 In the end, I made my way to the stern on the fifth floor where there were fewer people to have lunch. This is where I spoke with Himeno last night, and I’ve already confirmed that it’s a place that people rarely go to.

For the next few minutes, forgetting my original goal in coming here, I just stared at the rough waves created by the ship’s movement.

“I once said ‘People learn of warmth when they touch each other, and that’s a very precious thing. The warmth of another human is by no means a bad thing.’ Do you remember?”