I wonder how class D will be starting from tomorrow . It felt like I was watching some kind of variety show . A message from the group chat came .

It read, “Satou has joined the group . ” She’s one of the hyper girls in our class .

“Yahoo~ Ike-kun invited me while I was talking to him earlier . ”

Having nothing to say, I did nothing and kept looking at the chat .

“I heard about what happened today~ . Isn’t Horikita really annoying?”

“I was pissed off at her . Sudou was really angry at her too . Looked like he would hit her . ”

“If I see her tomorrow, I’m going to hit her . I was really angry today . ”

“Ahahaha, it’ll become a big problem if you hit her LOL that’s just overkill”

“Hey, while we’re on the topic . Wanna ignore her starting from tomorrow?”

“Nah, we’ve always ignored her (lol)”

“I need to get back at her somehow . We can bully her and make her cry . Like hiding her shoes . ”

“I would laugh if I was a kid, but I really want to see her suffer . ”

Somehow, Horikita became the main topic of the group chat .

“Ayanakouji-kun, wanna join too? In bullying her haha”

“Nah, he’s fallen too hard for her . ”

“Hey, whose side are you on?”

It was pretty obvious that everyone would be irritated at Horikita . Their experiences with her have always been negative . However, I can’t agree with hitting or bullying her . Both would be equally devoid of any good intentions .

“You’re reading this, right? Hey, I asked you a question: which side are you on?”

“I’m not on anyone’s side . I won’t really stop you guys . ”

“Staying neutral . The most sly answer possible lol”

“You can think of it however you want, but it’s your loss if you think about it . If the school learns of this problem, it’ll become trouble for you . Just keep that in mind . ”

“Are you trying to protect her? Haha”

Because I can’t see their faces over chat, it makes them more aggressive than usual . If Ike was in front of me, he probably wouldn’t have said those words .

However, everyone just wants a sense of security and solidarity using Horikita .

It would only be a waste of time if I continued chatting . Time to finish this conversation .

“If Kushida knew of this, she’d hate you . lol”

After sending that message, I closed my phone . It rang, but I left it alone . They probably won’t do anything stupid . Satou wouldn’t do anything stupid without the cooperation of the others .

Moving over to the side of the room, I opened the window . I could hear the insects from the nearby trees . Is it the Kubikirigisu that are making that noise? The night breeze shook the window back and forth . [1]

I met Horikita on the first day of school, was put in the same class, and got the seat next to her . I became friends with Sudou and Ike .  Furthermore, I fell for the school’s trap and our class was labeled as the worst . Horikita, who tried to fix our situation, earned the ire of the other students because of her personality .

I’m the closest one to this situation, but I feel like I’m floating instead .

No, that’s a bad choice of words . It’s not a comfortable feeling . However, I feel like I’m observing from the outside . Because I didn’t feel the same urgency as Sudou and the others did, I thought that the current situation didn’t relate to me and ignored it instead .

“Only a fool would not use power that they have . ”

I didn’t want to remember his words, but they were stuck in my head .

“A fool… I wonder if that’s what I am . ”

Closing the window, I could hear the harsh laughter coming from the television .