and waiting for him, though I don't really understand why.

"It doesn't matter how I 'chase' him, Seiko, I'm not going to lose to you." I said, turning away from Seiko.

"I mean, Yua is all over the TV, and at concerts, and at a bunch of different events. I'm sure I'll run into him eventually!"

"I'm sure you will, Seiko."

Clap clap.

I gave her a round of applause.

The magazine I own has a schedule of all Yuu's upcoming concerts.

But uh-h.

Where is it exactly?

Flip flip.

I went searching through the magazine.

"Oh, here it is! ♡ I'll definitely see Yuu at this concert! ♡"

Tomorrow.

Yuu will be performing tomorrow and I'll meet him there.

We'll meet, we'll fall in love, and our romance will begin.

All of my studying will pay off because I'll fall in love with the gravure model Yuu.

All in one short.

I know that's how it'll be.

Me and Yui will meet ~

And first we'll make a pledge of love ~

And then we'll seal it with a kiss ~

And then.

There will be a happy ending for the Mermaid World.

And I'll return back to the ocean.

I looked out of the window at the sea.

It looks so pleasant.

Both the marina and the beach.

I want to hurry and get back to the ocean.

I want to swim in the sea again.

And so I've got to do my best.

I bet I have many love rivals for Yuu.

Buuut, I've still got to give it my best shot.

This time, I'm going to put away the Sea Witch Wyndia for good!

That's my goal.

To fulfill the "Mermaid's Legend"

I've got to succeed.

And I don't have a moment to waste.

I'll do all it takes.

And on that note....

Yeeeeeeeeeeeeeeaaaah! ♪

I'm going to check out this concert!

And I'm going to take this poster with me too.

But.

No matter where it happens, I've got to meet Yuu.

Peck peck
I checked around.

Outside, it looked like some sightseers were taking in the view.

Huh?

What the?

There was something strange at the front entrance to the concert hall.

And it didn't seem right.

There was a crowd of girls.

A big crowd.

And they all turned to me at the same time.

It made me jump a little bit.

It was weird.

I wonder what they're doing.

"Hey, what are those people doing?"

I said outloud, without thinking.

"What are you talking about, Shinju? Those are all the girls who are chasing after Yuu also."

"What!"

All of those people are also looking for Yuu?

They're all chasing him?

So many girls?

That's so.

So.

So.

So many!

"Everyone's waiting for Yuu."

No way...

—

I gasped.

Wow.

I can't stop gaping.

"Slow down, Seiko!"

"S-shinju!"

Seiko started waving her hands and dashing towards me.

Her stroll broke into a full tilt run to where I was standing.

That's just like her.

Just like Seiko.

The kind of girl to rush up a mountain.

She joined the crowd.

They were swirling around like a huge storm.

There were too many girls to count.

I had just been standing around, and now suddenly there were girls in front of me and behind me.

And they were all just like each other.

Jumping and jumping.

Jumping and screaming.

That was it.

There was a tiny opening in the very front of the crowd and the very back of it.

How was Yui going to get through?

It made me uneasy, and then I heard the sound of an engine roar.

And in an instant.

"AAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!"

All of the girls began to shriek.

The car drew closer and all of the girls started to frantically wave.

They began shouting Yui's name.

It was a really loud situation.

"W-Wha-What should I do?!"

I was totally stuck in place.

I didn't know what was going on.

"Shinju, Yui is driving in his car towards us!"

What.

Huh.

A car.

It stopped just at the entrance of the tiny opening in the crowd.

And the girls began to rush at him.

And then,

"AHHHHHHHHHHH!"

The girls started to scream even louder than before,

Their shrieks were so high-pitched you could feel them in the air.

What?

Huh?

But me - I was in a total panic.

Was it possible that Yuu was going to come through the crowd in his car?

Or maybe he'd get out.

Now is my chance to meet Yuu!

But first, I've got to make eye contact.

Standing on my tiptoes won't be enough.

What should I do.

Alright.

I've got it!

I'll take control over the situation.

And.

And then.

He... ♡

He's... ♡

Here's here! ♡

Yuu is getting out of the car!

AAAAHHHH!!! ♡

I've seen him in *gravure* shots.

I've seen him in *dramas*.

I've seen him in *music videos*.

And in *commercials*.

But in person, he's even cooler!

But.

No.

I shouldn't jump at him in a public place like this.

And my field of vision is clouded by all of the girls in front of me.

Maybe I'll try to make my way over to him.

Ba-dum ♡

My heart skipped a beat.

Me and Yun...

Here together...

Time has stopped.

And.

Our eyes

Have

Met

And

Now

Slowly

Slowly

The clock started to slowly move again.

Yun.

Surrounded by girls.

Guarded by his staff.

He began to make his way into the concert hall.

Ba-dum, ba-dum, ba-dum

You could hear the sound of my heart thumping.

Even over the shrieks and squeals of the women surrounding me.

We had a moment.

But.

Me and Yun.

We didn't even really meet.

But in one glance from Yun, I was changed.



"Shinju, did you get to see Yun?"

Seiko was talking to me.

"Yeah, I saw him perfectly."

I thought about it, smiling.

"Whaaaaa! Ohh I'm jealous, I couldn't see him at all from where I was—"

"I mean, we did glance at each other, but I didn't get to meet him."

I didn't mean to, but I kind of bragged to Seiko.

The previous scene.

Happened in an instant.

But

That moment has burned into *my* mind.

As bright as the sun.

It's engraved.

On my heart.

"Shinju, you have such a great sixth sense."

Jeez.

Seiko said, not even looking at me.

She pulled down her eyelid and stuck out her tongue at me.

"I should have been the one to see Yau."

"I'll just have to imagine it instead."

Seiko finally concluded.

But jeez.

It's fine.

I'll have to keep on believing.

That definitely.

Someday.

You, he saw me.

And I'm confident we'll see each
other again.

Mermaids don't make mistakes.

Idol☆Declaration of Love

"It's awful, it's awful!"

Harumi nodded her head while looking at the newspaper.

Everyone seemed to be reading it.

The only person not looking at the same page was an old man reading the sports section.

"What happened, Harumi?" Izumi asked.

Without missing a beat, Harumi spread the page out before her.

Yuu Kazami - Declares his love!

She shrieked.

"Declares his love?"

"Shinju, have you read this already?"

Harumi flattened out the paper.

I began to read the article while standing next to Izumi.

"Well... at the concert, he met someone back stage it seems. And now he's in love with her and-"

What?

While I was 'chasing' him yesterday, he happened to meet someone at the concert?

And I never got a chance to meet him at all.

Yuu... has declared his love...

But.

Right after we met.

She declared her love for Yuu.

And so m-maybe.

Yes.

Maybe she.

Maybe she really is loved by Yuu.

They're in love.

And me.

Definitely

"Ugh, until now whenever he's been interviewed about it, Yuu has never talked about having a lover before. This can't be."

Harumi said.

She seemed on the verge of tears.

Even though as she said it, she was smiling.

I'd been waiting for my chance to meet Yuu,
To see him outside of a scene in a drama show.

And I believed it would happen, as if we were bound by a red thread of destiny.

I never even considered another option.

I just assumed everything would go my way.

Alright!

I'll give it another try, "chasing" him!

I'm determined to make this work.

No matter where I have to go to see him, I'll find Yuu again. It's important.

But.

Of course.

I need to do some more investigation.

But my love is strong.

And today, Yuu is performing in a singing competition.

It's a live broadcast, so maybe if I go outside of the TV station I'll be able to bump into him.

And this time I'll go alone.

But.

This time I've got to make Yuu kiss me.

"Oh wow!!!"

Without thinking, I raised my voice.

Shouting to myself like some weird country bumpkin, but, I can't be helped.

As for me, I felt like splashing up from the seas and into the skies,
ascending like a mountain climber into the air.

But.

I wasn't climbing alone.

The crowd in front of the TV station was roaring.

There was a huge line in front of the entrance.

Everyone was gathered in front of the door in a semicircle around a fish
tank.

Everyone was peering, trying to get a glimpse of the beautiful creature
inside of the tank.

Sparkling.

Glittering in the water.

There were so many people trying to see it.

Mostly the same girls "chasing" Yua at the concert the other night.

And men with cameras.

Most of the people there were girls around my age.

And they were all swarming the entrance.

There were gathering, but that wasn't all.

There were also many adults around.

There were cameramen and microphone staff from the TV station there, too.

And there were even newscasters setting up equipment.

It was like watching a scene on TV already.

AHHHHHHH

I see. They must be here over the love confession.

That's right.

I came here too because I heard about that.

Maa, what should I do.

This many people being around is going to be a huge problem for me achieving my mission.

Even if I met Yua, I wouldn't be able to get a kiss from him like this.

...Oh.

But it'll be okay.

I mean, I haven't even confessed my love to Yua yet.

Anyway, the reporters and security guards would swarm Yua even if he showed up right now. Even if he liked me, he wouldn't be able to get to me.

I can't clearly decide what I want to do or how I want to tell him how I feel.

Oh, but that's right.

He made his confession of love to someone else. I'll have to change that.

Tee hee hee hee ☆

Man, it feels funny.

I've never even been near him before, and I don't even really know him - but just like everyone else I'm here trying to get closer.

And once I get his attention, Yau will be mine. ♡

Somehow, it'll all work out.

Ahh!!

His car!

He's in the same one now that he was during the concert.

But now he's driving up to the entrance of the TV station. He's opening the door -

It's Yau! ♡

Wait - who is that?

There was someone in the car with Yuu.

He's cool and even taller than Yuu.

Wearing a business suit.

Even thinner than Yuu.

He had the stern image of a calculating young man.

He stepped out in front of the reporters to shield Yuu from them.

I guess he must be Yuu's manager.

Ohh.

No way.

Even the reporters were totally cut off. There's no way the rest of us will even get close.

All of Yuu's fan girls sighed collectively, exasperated.

Alright.

Here's my chance!

I won't let it end like the last time.

All of the "chasing" girls were now totally surrounding me, and I wasn't in the ocean and couldn't just rapidly swim away from them.

The entire entrance was blocked off, and I could only barely see parts of the huge fish tank.

If that thing slips on me I'm in big trouble.

I'll turn into a mermaid.

And if I did that in front of so many people...it wouldn't be good.

I wouldn't be able to see You, that's for sure.

But there was no way out of the crowd.

How am I gonna fulfill the "Mermaid's Legend" now?

Ughhhh

I don't even want to think about it.

I feel like I'm under too much pressure.

"You seem like you're more suited to being in water"

Huh?

What's that?

Suited to being in the water?

Who is this?

Do they know that I'm a mermaid?

It can't be...but...

Somehow it sounds so familiar.

Ba-dum.

A shiver ran up my spine.

No, it can't be.

I felt so off guard, and here I was standing right near a water fountain too.

"Oh, ohh...Wahhh!!!"

I tried to steady myself with both hands to keep my balance, but it was no good.

I was losing my grip!

SPLASH.

Right before my eyes.

I saw water droplets flying towards me.

And in an instant.

FWOOSH!

Somehow.

In another instant.

A brilliant flight of light.

A light as bright as the sun.

Where did it come from?

The flash of light lasted only for a moment.

And in the next instant -

"Hee, hee, hee."

I've heard that laughing voice before.

My pears perked up.

It was coming from where the light was before.

I turned to face where the voice was.

And I saw something glimmer.

Shining on her chest was a black pearl necklace?

Wyndia?!

It can't be.

She's revived herself and come back from the ocean.

No way.

It's definitely Wyndia.

But.

She must have noticed my feelings for Yua, and that's why she's here today
- to put a stop to the "Mermaid's Legend" - this isn't going to be OK.

I know that if she gets the chance, the Sea Witch Wyndia would plunge the oceans and even the whole world into 1000 years of darkness if she had the chance to.

I'm sure that's her plan.

Ooh, but, but but, there's no way to no for sure.

But then -

A drop of water from the water fountain fell on my leg.

BWOOSH!! ☆

A flash of pink light.

From the water fountain.

Everything started swirling.

I want to confirm my suspicions about Wyndia, but I'd better get out of here for now.

There's so many people around, plus reporters with cameras, and I need to keep using the magic powers of my pink pearl to stay in my human form. And if anything happens, I'll never get to meet Yua.

I definitely can't transform into a mermaid in front of all of these people.

I've got to get away from that water fountain.

Now is no time for taking a swim.

That black pearl necklace...

I wasn't wrong about seeing it before.

It sent shivers up my spine, to see it shimmer on her chest.

The Sea Witch Wyndia...

I won't give up, no matter how much she tries to get in my way.

Only a tiny drop of water got on me from the water fountain.

But I could feel my leg tingling from it.

I'm sure Wyndia would love to use this problem to trip me up.

Huh?

Even though a drop of water got on me, I haven't transformed.

I wonder why I didn't change?

Better not stop to think about it in front of all these people.

I've decided. ☆
Just wait and see.

I'm supposed to hug which guy!?

Huuuuuuush?

Behind the water fountain.

Something looked like it was swimming away.

Have I seen that face somewhere before?

And anyway - what is this building?

...I see.

There's something up on the ceiling.

But there's all these people near the water fountain, and tons of TV camera crews in front of the building entrance.

It doesn't look like there's any other entrance to the building beside the one near the big water fountain.

But.

But.

Ohh, lucky! ♡

One of the TV camera crew moved out of the way, and now there's no reason I can't go through!

Yay, this is great!

Peek peek.

I checked around.

There was still a huge crowd, but everyone seemed busy or else they were playing in the fountain.

It seems safe to keep using my pink pearl magic to keep up my human form and rush through.

I'll just try to keep my back to the fountain.
I'm sure nobody will notice me.

I tucked my pink pearl necklace into my shirt.

And then,

With all my might,

I prayed -

Please let me stay a human girl.

A beam of light,

Came down from the sky and shone on me.

Alright, it's OK!

I'm still walking on just two feet.

I'm sure it's thanks to the magic of the pink pearl and my clothes absorbing any water droplets.

I checked myself out quickly in the glass before the entrance.

Ahh, even though I got a droplet of water on me from the fountain, I still look like a human girl. ♡

I can't let Wyndia know that I have my eyes on Yuu.
But.

I wonder where Yua is right now.

I snuck my way past the camera crews and watched the elevator open wide right in front of me.

And in an instant I had a premonition.

It must have been my sixth sense.

But I could tell that Yua was upstairs, walking around.

Yeah...! ☆

That's right.

He must be on the 3rd floor.

I don't have any reason for knowing that.

But I just have a feeling that's where Yua is.

Someone rushed into the elevator, and up it went. So I decided to take the stairs.

I was a total outsider here, after all.

So I think I should be careful.

Whew, I finally reached the 3rd floor.
I took a peek around.

I stuck my face out a tiny bit from the door.

And there he was - Yuu! ♡

"Huh?"

Did...Yuu catch my eye, while I'm here hiding behind the storage cabinet door?

It looked like a TV set warehouse.

It was a shock.

But Again, my sixth sense perked up.

I have a weird feeling about all of this.

Maybe my sixth sense is just misfiring - maybe nothing is really up.

I should search around.

I bet the Sea Witch Wyndia is lurking around here somewhere.

Yeah.

I don't have time to be careless.

Get a move on, Shinju!

Ba-dum.

She's here.

Sweat rolled down my forehead.

Okay.

I've got to open my eyes.

But, even if it's been a while since we were in that darkness together, you couldn't tell at all, she was totally normal.

Ah! ♡

He's here! ♡

We'll finally meet this time! ♡

It's definitely going to happen for me this time! ♡

I'm sure of it, this time, I'll see You, and we'll fall in love. ♡

But.

Yuu.

What is he doing in a place like this, lurking near a storage room?

I didn't think we'd meet here.

But Yuu is here, just like me, so this time we'll definitely meet. ♡

Tee hee hee ♡

I'm sure of it.

Soon, Yuu and I will be hand in hand.

However,

Ba-dum.

I had a dark feeling come over me.

Yuu glanced my way, but then looked in another direction.

Huh...

There must be someone else Yuu is looking at.

And they're closeby.

I wonder...

In an instant, I almost saw them in Yuu's eyes.

Oh,

Ohhh.

Ohhh

That voice I didn't want to hear.

But.

But.. You..

Be-

B-b-b-b-but we were going to embrace.

And now You is holding someone else.

Hey, wait a minute.

That girl.

I've seen that person before.

Yes, definitely.

It was that person who was in the car with You earlier...his manager.

He's tall.

He's cool.

This has got to be a mistake.

I've got to hold it together.

B-b-but.

You's manager is - is - a guy.

You and a man...

What the heck...

Y-y-You was embracing another man?!

Another man...

Another man...

Wait a sec.

But.

But,

If they're holding each other.

Huff huff.

I'm having trouble breathing, like a fish out of water.

Step,

By step.

Carefully backing away.

I was creeping backwards without looking when I accidentally hit something.

Clang.

A loud crash.

As if drawn by a magnet, both Yuu and his manager jumped and looked in my direction.

And in the next instant.

Rush rush.

The sound of people running.

W-w-what's going on?

"Who's there?"

Yuu's manager was walking towards me.

The footsteps were drawing nearer.

Eek.

"Oh, um, it's just me..."

I fell into a panic as they drew closer.

Badum.

Just when I thought the footsteps would stop -

Someone grabbed

My arm.

and pulled me.

"Ack!"

And I almost fell forward.

And then,

My hand went behind my back.

Clench.

W-wh-what?

What?

Before I could turn around I was being embraced.

I tilted my head up to see who -

"Y-Yuu?"

The person holding me was Yuu.

ACK!!!! ♡

I knew it, Yuu really does love me! ♡

I knew it!

He's finally hugging me.

I'm sure now we'll make a vow of love. ♡

...

H-huh?

But wait -

What about that scene from before, Yun hugging his manager?

How did we get from there to here?

Why is Yun hugging me now?

How is this happening?

Are my eyes betraying me?

Oh that must be it.

It must be a daydream.

Just a daydream.

It just must be that I wanted to have that experience so much that I'm imagining it, and I saw someone else with Yun.

All alone, I felt understanding register in my eyes



FLASH!

All of a sudden, there was a blur of light.

Just like in front of the water counting.

And this time it was really bright too.

FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH!!!

At least, so I thought.

But now there were microphones in front of me too, just like before.

"Mr. Kazami, this girl is definitely your lover right?"

"Mr. Kazami, will you please introduce her to us?"

"Miss, please tell us your name!"

A flurry of questions.

Lights in my face.

Reporters flooding in from all of the entrances.

Surrounded by the sound of footsteps.

I'm sure they're flooding the building, hoping to get a snap of Yua.

Ahh!!

I got it.

That light.

It's from the flash of cameras.

But wait.

Was that flash I saw near the water fountain also from cameras?

I guess so.

But I could have sworn I saw the image of a mermaid.

Maybe I can't have my picture taken either?

I could have sworn I saw the glimmer of the black pearl inside of that water fountain.

Wyndia will do anything to try to turn me back into my mermaid form.

What should I do.

She doesn't have any proof that I'm a mermaid.

But still, I should hurry and complete the "Mermaid's Legend".

And ummm...

To do that, I need to receive a vow of love.

And I've got to be kissed.

"The Mermaid's Legend"

Once every one thousand years.

A mermaid princess becomes a human.

And she must find her lover before her 16th birthday.

And receive a vow of love.

And.

She must be kissed.

Yeah.

Shinja.

You've got to get a kiss from your love.

So do your best.

But.

But.

These reporters.

The flash I saw in the water fountain.

Ughhhh.

Right now I don't have any use for kissing.

A Fantastic Photo!!

I - I'll have to postpone getting a kiss for now,

But,

I wonder how long I can get away with it and still be fine.

It'll be my 16th birthday soon.

And if Wyndia had gotten me to fall into that water fountain.

And if I hadn't noticed that Yua and his male manager were interested in each other.

I wouldn't have had a clue.

So I won't forget this lesson.

Shinju.

I've just got to take the next step.

And do my best!!

"Hey, Shinju, what the hell were you doing?!"

It was early morning, and Seiko was in my room shouting.

In her hands she held a newspaper.

And she was waving it in my face.

She had the entertainment section open.

The newspaper must have all of yesterday's news in it.

"Seiko, let me see that paper."

"Oh, here it is, you want to seeee."

Seiko spread the newspaper out before me.

And there was a big huge picture.

A giant picture.

And it was a snap of me and Yua embracing. ♡

We look a little bashful.

Oh,

But at the bottom of the photo with Yua theres -

W-w-what does that say?

Mermaid Discovered?!

That's the headline.

Is this what it feels like when your blood is boiling?

I could feel my body temperature rising.

That headline.

I guess it's small.

But.

It was such a nice photo.

You can see the TV station reflected in the water fountain.

And if you really really look at it.

You can see light shining in the water fountain too.

Must been the camera's flash.

"What is the meaning of this, Shinju?"

What.

W-What should I-

W-w-what should I do.

I'm all nervous.

Seiko's face looked like she had no idea what was happening.

"Is this photo real?"

Seiko flattened out the newspaper and pointed at the picture.

The photo of me and Yuu?

Oh.

I see.

What a relief.

That scene of me and Yuu embracing, it looks like a posed shot, nobody probably thinks I'm really a mermaid.

The photo looks fake.

Nobody would think otherwise.

Oh.

Thank goodness.

"Shinju, do you want to explain to me how you managed to pull this off?"
Seiko was shaking with anger.

"There's nothing to explain, you see the shot exactly as is."
I explained, brimming with confidence.

"Are you being for real?"

"Yep."

And she cheered right up.

"Seiko, weren't you the one who encouraged me to chase after him? I finally caught his eye."

I could tell Seiko didn't really believe me yet.

"It happened suddenly, but..."

Seiko was gathering up her newspaper.

Oh jeaz, what is she thinking.

"W-what's wrong Seiko?!"

And then she suddenly hugged me.

I was shocked.

"Shinju, you look like you made Yun really happy."

She was all teary-eyed.

"I've always, always wanted for us to get along."

Huh?

What did Seiko mean, she wants us to be close?

But,

Once the "Mermaid's Legend" has been fulfilled we'll go our separate ways...

I'll return to the oceans through the magic of my pink pearl...

We probably won't see each other again.

Oh, I see.

I really will have to part from Seiko at some point.

And not just Seiko.

I won't see Izumi or Haruka anymore either.

Or...Ryuichi...

...

Oh no.

I'll have to return to the blue seas.

And I thought that fulfilling the "Mermaid's Legend" would only be a happy thing.

But I guess.

I had to leave my father's home and all of the fishes to be here.

That's right.

I should check in with the other fish and let them know about Yuu.

They all told me it was no good anyway.

They had realized I liked Ryuuichi too.

Ohhh.

I tiptoed without a sound into the room of his father who was overseas.

There were tons of pictures of the ocean.

And

Ohh I found it! ♡

A giant tank full of fish.

"Shinju"

"It's been a long time."

I held my hand up against the tank.

The fish inside all gathered together as if to greet me.

"Everyone, I think I need to go back to the sea."

"What, what do you mean?"

"I mean, look at this."

I held up the page from the sports section of the newspaper against the side of the tank, spreading out the photo of me.

"Who is going to kiss me after this?"

"Shinju, did you really like that guy anyway?"

"Besides, you can't force someone to like you anyway, right?"

"Umm..."

I didn't have the words.

Didn't know what to do.

But then.

It came back to me.

"I do like him, I really did like him, I made up my mind."

"Ohh, really, but I thought you liked Ryuuichi too, and you were going to tell him about it, and you were going to have a happy ending together."

"Yeah, but remember I told you about Izumi?"

"Yes."

Jeaz.

That's right.

Ohh yeah.

Izumi also told me she's a huge fan of Yuu's and she said something about Ryuuichi over the phone too.

Suddenly I felt terrible.

That's right...

"What's wrong, Shinju, did you think of something?"

"N-nothing, I was just lost in thought."

"Ohh really, because you looked pretty upset."

"I'm not upset."

But.

My face was flushed.

And.

It was reflected on the side of the tank.

I wasn't happy.

"Hey, Shinju."

It was Ryyuichi.

He had come into his father's room.

And he was standing right in front of the doorway.

And.

Badum.

My heart beat.

It made a huge sound.

Oh no.

What should I do.

"Hey, what are you doing in my dad's room, and who were you talking to?"

I-I-

I've got it.

I've got to calm down so I can come up with an excuse for being in his dad's room-

and why he found me here.

My face looked really unhappy.

It's everyone's fault.

Yeah.

It really is.

"Shinju, what are you doing in here alone, making such a bizarre face."

"I - um, I-I-I..."

I nervously laughed.

"Shinju, Shinju, it's terrible!!"

"What?"

Seiko was shrieking.

We turned to face her as she bolted in.

"What's happened?"

"There are a ton of people outside of my window!"

After she said that, we peaked outside of the window.

"WHOAAAAA"

I shouted without thinking.

It was as Seiko said.

There was a huge crowd outside of the window.

I could even see people standing around with microphones and cameras.

Oh.

I get it.

They're TV reporters.

"They came here to hear your story, Shinju."

"W-wh-what should I do?"

I wouldn't be able to see Yuu like this.

Wyndia would come by and ten minutes and get in the way.

Speaking of which...

I could have sworn I saw the glimmer of a black pearl out among the reporters who were with Yuu yesterday...

I had a bad feeling.

"What should I do, I can't go outside." Ryuuichi said.

It would be like Ryuuichi to complain about that.

It's true that if he went outside, he'd get rushed.

But.

"If I never go outside, I'll never see Yuu again..."

"Well, come on then, out you go." Ryuuichi said.

He seemed so careless.

So frigid.

The way he said that sent chills up my spine.

I may be the Mermaid Princess.

And I have to fulfill the "Mermaid's Legend".

But I've got to do my best for the sake of everyone in the ocean...

Ryuuichi.

Left me alone in the room.

BANG.

The door slammed shut.

Fine.

Whatever, I have nothing to do with Ryuuichi.

Nothing...at all...

That's right.

Ryuuichi was saying I should go.

I guess I must, or else, I won't see Yuu again.

I wonder how I'm going to meet Yuu again.

I wonder if we'll seal our love with a kiss after all.

But.

There's a ton of reporters in front of the house.

Ughhh.

What should I do.

Maybe I could put on a disguise.

Or sneak out of the window and dash.

And then.

Run all the way to the ocean.

And figure it out from there.

Okay, you can do it Shinju!!

I'll have to get to the entranceway to grab my shoes.

And then slide open the window...

I'll have to make sure none of the reporters are around one of them so I can sneak out.

But this is going to be a problem.

I'll have to cross the street to get to the beach.

And there's tons of reporters, everywhere.

"Shinju"

Huh?

What?

That voice...

It can't be...

But...

"R-Ryuuichi?!"

I looked behind me and there Ryuuichi was.

It was definitely Ryuuichi calling out to me.

"Hey!"

Ryuuichi turned to face me.

"What?"

I caught his glance, turning in confusion.

Thud.

Heavy.

"W-what's this?"

"Moron, just from looking at it, can't you tell it's a helmet?"

"A helmet?"

Ryuuichi took a good look at me and waited.

"Oh, just hurry up and put it on."

Ryuuichi came closer and put the helmet on me, and adjusted it, but no matter which way he turned it the thing completely covered my whole head.

Tap tap.

He knocked on the top of my helmet.

"There's a motorcycle parked in the parking lot outside, but we should be able to use it to speed away."

"Ryuuchi..."

"I don't have a license of course, but I think this is a special circumstance."

Ryuuchi...

Was going to do this...for me...

"Come on, let's go."

I ran after Ryuuchi towards the parking lot.

Once we get to the middle of the parking lot, it'll be fine.

But until then, we were being chased by reporters.

Ryuuchi put on a helmet of his own and rushed on the motorcycle.

"Come on, hurry up and get on."

I climbed up behind Ryuuchi.

"Let's get out of here."

I wrapped my arms around Ryuuchi's back.

Ryuuichi...

"Let's go."

"Okay."

BRrrr---roooom!

The engine roared to life.

GO.

The reporters were closing in on us.
But we surprised them all.

We sped towards Yacht Harbor.

"Hey, so where are we planning to go exactly?"

"Umm...I guess now that you mention it...I don't really know, I just thought we should speed off today."

I couldn't see his face from the back of the motorcycle.

But Ryuuichi sounded shocked.

"I always feel like that too during the 'chase', you know?"

When I said those words, I could tell that Ryuuichi was upset.

"Shinju, you really like him don't you?"

What?

Why was he asking that?

Hmm.

In the instant I heard Ryuuichi ask me that.

It was like hearing a playback.

Of an old recording.

Replaying in my heart.

Just like when I saw Yuu and his manager embracing together.

I definitely wasn't mistaken.

It was replaying like a scene from a movie inside of my head.

Those two are lovers.

Shake shake.

I shook my head left and right.

But there was no mistaking it.

Even though Ryuuichi and his manager are both men.

Which means...

Which means...

There's no way Yuu could like me.

I was just one of many girls 'chasing' him after all.

Just another one who wanted him to hold her.

"I'm sure Yuu likes me."

I said, waiting for Ryuichi to hear me.

I.

Said it plainly enough.

But.

I was really just waiting to see how Ryuichi would respond.

But Ryuichi didn't respond at all, he didn't even sigh.

But he seemed irritated.

I know he heard me, but now Ryuichi was just being weird.

AH.

I see.

We finally lost sight of the reporters, our prayers have been answered.

Still, somehow he seemed irritated.

"Ryuuichi, thank you."

I.

Took off the helmet.

Thunk.

I let it drop.

"What are you doing, all of a sudden?"

Huh?

Why was he being all gloomy even though our prayers were answered?

"Aren't you happy that we got away from all of those reporters who are after me and Yuu?"

"You moron, Shinju, didn't you think I noticed? I saw the photo of you as a mermaid in the newspapers too."

"What?"

"You must think I'm some kind of idiot who has never seen a mermaid before, right?"

"Ryuuichi..."

After all, he did almost drown because of Wyndia..

Me and the other mermaids rescued Ryuuichi.

Back then, Ryuuichi had passed out.

But.

It seems like he actually remembers.

Ryuuichi...

I see...

You really do...remember somehow...

But then...

He seemed...almost happy back then...

Y-you idiot, Shinju.

If he remembers, he wasn't even bothered by it.

"Hey, what are all those people doing over there, and why are there TV reporters?"



Huh?

Ryuuichi pointed in the distance.
There was a row of tall palm trees lining the road.

I turned to look.

There was a line of white yachts.

"Yeah -"

The Yacht Harbor was huge - and the decks of many ships bobbed along in the waves, all moored along the shore.

And there was a huge crowd of people.

There were TV cameras everywhere.
Ugh.

There were a ton of reporters, too.

And Yuu's fangirls, too.

Ah! ♥

I found him.

Yuu.

He was standing on a yacht.

"Let's go."

Ryuuichi said.

"Okay".

I nodded in reply.

"OK, I'll wait here"

"Ohh".

Ryuuichi waved his hand.

I waved back.

...Ryuuichi...

I was saying farewell to Ryuuichi...

"The Mermaid's Legend"

I am the Mermaid Princess.

Everyone under the sea is waiting for
me.

But I've found people I like.

I've found people I love.

And I must share a kiss with my
beloved...

Boy! Girl?!

SPLAASSH!

It reached all the way to the edge of Yacht Harbor.

If anybody saw me, they'd know for sure I'm from the ocean.

There was a bright flash of light.

My whole body was enveloped in a warm glow.

Splash.

My two legs.

Turned back into a pink tail.

In the ocean.

Through the magic of my pink pearl.

I can harness my pink pearl's powers to turn from human into mermaid and vice versa.

It feels kinda odd.

There are so many big white yachts here, it feels almost like a floating city.

And of course, those persistent reporters are here too.

Naturally.

SPLASH.

I've got to find his face in the crowd.

Huh?

Isn't that weird?

There's no one on deck?

Last time I looked, I saw tons of people on board.

Peek peek.

I decided to search the nearby yachts.

I checked out even some of the biggest yachts in the harbor, but no one was around.

Oh!

I found him.

I saw Yuu's face through a small round window.

Yuu. ♡

Tee hee hee.

As always, he looks so cool.

I couldn't believe I saw him hugging another man yesterday.

Oh.

He's right there next to Yuu.

Mr. Manager.

It seems like Yuu's manager is with Yuu, even when they aren't at work together.

but...

Somehow.

No.

I must be mistaken.

They were probably hugging as part of a scene being shot for television, and my head was just spinning.

.....!?

What's that.

Yuu.

Looked like he was panting.

Yuu was taking long hard breaths, and he looked like he was involved in heavy exercise.

But if something were wrong, shouldn't Yuu's manager look worried?

WHAT THE HEEEEEEELLLLL

M-m-mr. Mr. Manager...

W-wh-what are you d-doing....?!

N-

No no no no no.

Mr. Manager was panting just like Yuu was.

And he was behind yuu.

ACK.

T-they were embracing again!!!

"STOP THAT!!"

Without thinking, I shrieked.

But they couldn't see me from the other side of the small window underwater.

And so.

This time.

I wasn't mistaken.

That Mr. Manager.

H-he's a total pervert!!!

Yeah.

He's definitely homo.

For sure.

I felt myself.

Draw back.

After seeing that scene go down.

I had to recollect myself.

I wasn't mistaken.

It's exactly as I thought.

But.

I wasn't mistaken at all.

I'm sure of it.

Yuu and his manager were making heavy panting breaths...

I'm embarrassed.

But.

Mr. Manager was definitely thrusting himself into Yuu.

They were embracing, and Yuu wasn't trying to escape from it -

Yuu, why didn't you do anything?

...

Being held like that.

O-of course.

Yuu...

Yuu is in love with his manager?

I-it can't be...

Especially because I'm here for Yuu's sake.

But I guess you aren't really into me after all.

I'll have to tell Ryuuichi about this.

He'll want to know.

There's still a bit more time.

Maybe I'm not too late.

Suddenly, I want to tell Ryuuichi everything.

Maybe...

I should...

But.

At least, I've got to tell Ryuuichi about Yuu.

So many people have been 'chasing' after Yuu, trying to get in his line of sight.

And I put so much effort into getting his attention too.

But he doesn't like me back.

The one who liked Yuu, was me.

I was the one who liked him.

I was... the one... who liked Yuu.

What's this...?

Why did I get attached like that again?

I feel strange.

Shinju.

You've got to take another step towards the "Mermaid's Legend".

You don't have time to be overthinking this other stuff.

I swam away towards another yacht.

Holding my pink pearl necklace wrapped in my hands against my chest.

But.

I can't help but think about it.

Please.

Let me become a human girl.



Ohhh yay!

I've transformed back into a human girl!

I swam up towards the yacht deck, and peeked to see who was on board.

It wasn't just Yuu and his manager.

Tons of their staff members were on deck.

And there were reporters too.

How-ever.

At a time like this, you've got to try to think ahead.

First, I need to make a success strategy.

And then I can worry about Yuu.

He's still down in his cabin for now.

Peek peek.

I want to find him.

But he's not here.

Oh.

I see.

He must still be staying inside his cabin.

With his manager...

Okay.

Let's try to make it into the cabin.

Where is the cabin?

Well, it looks like there's a big staircase leading down to where the cabin rooms are.

I just can't get discovered by the reporters -

"Hey, there she is, Himeno Shinju!!"

What?!

Whhaaaaaat?

No wayyyyyy.

One of the reporters already spotted me.

Huh?

Ohhhhhh!!!

It's the same one from outside of the TV station near the water fountain.

Which means...

I knew it.

On her chest I saw a glimpse of a black pearl.

The mark of the Sea Witch Wyndia.

I knew it, there was no mistaking her.

It's definitely Wyndia.

Wyndia must have used the magic of the black pearl to turn herself into a reporter and infiltrate Yuu's staff.

"Did you come here to see Yuu Kazami?"

"Didn't you say that Yuu has a crush on you?"

"Are you guys on a date together today?"

The reporters questions came streaming in.

And there was nowhere to run to.

Maybe into the sea?

Yeah.

But if I jump into the ocean, I'll turn back into a mermaid in front of all these people.

I wonder what Wyndia would think of that.

But.

Ohh, where can I run to?

"Hey, over here!"

I spun.

I turned behind myself, without a thought in my mind.

Maybe -

I don't know what to expect to see behind me but -

Oh, of course!

"Yuu! ♥"

Yuu came to help me out.

"I didn't think you'd make it past all of those news reporters up on deck."

"Y-yeah..."

Yuu led me down the staircase.

Seriously.

Just as Yuu said, it didn't look like any of the staffers other than the talents were below deck.

"Mr. Kazami, don't leave, I want to hear your story."

"You too miss, please."

Even as we went down the stairs the reporters kept badgering us with questions.

They really had a lot of nerve.

But this isn't the place to be worried about that.

"In here."

I turned to look to see what Yuu was talking about.

He was pointing to the top of the yacht.

As though we could climb up to the control cabin and get inside.

"Maybe if we wait in here, Takashi can do something about the reporters..."

"Huh, Takashi?"

"Yes... That's my manager Mr. Kousaka's first name. He might be able to help..."

Weird.

He used his manager's first name, definitely strange.

Thud.

"Huh?!"

I didn't expect me and Yuu to be here but -

Both Yuu and I jumped and turned to see the source of the noise.

Someone was standing at the top of the stairs.

And I could see her black pearl necklace shimmering.

Wyndia!!

Wyndia had transformed out of her reporter form and stood plainly before us.

"I left all of the reporters up on deck to take care of news coverage themselves."

Yuu cautiously took a step forward.

It was definitely Wyndia.

"Wait a minute, shouldn't you be with the reporters?"

Yuu, sensing danger, took another step towards Wyndia.

There must be something I've missed.

Yuu took another step towards Wyndia, and got close enough that they could touch hands.

Wyndia's black pearl was shimmering directly at Yuu.

"W-watch out!!"

I grabbed Yuu's hand and dashed off with him.

Ohhh!!!

It's too late!

There's a tremendously strong wind!

It was blustering all over the deck.

"Yuu!!"

I've got no choice but to jump into the ocean with Yuu.

SPLASH!

A huge whirlpool started to spin around Yuu.

"You're both coming with me!"

Wyndia was aiming her black pearl at us.

"It's time to let you both finally see my mermaid form"

And in an instant a storm kicked up.

I noticed a big swirling menace inside of the ocean.

This must be her mermaid form.

Yuu!!

The depths of the sea.

Were pulling us both in.

This is bad.

If it keeps us like this, Yuu will die.

I have to help him.

“If you help him it means exposing your Mermaid form. You do that and the ‘Mermaid Legend’ will end, and my world- this ocean will expand!”

A low bellow came from the sea.

Jet black hair.

Eyes lurching out of the depths.

A black pearl dangling at her chest.

“Even so Wyndia, I’m going to save Yuu!”

Replying to Wyndia, I descend deeper and deeper chasing after Yuu. If he sees my mermaid form...

Even so,

I can’t watch Yuu die.





I caught up to him.

I'm so relieved.

Yuu is unconcious.

In this case, he won't have noticed my mermaid form.

I grab his arm and start swimming upwards with him.

But,

Even though I have to hurry, I stop for a moment.

You see...

In the ocean, Yuu's pure white shirt is soaked through and transparent.

On the other side...

H-H-Hold on a minute!

H-h-h-huh?

What?

The other side of Yuu's white shirt...

Uh, I-It looks like a girl's chest...

...

No way...

But...

B-But...

Let me just check under the white shirt to be sure.

...

No doubt about it...

...

Yuu is a girl?!

Yuu was really a girl.

Wyndia spoke.

“As I thought, the ‘Mermaid Legend’ cant be about two girls.”

“A girl...”

Yuu is a girl.

Which would make us both girls?

Me and Yuu.

When we embraced, it was between girls.

Hey, isn't this really bad?

Doesn't that make her embrace with her manager that much more romantic?

He called his manager by his first name, not family name.

Does that mean...

But,

She still embraced me.

Now, I see the reporter was helping me out.

“It seems my appearance was unnecessary. The ‘Mermaid Legend’ will fail even without me. Why don’t you sit back and wait patiently for the time limit to expire, and my ocean’s expansion.”

Wyndia’s deep voice rings through the sea.

I hate it, but I have nothing to say back to her.

Wyndia disappears back into the depths.

Forget you!

I stick my tongue out at Wyndia.

But if I can find a partner for the “Mermaid Legend,” I can still...

I can still stop it.

I'll use the magic of the Black Pearl.

I won't lose.

I'll save the ocean world from Wyndia.

Oh.

Oh no...

Before anything else, I have to get Yuu back to the surface quick!

If I stay here any longer, she might die.

What?!

Oh no!

Someone is swimming this way,

They'll see my mermaid form!

What do I do?

Oh!

It's Yuu's manager swimming this way.

He came to save Yuu.

He's swimming this way deeper and deeper.

I can't hand Yuu back over in my mermaid form.

For now I'll peek up over the waves and see what's happening.

Waaah.

Everyone's freaking out on the yacht.

I guess so.

Yuu fell in the ocean after all.

If I come out right now in my mermaid form, they'll take pictures though.

Yuu's manager is swimming right for us in a straight line.

W-What do I do?

Darn it!

This is literally sink or swim.

I have to let go of Yuu,

I'll sneak back to the yacht on my own.

Please, Mr. Manager!

I hope he understands.

Yeah.

They've shared a vow of love,

I have nothing to worry about.

Look, before my eyes,

Yuu's manager caught sight of her.

He drags Yuu to the surface and relief floods my heart.

For a moment.

In a flash they're back on board the yacht.

Her manager looks relieved.

He's looking at Yuu with warmth in his eyes.

Yuu slowly opens his eyes.

One More Happy End ♡

“Hold on, Yuu was a girl?”

“I was surprised to learn that her manager was her lover.”

Throughout the town everyone was talking about Yuu.

After the boat, when Yuu's manager saved her, all the reporters and photographers onboard saw Yuu's secret laid bare and it was totally let out of the bag.

There's a picture of Yuu and her manager in the sports paper.

Yuu is smiling.

She's really pretty.

She shines even more brightly than when she pretended to be a man.

She always looks so happy now.

Well then.

Yuu is re-debuting as a woman.

As she does...

“Yuu is so much cuter as a woman. It’s good.”

“Totally! ♥ I’ll never stop being her fan.”

“Neither will I.”

She’s really popular.

Her female fans have increased, and she’s made new male fans too. She’s more popular than ever, I think.

I’m happy for her.

I say that but,

Now I’m back to square one.

I’m back to staying at the Kaidou house with Seiko and Ryuuichi.

I go to school, I see Haruka and Izumi.

Though it's a bit different from before.

I guess I feel a bit sad. If the "Mermaid Legend" ends, I'll be forced to say goodbye to everyone.

When I think I'll never see them again,

Haruka,

and Izumi,

and Seiko,

and Ryuuji.... Meeting them has made me so happy.

Summer vacation.

"You were camouflaged, huh Shinju?"

Haruka asks, her face peering over the edge of her paper like an old man.

"What's camouflage?"

I ask not sure what she means.

"In here, you hid from Yuu and her manager so you wouldn't get caught up in any scandal."

Izumi taught me kindly.

To hide from her manager, huh...?

Now that they mention it, they might be right.

Camouflage, huh?

Yeah, I guess it was.

It was probably just my imagination that our eyes met.

I was probably confused wondering about why she embraced me at the time.

Camouflage, huh?

Huh, so that's what it was.

I can totally agree to that.

I nod my consent to myself.

“Shinju, why did you camouflage yourself, weren't you mad?”

Haruka asks me.

Mad?

I was surprised to hear her say that.

I mean,

I never felt that way at all.

I thought I liked Yuu, that she would help me with the “Mermaid Legend.”

I can’t blame Yuu.

Outside the window,

The brilliant sea spread out.

I still have time until my 16th birthday.

A setback or two isn’t the end.

“The Mermaid Legend.”

I’ll keep trying my best.

After all I'm the mermaid Princess

Fight on! ♡

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Afterword

How are you guys doing?

This is Marie Koizumi as always.

We've made it to Mermaid Panic volume 2.

This is the first time I'm doing a series like this so Koizumi's pretty moved.

Please tell me how you all feel too.

Just kidding.

I sound like an honor student.

But,

I really do feel so moved.

Ah ☆

I would really be happy if anyone hasn't read volume one, if they would read that too.

Volume 1 has more illustrations done by Miss Naoko Takeuchi, and the pinup is especially great.

So,

That's enough with the formalities and advertisements. I'd like to really get into the afterword.

Miss Naoko Takeuchi, who has been producing my illustrations in spite of how busy she's been, went out on a date with me.

I want to tell you guys alllllllllllll~ about it.

Oh man.

Mine and Naoko's date.

Deciding between Korean BBQ or Thai food.

We wound up going for Korean and a trip to a spa.

The place we went to was a great spot for exfoliation.

The old lady who did the treatment and the rest of the staff were all in black underwear.

Not to say they looked uniform or anything.

Just very common black bras and panties.

Though us customers were naked, so if anyone was going to be embarrassed, it would be us, I might have been a little.

It was a shock the first time I went.

Anyway, the treatment they did felt really good. ♡

Very refreshing.

Then we had some BBQ afterwards. it was kind of an old man's date.

Ah. ☆

But hey,

We went shopping.

We also had tea and cakes while chatting at an open terrace cafe, so it was a cute date too.

It seems like Naoko likes chiffon cake and black tea.

I ordered a matcha cake with ice cream.

I don't know if I really cared for the tea.

But,

She ordered sour fruit teas frequently.

She seems to like onigiri and umeboshi too.

She must really like sour stuff.

I had a chestnut flavored cake myself, but lately I've really liked having cheesecake.

Oh yeah.

I've had occasions I've gone to Naoko's office to help out (though those times weren't dates...)

I used to draw comics a little myself, but that's ancient history.

I don't think I'm much help to anyone these days.

But Naoko's assistants still seemed pleased all the same.

I wonder why.

Maybe just having any help at all?

But,

I liked helping too.

I'll have to bring fruit and black tea with cakes next time I go ♡

Maybe we can take the car and go to a hot spring ♡

Oh yeah.

Speaking of Naoko's office, there was something unforgettable that happened.

It was May of 1996's issue of RunRun, in "Codename Sailor V"

I'm sure you know that's one of Naoko's comics.

Anyone who missed it should definitely pick up a volume.

I'm pretty sure there were 3 volumes altogether.

Maybe it was 4?

I can't remember how long it was, but you should check it out.

Before the May RunRun came out, I got a fax that said "Marieeee, I'm sorry!"

I didn't know what she was apologising for at the time.

When I read the magazine after it arrived from Kodansha, I was surprised!

There was a comic artist called "Marie" that seemed to be modeled after me.

I was floored.

Now that I read it, I understood. How mean!

Now I know why she apologised.

Truthfully, I have a dog named Luna too.

Everyone,

Make sure to read it.

But be aware that Naoko was making a joke, that I'm not actually like that in real life.

That said,

I've written so many letters to everyone, but I still want to thank everyone here as well.

My editor Yonekura.

Ms. Takeuchi's editor Mr. Osano

Thank you both.

Ms. Naoko Takeuchi, for drawing such wonderful illustrations for me while she's already so busy.

Thank you so much.

Also,

To everyone with this book in your hands,

Truly, thank you so much.

“Mermaid Panic” is still ongoing, join us up until the very end.

We still haven’t decided a release date for volume 3 yet.

I want to write more as soon as I can.

The next chapter is releasing February 5th.

As far as romance goes, I plan on doing something a little different.

Well then,

I look forward to seeing you all again next time ♡

Kozumi Marie

How did you enjoy Marie Kozumi's "Mermaid Panic" Volume 2?

Marie Kozumi and illustrator Naoko Takeuchi are waiting for your feedback.

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Wh-wh-wh-what? Marie gets a new car edition!

Bum bada duuuuuuuuuuum! ♪



The other day she let me know the news "I got a new car"
Maybe it was a year ago? Never mind ♡
Anyway I wanted to let you guys know she
got a new car too ♡
She got a mini-cooper, and it's red.

she's a mafia
driver!

but the mafia aren't
really a thing anymore.

God, the thing has three keys (door, engine and trunk) It seems super annoying.
It can't hold much gas either. The wheel is hard to move, so is the brake. The
door too. And the trunk is tiny. I wouldn't exactly call it a convenient ride ♡

I tease her about it, but she's cute in it.

It's very like her.

So cute!

She said she's been wanting that car for a long
time. I saw her flooring it and peeling away in it.
Marie might be meeting her summer lover.
I just hope she doesn't get pulled over ♡

or get in an
accident

Naoko, would you make
me a Poruporu sticker?

for free,
I mean?

beep
beep



woof

