

# Hoshi's Prince

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*This is a story about my character Hoshi Ame and she has to decide between Akutugawa Jirou and Keigo Atobe.*

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# 1 - Ch. 1

Ch. 1

It was a nice, quite day in Tokyo, Japan. A young girl was walking home from school, carrying her books. I can't believe my backpack broke, she said. She didn't see the crack in the sidewalk and tripped over it. Ouch, she said as she got up and dusted the dirt off of her.

Yawn, here's your books, said a boy with brown curly hair.

Ah, thank you, the girl said. She looked at the boy and began to blush. He's cute, she thought.

Bye, the boy said.

Wait, what's your name? My name is Ame Hoshi, Hoshi said as she noticed his uniform and tennis racket in his backpack. Do you go to Hyotei Gakuen and are you on the tennis team?

Yes and my name is Akutagawa Jirou. Not to be rude or anything but I have to leave, Jirou said and began to walk off.

Oh, then bye, Hoshi said disappointedly. Jirou yawned then he waved good-bye.

Hoshi! There you are? yelled a boy getting out of a car.

Keigo? What are you doing here? Hoshi asked.

What do you mean what am I doing here, what are you doing here? Atobe asked.

Huh? Hoshi said.

I was waiting for a half an hour at Senshu Academy to pick you up, but you never showed up, Atobe said.

Oh, my backpack broke and I was going to the store to buy one. And I didn't want to waste your time so I was going to walk there, Hoshi said.

And you didn't call because...? Atobe asked.

A, I forgot, Hoshi said with an embarrassed look on her face.

Sigh, why are you so empty headed? Atobe asked.

Why are you a jerk? Hoshi asked right back at him.

Sigh, get in, I'll take you to the store, Atobe said opening the car door for Hoshi.

Thank-you! Um& Keigo do you know a boy named Akutagawa Jirou-kun? Hoshi asked.

Jirou? What about him? Atobe asked.

## 2 - Ch. 2

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Fuji-kun! Hoshi said when she came into the classroom.

Hi, Hoshi! Eiji said to Hoshi right in front of her face. Fuji hasn't arrived yet.

Is that so? Um&Kikumarukun you're too close, Hoshi said with her face all red.

Heh, sorry, why do you want Fuji? Eiji asked.

I wanted to ask him something, Hoshi said.

Ask who what? Fuji asked as he opened the door behind Hoshi.

Fuji-kun just the person who I was looking for, Hoshi said. Do you know a boy named Akutagawa Jirou-kun? Because, Keigo's no help at all.

Flashback

Jirou? He played a match against Fuji in the Kantou tournament and lost, Atobe said.

And&, Hoshi said.

And that's it, Atobe said.

Useless jerk, Hoshi thought.

End Flashback

Wasn't he your opponent, when we played against Hyotei? Eiji asked Fuji.

Um ya, but all I know is his tennis style is serve and volley, Fuji said. Why do you ask?

No reason, Hoshi said.

Okay everyone settle down. Class is about to start, the teacher said as she walked in.

After school

I wonder if I'll meet him again, Hoshi said. As she was walking she noticed someone sleeping. Um, excuse me sir&, um&. I wouldn't sleep there if I was you. Hoshi said as she walked towards him.

Jirou-kun?! You shouldn't be sleeping there, she said lightly pushing Jirou trying to get him to wake up.

Yawn, huh? Jirou said as he woke up.

Jirou-kun this isn't a good place to take a nap, Hoshi said as she sat next to him.

Huh? Hey, you're that girl from yesterday. What was your name again&oh, Ame-san, Jirou said.

You can call me Hoshi, Hoshi said.

Thanks for waking me up, well then bye, Jirou said getting up.

Wait, if you're&um&not busy Saturday, um&do you want to do something? Hoshi asked looking down and was twiddling her fingers.

Sure, Jirou said.

That's great! Hoshi said.

Bye, Jirou said.

Bye! Hoshi said. After Jirou left Hoshi stood there for a moment until she realized what she just done.

Did I really just asked him out?

Back at Senshu Academy

Where the heck did Hoshi go this time? Atobe asked with an annoyed look on his face.

### 3 - Ch. 3

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Hoshi walked into the classroom with a huge grin on her face that caught Eiji's eye. Hi, Hoshi! Eiji said right in front of Hoshi's face.

Kikumarukun you're too close, Hoshi said with her face all red.

Heh, I'm sorry, Eiji said as he backed away. So why are you so happy?

Because, I have a date tomorrow, Hoshi said.

A date?! Eiji yelled with both surprise and disappointment in his voice.

Who has a date? Fuji asked as he walked up to Hoshi and Eiji.

I do! Hoshi said cheerfully.

With who? Eiji asked disappointedly.

With Jirou-kun! Hoshi said not noticing the disappointment in Eiji's voice.

That explains why you wanted to know about him, Fuji said.

Okay, everyone settle down. Class is about to begin, the teacher said as she came in. Hoshi went to her seat.

Since when does Hoshi date? Eiji asked disappointedly.

It's alright, Fuji said putting his hand on Eiji's shoulder and then walking to his seat.

It's not alright! What does Jirou have that I don't have? Eiji asked.

Kikumarukun please sit down, the teacher said.

Yes mama, Eiji said as he walked to his seat.

At Hyotei Gakuen after Tennis practice.

Yawn, um&Gakuto, can I ask you a question? Jirou asked.

Sure, Gakuto said.

Where would you take a girl out on a date? Jirou asked.

Why? Do you have a date? Gakuto asked with a look on his face.

Who has a date? Oshotori asked.

Jirou does, Gakuto said.

Wait&um&, Jirou said.

Jirou-san has a date? That's great! Ootori said.

Whatever, Shishido said.

What does she look like? Hiyoshi asked.

Um&she has bright blue eyes, blonde hair but she keeps it in a bun&um she about the height as me,

she goes to Senshu Academy, oh and she s very pretty, Jirou said.

What s her name? Ootori asked.

Ame Hoshi, am I right? Atobe asked as he got interested in their conversation.

Um ya, how did you know? Jirou asked.

She wouldn t be that girl I ve seen you with form time to time, would she, Oshootori asked.

Wait, does this mean that you two dated before? Jirou, Ootori, Shishido, Gakuto, and Hiyoshi asked.

What?! No way! Atobe yelled with his face all red.

Then what is she to you? Jirou asked.

Hoshi is my oldest friend. I see her more as a little sister then a girlfriend, Atobe said looking away form everyone. Why did you ask her out anyway?

She was the one who asked me out, Jirou said. Atobe didn t say anything he just looked at the ground. Why would she ask him out, he thought.

Atobe is something wrong? Oshootori asked.

Nothing, right Kabaji? Atobe said.

Usu, Kabaji said.

Hey Atobe, can you tell me what she likes and where we should go? Jirou asked. Atobe said nothing.

Hey Atobe, you wouldn t happen to be in love with her, would you? Shishido asked.

No, I was just thinking. Bring her some chocolate, she loves sweets, and you should go to the carnival that s in town, Atobe said. Let s go Kabaji.

Usu, Kabaji said.

Thanks a lot Atobe! Jirou said.

Whatever, Atobe said as he was walking out the door.

Well, I better be going, Jirou said.

Do any of you think that Atobe really does love her? Ootori asked to everyone who was left.

## 4 - Ch. 4

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At Senshu Academy, Hoshi stood there patiently waiting for Jirou to show up. But unknown to her she was being watched.

Kikumar-senpai why did you bring us? Echizen asked.

Quit complaining, Eiji said.

Who is this girl anyway? Momo asked.

How do you not know her? Eiji asked. She s captain of the women s tennis team. Both Momo and Echizen gave Eiji a confused look.

Not only is she the captain, she s also a national level player and the number one J.R. high female player in Japan, Inui said as he scribbled something his notebook.

Wha?! No way! Momo yelled.

Shh, Eiji said.

Inui when did you get here? Momo asked.

I ve been here this whole time, Inui said.

Creepy, Eiji, Momo, and Echizen said giving Inui a look.

What a perfect chance to gather data on both her and Hyotei s Jirou, Inui said with an evil grin and ignoring what Eiji, Momo, and Echizen said.

So why are we spying on her? Echizen asked.

Because Eiji has a crush on her, Fuji said.

NO! Eiji yelled blushing.

Then why are you blushing? Fuji asked.

&shut up, Eiji said facing away from everyone.

What are you doing here? asked someone form behind them.

What? Momo asked as he turned to see who it was. Hyotei?

What are you doing here? Eiji asked.

I asked you first, Gakuto said.

It s our school we have every right to be here, Momo said.

You guys aren t here to spy on Jirou-san s and Ame-san s date, are you? Ootori asked. No one said anything for a little bit.

What about you? Echizen asked.

Hello Jirou-kun, Hoshi said.

Hi, sorry to keep you waiting. Here, I hope you like chocolates, Jirou said handing Hoshi the chocolates.

I love chocolate! Thank-you so much! Hoshi said happily. So where are we going?

I was thinking we would go to the carnival, Jirou said.

Really? I ve been wanting to go! Hoshi said.

Well, what are we waiting for? Jirou asked. Let s go!

Okay, Hoshi said.

They re on the move, both Gakuto and Eiji said.

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At the Carnival.

Jirou-kun, what ride do you want to go on first? Hoshi asked impatiently

Um, I can't decide, Jirou said.

I know the roller coaster! Hoshi said grabbing Jirou's hand and racing to the roller coaster. While Hoshi dragged Jirou to the ride, he blushed and squeezed Hoshi's hand tighter. Hoshi didn't notice, because her attention was focused on getting to the ride.

Wow, Hoshi sure is quick on the moves, Gakuto said.

Stupid Jirou, Eiji said.

What's with him? Oshotori asked to Fuji and was pointing to Eiji.

He likes Hoshi, Fuji said.

What, Kikumaru-san too? Ootori asked,

Who else likes her? Momo said.

Atobe does, Hiyoshi said.

I said we're just friends, Atobe said as he and Kabaji joined the group. Right Kabaji?

Usu, Kabaji said.

What are you doing here? Echizen said before taking a drink of the Ponta he just bought.

I came here to enjoy myself. Right Kabaji? Atobe said.

Usu, Kabaji said.

On the same day as Jirou's and Ame-san's date, Shishido said. Atobe didn't say anything he just looked away from everyone.

Mada mada dane, Echizen said before taking another drink.

&And what are you guys doing here? Atobe asked.

That was great! Hoshi said with a huge grin on her face.

How about that ride? Jirou asked pointing to a ride.

Sure, Hoshi said. Jirou then grabbed Hoshi's hand, Hoshi's face turned red and they ran to the next ride.

Way to go Jirou! Come on if we don't hurry will lose them, Gakuto said. Atobe and Eiji said nothing they just watched Hoshi and Jirou run off.

Now I see, Atobe said after Hoshi and Jirou were out of sight. You're spying on them.

So what? You are too, don't try to deny it, Momo said as he and everyone else ran to catch up to Hoshi and Jirou.

&Come on Kabaji& Atobe said.

Usu, Kabaji said.

Hey, let's check out some of the games now, Jirou said.

Ya, Hoshi said.

Do these guys ever stop to take a break? Momo asked. They must have gone on every ride by now.

Hoshi can't stand to stay still; the same can be said about Jirou when he's awake. Right Kabaji? Atobe said.

Usu, Kabaji said.

Those sure do look happy together, Hiyoshi said.

Hmph, Eiji said.

Calm down, Fuji said.

Thank-you! This bear is so cute! Hoshi said squeezing the bear.

You're welcome, glad you like it, Jirou said with a huge smile.

Like it? I love it! Hoshi said. Ah, it's time for us to go.

Finally, Echizen, Shishido, and Hiyoshi said.

Back at Senshu Academy.

You sure you don't need me to take you home? Jirou asked disappointedly.

I'm sure, Hoshi said. I had such a terrific night. Um&if you want can we go out again? she asked with her face all red and looking away from him.

What? Really?! I would love to go out with you again! Jirou said with a huge grin on his face.

Great! Well, good-bye, Hoshi said as she waved her hand good-bye.

Bye, Jirou said walking away. Wait, I forgot something.

What did you forget? Hoshi asked.

This, Jirou said. He grabbed Hoshi's wrist brought her close. Held her in his arms and then kissed her on the cheek. Hoshi's face turned red and she just looked at him. Good night.

&Good night, Hoshi said after she got a hold of herself after what happened.

Way to go Jirou! Next stop the lips! Gakuto said.

I won't lose to him, Eiji said.

Can we go now? Echizen, Shishido, and Hiyoshi asked.

Of course the date's over, Oshotori said.

Bye everyone, Fuji said.

Good night everyone, Ootori said. After everyone left it was just Atobe and Kabaji.

&Let's go, Atobe said.

Usu, Kabaji said.



## 6 - Ch. 6

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Good morning Fuji-kun and Kikumarukun! Hoshi said cheerfully as she walked in.

Whatever, Eiji said as he looked out of the window.

Huh? Hoshi said looking at Eiji and was trying to figure him out.

Good morning Hoshi, don't mind Eiji, Fuji said walking up to Hoshi.

But what's wrong with him? Hoshi asked.

Nothing, but a little jealousy, Fuji said.

Of who? Hoshi asked.

Of no one, don't worry about it, Fuji said.

Um okay, Hoshi said.

Hoshi how was your date, said a girl racing to Hoshi.

Ah Hanako, Hoshi said turning around to see who it was. It went great! she said with a huge grin.

Well then, you're just going to have to tell the rest of team about it, Hanako said grabbing Hoshi's hand and was dragging Hoshi to the other teammates.

Wait, what about class? Hoshi asked as she was being dragged.

We still have time before it starts, Hanako said.

Okay then, Hoshi said as she and Hanako left the room.

It went great! Eiji said making a face.

Are you going to be okay? Fuji asked as he sat at the desk next to Eiji.

Ya, Eiji said as he went back to looking out the window.

At Hyotei Gakuen after tennis practice.

Hey Jirou, how was your date? Gakuto asked.

It was great, terrific, and wonderful! Jirou said with a huge grin on his face. Hoshi is an incredible girl and we're going out again this Saturday.

Oh, really? Hiyoshi asked.

Yeah, and I was thinking about asking her to be my girlfriend then, Jirou said.

Really?! all the Hyotei regulars except for Atobe and Kabaji said.

Don't you think it's a little early? Ootori asked.

You think so? Jirou asked with a confused look on his face.

Yes, I mean you've only gone out once, Oshotori said as he cleaned his glasses.

What's the rush? Shishido asked.

Well, I just don't want to lose her to anyone, Jirou said blushing.

Like who? Gakuto asked while looking at Atobe from the corner of his eye.

I don't know, Jirou said.

We're leaving Kabaji, Atobe said.

Usu, Kabaji said.

Hey Atobe, thanks! Hoshi really liked the chocolates and the carnival, Jirou said. Atobe didn't say anything he and Kabaji just walked out.

Was it something I said? Jirou asked.

Don't worry about it, Oshotori said.

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Hey mom, I m home! Hoshi yelled as she walked in.

I m sorry Hoshi, but your mom left earlier today on a business trip, said a lady walking into the room. Typical, she leaves and doesn t say good-bye. I guess it s one of the many perks of being rich, Hoshi said disappointedly. I don t know why Keigo likes it so much.

I m sorry, the lady said.

Why are you apologizing for Noriko? Hoshi asked giving Noriko a faint smile. I m hungry, when s dinner?

I ll start dinner right away, Noriko said. By the way, Atobe-sama is waiting for you in your room.

What? He just leaves me at Senshu Academy and has the nerve to wait for me in MY room! I m going to give him a piece of my mind, Hoshi said punching her hand.

No violence, Noriko said.

Aww, that s no fun, Hoshi said giving Noriko the puppy dog eyes.

Not going to work, Noriko said.

Joy killer, Hoshi said as she walked out of the room.

At least he ll make her smile, Noriko said.

Okay Keigo, what do you want? Hoshi said as she walked into her room. Is that my photo album?

Yes, Atobe said.

I thought you hated those pictures? Hoshi asked.

Well, I had nothing better to do. What took you so long? Atobe asked.

I was waiting at Senshu Academy for about an hour waiting for you to pick me up, Hoshi said giving Atobe asked.

We ll let s call it even for both those time you mad me wait, Atobe said getting up from Hoshi s bed. Hoshi closed the door and sat at her desk.

So what can I do for you? Hoshi asked.

Atobe walked up to Hoshi and said, How s tennis?

Tennis is okay, Hoshi said with a confused look on her face.

&What do you think of&Jirou? Atobe asked looking into Hoshi s eyes.

W-what do you mean? Hoshi asked blushing.

Do&do you love him? Atobe asked as he got closer to Hoshi.

W-what are you talking about? Hoshi asked as she backed away from him.

Do you love him? Atobe asked again and was leaning closer to Hoshi.

We haven t gone out on a second date yet, Hoshi said.

It s a simple yes or no question, Atobe said with his face right in front of Hoshi s.

Simple my @\$\$! Hoshi said.

Just answer it! Atobe said.

I&I don t know&, Hoshi said looking down.

Atobe stood up, turned away from her, said I see, and left. Hoshi said nothing she just kept starring at the floor with a confused look on her face.

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Hoshi walked into the classroom with a sad look on her face. She went to an empty desk next to the window, sat down, and began to look out the window. Eiji and Fuji, who were watching her, got up and sat at the two empty desks next to her.

What's wrong? Fuji asked with a concern look on his face.

Nothing, Hoshi said still looking out the window.

Then why aren't you like your normal self? Eiji asked.

I just don't feel like it, Hoshi said still looking out the window.

Did Jirou break up with you? Eiji asked hoping that was the case.

No, why would you ask that? Hoshi asked looking at Eiji with a confused look.

It was the first thing that came to mind, Eiji said.

So then, what's bothering? Fuji asked.

Nothing, don't worry about it, Hoshi said.

If you say so&but if you ever feel like talking just know we'll be here, Fuji said as he got up to go to his seat.

Thank-you, Hoshi said giving Fuji a faint smile.

Okay, everyone settle down. Class is starting, The teacher said as she walked in.

At Hyotei Gakuen after Tennis practice.

Is Atobe-san okay? Ootori asked Shishido.

How should I know? Shishido asked. Hey Oshotori, do you know what's wrong with Atobe?

I don't have a clue, Oshotori said cleaning his glass.

Hey Atobe, what's wrong? Hiyoshi asked.

Hiyoshi! Ootori and Oshotori yelled.

What? If you want the answer, then ask him directly, Hiyoshi said.

Ya, well&, Ootori said.

Nothing's wrong, Atobe said.

Doesn't sound like nothing, Shishido said.

I said it was nothing, just leave me alone, Atobe said as he walked out of the room.

Okay then, Ootori said.

## 9 - Ch. 9

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I wonder if Keigo is okay. Hoshi asked herself.

The real question is are you okay? Hanako asked. But Hoshi ignored her and looked up at the sky.

Hello, Hoshi. Hoshi! Don't ignore me! Hanako said smacking Hoshi in the back of the head.

Ow, what's your problem? Hoshi asked rubbing the back of her head.

What's my problem? What's your problem? You've been zoning out all day and you keep asking questions about this Keigo-kun person, Hanako said. Who is he anyway?

He's just a friend and he was acting weird yesterday, Hoshi said looking up at the sky.

I see have I met him before? Hanako asked.

Probably, Hoshi said.

Is he cute? Hanako asked.

Ya, if you like stuck up, show off, and it's all about me type of guys, Hoshi said.

But you hate those types of people. Why are you friends with him? Hanako asked.

We have history together, Hoshi said.

You two dated! Hanako yelled.

What?! NO! I meant to say was we grew up together, Hoshi said with her face all red.

Wait a minute; he wouldn't happen to be that boy you were engaged to, would he? Hanako asked.

Yes, Hoshi said with her face even redder and she was looking down at the ground.

So who is he already? Hanako asked impatiently.

You already know his first name be grateful, Hoshi said.

But I don't know any rich guys with the first name Keigo. In fact I don't know any rich guys at all, Hanako said.

Alright, but you have to swear never to tell anyone, Hoshi said.

Come on, don't you trust me by now? I haven't told anyone that you're rich or you had a crush on Fuji-kun, Hanako said. Hoshi gave Hanako a look. Alright already, I swear.

The boy is Hyotei's tennis captain, Atobe Keigo, Hoshi said.

Atobe-kun! Hanako yelled.

S-shut up! Hoshi said as she covered Hanako's mouth.

You've got to be kidding. Atobe-kun is HOT! Hanako said after removing Hoshi's hand. Can you introduce me to him?

Nope, Hoshi said.

What? Why not? Hanako asked.

Would you look at that, we're already at your house, Hoshi said.

Answer me! Hanako demanded.

Bye, and don't forget to do your homework, Hoshi said walking off and was waving her hand.

Hoshi you jerk! Hanako yelled.

Now is that anyway to speak to your captain? Hoshi asked looking over her shoulder to see Hanako, who was sticking her tongue out at Hoshi. Oh, real mature. Hoshi walked away until she was away from Hanako's house and said, I should go check on Keigo.

HoH

## 10 - Ch. 10

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The door bell rang at Atobe's house and one of his servants opened the door. Ah, Hello Ame-sama, it's good to see you, the servant said.

Hello is Keigo? Hoshi asked.

Yes, he's at the pool right now, the servant said. Right this way.

Thank-you, Hoshi said as she walked in. Keigo! Hoshi yelled as she came to the pool area. Atobe was relaxing in the pool, turned to see who was calling him. As Hoshi walked to the pool, she slipped and fell in. Atobe swam over to where she fell in.

Are you okay? Atobe asked.

Man, why is it when I'm with you I always seem to do something embarrassing around it? Hoshi asked. Atobe began to laugh. It isn't funny!

So, what do you want? Atobe asked after he stopped laughing.

I came to see if you were okay, Hoshi said.

As you can see I'm fine, Atobe said as he swam closer to Hoshi. Hoshi backed up, until she was between the wall of the pool and Atobe.

Keigo, you're a little close, Hoshi said blushing.

What's so special about Jirou? Atobe asked as he moved closer, until their lips were inches apart.

He's cute, funny, and whenever I'm around him I can't help but smile and be happy, Hoshi said. Atobe didn't say anything; he backed away a bit, and looked at Hoshi. Then he leaned in and kissed Hoshi. Hoshi panicked and smacked Atobe. She looked at him and then climbed out of the pool. She got her things and ran out of the house.

Ame-sama, please don't run in the house with your wet clothes, a servant said.

Atobe just stared off into space. He looked down at his reflection in the pool and said, What am I doing? I'm risking our friendship for something I'm not sure of.

## 11 - Ch. 11

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Hoshi sat at a bench, in a park, and starred up at the sky. Jirou was passing by and noticed Hoshi. He ran up to Hoshi with a huge grin and said, Hi Hoshi! Hoshi didn't say anything, she wasn't even aware of Jirou. Jirou looked at her and said, Hoshi? When she didn't respond he sat down next to her, put his arm around her, and brought her a little closer to him.

Jirou? Hoshi said as she finally realized he was there. Jirou didn't say anything; he was starring up at the sky, and was blushing. Hoshi looked at him a little longer until she realized what was going on. Jirou squeezed her a bit and brought her even closer to him and her faced turned red.

What's wrong? Jirou finally asked after the long silence.

Nothing's wrong, I was just thinking, Hoshi said giving Jirou a faint smile. Jirou looked at her, Hoshi looked at him, then he kissed her on the cheek.

When you're ready to talk I'll be here, Jirou said. Jirou let go of Hoshi and got up, Hoshi looked at him. How about some ice cream?

Ice cream! Sure! Hoshi said jumping up from the bench and had a huge grin on her face. Jirou had an astonished look on his face.

You really do like sweets, don't ya? Jirou asked with a smile on his face.

Ya, you got a problem with that? Hoshi asked.

Not at all, Jirou said. He grabbed Hoshi's hand and started leading her to the store. Let's go.

Um, Jirou? Hoshi said.

There's no need to talk about my problems to you, Hoshi said.

Why is that? Jirou asked a little hurt.

Because whenever I'm around you my problems just seem to disappear, Hoshi said. Jirou looked at her, smiled, and kissed her on the cheek.

I can say the same about you, Jirou said. When they got their ice cream, they sat at a bench, and they began to eat it, Hoshi there's something I want to ask you, Jirou said looking at Hoshi, who was licking her ice cream.

What is it? Hoshi asked still licking her ice cream.

Um&a&I don't really know how to ask it, Jirou said looking down at his ice cream.

You can ask me anything, Hoshi said putting her hand on Jirou's and was giving him a smile.

Jirou looked at Hoshi, held her hand, and finally said, I want you to be my girlfriend! Hoshi looked at Jirou with a surprise look on her face.

Yes! Of course! Hoshi said with a huge grin on her face, after she realized what Jirou was asking for.

Yay! Awesome! Jirou yelled. He jumped up from the bench, picked up Hoshi, and spun her around.

Then he kissed her on the cheek, put her down, looked at her, and kissed her on the lips. Just then Atobe flashed through Hoshi's mind and she began to cry. I won't kiss you again, Jirou said trying to comfort Hoshi.

No, it's not that, Hoshi said. I&I want to go home.

Okay, Jirou said with a helpless look on his face.

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Hoshi, what's wrong? Hanako asked shaking Hoshi, so that Hoshi wouldn't ignore her or zone out. Right now it's you, Hoshi said as she took Hanako's hands off of her. Who says I have a problem anyway?

Oh come on Hoshi. You suck, when it comes to hiding your problems, Hanako said.

Really? Hoshi asked. I still don't have a problem.

Give me a break, will ya. I know ignorance is bliss, but come on, Hanako said.

Whatever, I still don't have a problem, Hoshi said.

You've been zoning out all day, you didn't talk to Fuji-kun or Kikumaru-kun, you sure didn't take your captain position seriously either like you normally do, Hanako said like a nagging mom and Hoshi was trying to ignore her. And I beat you at tennis!

So what? Hoshi asked.

I never beat you at tennis! Hanako yelled.

Who's to say I didn't let you win that game, Hoshi said.

You never let me win! That's why I hate having you as a training partner, Hanako said.

Well, if I let you win, then how would you get better? Hoshi asked.

Just let me one game. Is that too much to ask for? Hanako asked.

Well, I let you win one game today, Hoshi said. Hanako gave Hoshi a look then smacked Hoshi in the back of the head. A bus stopped at the bus stop a little ways up from Hoshi and Hanako, and Jirou got off the bus. He yawned and looked around. What's he doing here? Hoshi thought.

Hey, cutie over here! Hanako yelled waving her hand to signal Jirou to come over to where they were. Jirou looked at Hanako then at Hoshi.

Hoshi! Jirou yelled waving his hand in the air and was running over to them.

Do you know him? Hanako asked.

That's Jirou, Hoshi said with a smile.

Aw, that's no fair! Hanako said.

Hoshi, is everything okay? Jirou asked as he finally caught up to them.

Yup, Hoshi said. And I'm sorry about yesterday.

No I'm sorry, I should have asked first. I didn't mean to make you cry, Jirou said.

What?! You made Hoshi cry?! Nothing gives you that right! Hanako yelled grabbing Jirou's shirt collar. Calm down, Hoshi said as she grabbed Hanako's hand. It wasn't Jirou's fault. Something happened yesterday, that I wasn't prepared for. I tried to run and deny it, but I came to admit it right at the exact time, she said letting go of Hanako's hand.

Really? Jirou asked.

Really, Hoshi said. Oh by the way, Jirou this Hanako, Hanako this Jirou.

What happened yesterday? Maybe we can help? Hanako asked.

I don't want to talk about it. Besides it's my problem, so only I can deal with it, Hoshi said. Jirou held Hoshi's hand.

We'll always be here for you, Jirou said with a smile.

Yeah, Hanako said with a smile.

Thanks, Hoshi said smiling back at them.



So how was school today? Jirou asked trying to change the subject.

School was great! Hoshi said trying to change the mood.

Oh really? Because you were miss gloom and doom today, Hanako said.

S-shut up! Hoshi said putting Hanako in a choke hold.

Ow, why can t you be more like the boy s tennis team captain, Tezuka-kun? Hanako asked after she got free.

Because, Tezuka-kun is Tezuka-kun, and I m me, Hoshi said smacking Hanako in the back of the head.

Ow, Hanako said rubbing her head. I m going to&, she said before being cut off.

Would you look at that, we re already at your house, Hoshi said. Bye.

Good-bye, Jirou said.

I ll get you next time! Hanako yelled.

We ll just see about that, Hoshi said as she and Jirou walked off.

After Jirou and Hoshi were out of sight, Hanako said, I m glad you re happy now, gloom and doom just isn t you.

So Jirou, what are you doing here? Hoshi asked.

I have to do some shopping over here, Jirou said.

Oh, well I have to go home, Hoshi said.

Bye, Jirou said. Hoshi looked at Jirou, expecting a kiss on the cheek or something. When Jirou didn t do anything, Hoshi kissed Jirou.

Seriously, it s okay for you to kiss me, Hoshi said.

Okay, Jirou said kissing Hoshi.

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Noriko, I'm home, Hoshi yelled.

Welcome back, Noriko said as she walked in. You seem happy.

Thanks to Jirou and Hanako, Hoshi said. Well, I'm going to my room now.

Oh wait here, Noriko said handing Hoshi a folded piece of paper.

What is it? Hoshi asked.

I don't know, Atobe-sama came by earlier looking for you. When I told him you weren't here he wrote something down and told me to give it to you, Noriko said.

From Keigo&, Hoshi said studying the note. I'm going to my room now.

Okay then, Noriko said.

Hoshi went to her room. She closed the door, threw her things on her bed, sat at her desk, and studied the note. Why am I so reluctant to open it, she said. Finally Hoshi picked it up and unfolded it. I'm truly sorry for what I did yesterday, I acted without thinking. I want to make it up to you. Please come to my house later, Hoshi said as she read the note out loud. She put the note down, looked up at her roof, then got her things, and left.

The door bell rang at Atobe's house and one of his servants answered the door. Ah, Ame-sama good to see you. Atobe-sama is expecting you. He's in his room right now. Please come in, the servant said.

Thank-you, Hoshi said.

There was a knock on Atobe's door. Come in, Atobe said lying on his bed and was looking up at his roof.

Keigo, Hoshi said as she closed the door. Atobe got off of his bed and walked over to Hoshi. I'm sorry for slapping you.

Why are you apologizing for that? You had every right, Atobe said.

But&, Hoshi said before she was cut off.

But nothing! I'm the one who's sorry, Atobe said. I did something stupid and I ended up hurting you in the process.

Keigo&, Hoshi said.

Here, Atobe said pulling out a ring from his pocket.

I can't accept that, Hoshi said.

Just take it, Atobe said as he put it on Hoshi's finger.

Thank-you, Hoshi said.

I'm truly sorry. It's just that when you and Jirou started becoming closer, I thought I was going to lose you to him, Atobe said looking into Hoshi's eyes. You're my closest friend, and if I lost you, then I would be alone. Hoshi looked at Atobe and began to blush.

What's this strange feeling, Hoshi thought.

Is something wrong? Atobe asked.

No, Hoshi said looking at the ring. Whatever made you think that Jirou could replace you.

&It's getting late, you should stay the night, Atobe said.

Okay, thank-you, Hoshi said.

I'll have the guest bedroom ready for you, Atobe said. After Hoshi went to bed, Atobe walked into the room that Hoshi was staying in. He walked over to her bed and sat down. He stroked her face, he leaned forward, and kissed her softly on the forehead.

Ha! How did you like that serve? Hoshi asked in her sleep. Atobe laughed, looked at her, and then kissed her softly on the forehead again. And with that Atobe left the room.

Uh, Keigo&, Hoshi said as she woke up.

## 14 - Ch. 14

Ch. 14

Hoshi was singing and was skipping to the tune. Will you shut up already, Hanako said smacking Hoshi up side the head. You re depressing when sad, and annoying when happy.

Would you rather have me sad or happy? Hoshi asked.

Neither, Hanako said. So why are you so happy?

I fixed things up with my friend, Hoshi said cheerfully.

And where were you last night? Hanako asked.

I spent the night at my friend s house, Hoshi said.

At Atobe-kun s house? Hanako asked with a grin.

Yeah, Hoshi said giving Hanako a confused look.

Do you love Atobe-kun? Hanako asked.

No! Hoshi said. I mean he can be sweet and all, he s always been there for me, rescues me from my loneliness, always finding time for me, takes care of me, and&, Hoshi said before she stopped.

Hoshi is something wrong? Hanako asked.

No, Hoshi said looking down. Hey, we re already at your house.

Oh, bye then, Hanako said.

Bye, Hoshi said.

Good luck on your date with Jirou-kun tomorrow! Hanako yelled.

Thanks! Hoshi yelled. Noriko! Hoshi yelled as she walked in. She waited a bit for a reply, but when she didn t get a reply, she started to walk through the house yelling Noriko s name. When she finally got to the kitchen, she gave up on yelling. She noticed a note on the fridge. I ll be back soon. I had to go shopping, Hoshi said as she read the note aloud. The doorbell rang. Coming! she yelled as she walked towards the door, and opened it. Keigo?

May I come in? Atobe asked.

Of course, Hoshi said. Can I get you anything?

No thank-you, Atobe said.

Well then, I m going to put my things away, Hoshi said as she started to walk up the stairs and Atobe followed. When they got to Hoshi s room, she put her things way, and sat on her bed. What can I do for you?

Hoshi, there s something I have to tell you, Atobe said.

What is it? Hoshi asked as she leaned back a little on her bed. Atobe walked over to Hoshi, leaned over her, put his hands on the bed, and kissed her. Hoshi laid on her bed, and was looking up at Atobe, who was now hovering a few inches above her.

I love you, Atobe said right before he kissed her again. Hoshi stared at Atobe, tears streamed down her cheeks, and she tried to say something but the words never came out. Atobe looked at Hoshi, then got up and walked to the door. I m an idiot, I hurt you again. I m sorry, he said as he closed the door behind him.

## 15 - Ch. 15

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The doorbell rang at Hoshi's house and Noriko answered the door. Ah, hello Hanako-san, Noriko said. Hello, is Hoshi home? Hanako asked.

&Hoshi's been locked up in her room all day and she hasn't eaten a thing. Could you please go and talk to her? Noriko asked with a concerned look on her face.

I'll try, Hanako said. Hanako knocked on Hoshi's door. Hoshi?

What? Hoshi asked.

You're so rude, Hanako said.

I'm sorry. What do you want? Hoshi asked.

I came to help you get ready for your date, and what do I come to find? You locked up in your room, Hanako said. What's wrong?

Nothing&, I just don't feel good, Hoshi said. I don't think I'll be able to go out tonight.

Hoshi, you don't know how lucky you are, Hanako said.

What do you mean? Hoshi asked. I'm not lucky.

You have Jirou-kun, don't you? I've hung out with him a couple of times, since you introduced us. And all he ever talked about was you and how lucky he was to have you, Hanako said. It was quiet for a bit, and then there was the sound of Hoshi unlocking her door.

Okay Hanako, I'll go, Hoshi said as she opened the door. But I don't want to hurt Keigo or Jirou, she thought.

That's great! Okay, next problem, what to wear? Oh I know, how about a dress? Hanako asked as she ran to Hoshi's closet. You do have a dress, don't you? Hoshi gave Hanako a look.

Of course I do, Hoshi said.

Good, cause I was starting to wonder if you were a girl, Hanako said and Hoshi threw a book at Hanako. Ow, well it's not my fault. For the past three years that I know you, all I've seen you wear was jeans and T-shirts. In fact the grisiest thing I've seen you wear was our school uniforms.

Are you going to help me or insult me? Hoshi asked giving Hanako a look.

Both, Hanako said as she went through Hoshi's closet and was throwing clothes all over the place.

Hey, what are you doing? Who said you could dirty up my room? Hoshi asked.

Relax, worry about making yourself sexy for Jirou-kun, Hanako said.

What?! Hoshi yelled with her face all red.

Well you got to keep him interested, Hanako said.

Interested in what? Hoshi asked with her face even redder.

So naive, Hanako said.

S-shut, Hoshi said.

Who would have ever thought that Seigaku's girl tennis team captain would be so&innocent, Hanako said.

I thought I told you to shut up, Hoshi said covering her face.

I'm just kidding. It's so fun to mess with you, Hanako said.

I don't think it's fun, Hoshi said. They both began to laugh. Outside Hoshi's room stood Noriko, who was listening on their conversation.

I'm glad you're happy now, Noriko said.

## 16 - Ch. 16

Ch. 16

Hello Hoshi! Jirou said with a huge grin. I've been waiting for this date!

Yeah, Hoshi said.

Is something wrong? Jirou asked.

No, I'm just a little tired, Hoshi said. I was so excited about today, that I didn't get much sleep last night.

Oh, I see, Jirou said.

So what do we do first? Hoshi asked.

I was thinking about going to a nice, quiet restaurant, Jirou said.

What?! Really?! Hoshi asked with her focus now on Jirou.

And after dinner we'll get some ice cream, Jirou said.

Yay! Hoshi yelled as she grabbed and hugged Jirou's arm. After dinner, they got their ice cream and were walking through the park. When they came to an open grass area, they sat down and looked up at the stars.

Hey Hoshi, you like to look up at the stars don't ya? Jirou asked.

Yeah, Hoshi said.

Sorry, I don't have a telescope with me, Jirou said.

That's okay, you're here with me and that's all I need, Hoshi said. Jirou kissed Hoshi and Hoshi came closer to Jirou. They laid down and watched the stars. About a half an hour later Atobe walked by and noticed Jirou, but didn't recognize Hoshi.

Who's that girl? And what is he doing with her? Atobe asked himself. He walked closer and noticed it was Hoshi. He turned around to walk away, he glanced over his shoulder real quick and noticed that they hadn't move since he got there. He walked closer to them and saw that they were both asleep. He then walked up to Jirou, pushed him awake and said, Get up.

Huh? Jirou said yawning.

If you're going to be with her, you better take care of her, Atobe said as he walked off.

Atobe? Jirou asked as he watched Atobe walk away. He then yawned, looked around, and noticed Hoshi who was sleeping right next to him. He smiled at her, kissed her softly on the forehead, picked her up, and began to walk towards Hoshi's house.

## 17 - Ch. 18

Ch. 18

Hoshi got dressed and went down stairs. Good morning, she said as she walked into the kitchen.

Good morning, Noriko said. Just in time for breakfast.

Great, I m starving, Hoshi said as she sat down.

It sure was nice of Jirou-kun to bring you home and tuck you in, Noriko said before taking a bit.

Wha? He did? Hoshi asked with an embarrass look on her face.

It was nice of him, but it was rude of you to fall asleep during your date, Noriko said.

I couldn t help it. We sat and looked at the stars for a while& it was so peaceful and I felt so safe around him that I fell asleep, Hoshi said looking at her food.

I doesn t matter, Noriko said before taking another bit.

Why? Hoshi asked.

He looked happy doing it, Noriko said. Hurry up and eat, before it gets cold.

Okay, Hoshi said. After she finished eating she got up, Thanks for breakfast, I m going now, she said before leaving.

Wait, Noriko said as she got up and left the room.

She tells me to wait and then leaves, Hoshi said with a look on her face.

Here, Noriko said handing Hoshi a present.

What s this? My birthday is still months away, Hoshi said as she examined the gift.

Atobe-sama brought it by last night and asked me to give it to you, Noriko said.

I see, Hoshi said with a sad look on her face and was looking at the gift. Can I go now?

A, yes, Noriko said as Hoshi walked out. Is something wrong?

No, everything is fine, Hoshi said giving a fake smile to Noriko. Don t worry about it, she said as she walked away.

Even though you said that, I still can t help but worry, Noriko said.

When Hoshi got to her room, she put the gift on the desk, and sat down. What are you trying to do? she asked as she began to open the gift. When she opened the gift, she picked up the picture of her and Atobe, when they were little, from inside the gift. She looked at it for a bit, before she placed it down on the desk. She remembered the dream she had last night, and began to look around her room. When she spotted the teddy bear, that Jirou had won for her, on her bed, she walked up to it, hugged it, said I m sorry, and left.

## 18 - Ch.19

Ch. 19

The door bell rang at Atobe s house and a servant answered it. Ah, hello Ame-sama, said the servant. Hello&is Keigo home? Hoshi asked.

Yes, he s in his room, the servant said.

Thank you, Hoshi said. When she got to Atobe s room, she knocked on the door.

What? Atobe asked.

And a good morning to you too, Hoshi said outside Atobe s door.

What?! Hoshi?! Atobe said as he opened the door to see Hoshi smiling and waving her hand hi. What are you doing here?

I came by to see if you wanted to do something? Hoshi asked.

But after what I did& Atobe said before he was cut off.

Do you or do you not want to do something? Hoshi asked.

Okay? Atobe said giving Hoshi a confused look.

Great! Hoshi said grabbing Atobe s hand and dragging him out the door.

Wait can I get dressed first? Atobe asked.

Fine then but hurry up, Hoshi said letting go of Atobe s hand.

Thank you, Atobe said walking back to his room. After he finished getting dressed, he and Hoshi were in his front yard. Now what?

Hm, let s go to the arcade first, Hoshi said as she started to run off.

Does this mean you forgiven me, or are you trying to make it seem like my confession never happened? Atobe asked himself as he watched Hoshi run off.

Are you coming? Hoshi asked.

I m coming, Atobe said walking up to Hoshi.

You re too slow, Hoshi said.

You re just too impatient, Atobe said. After the arcade they were walking around.

Can t believe you couldn t beat me once, Hoshi said.

Well, unlike you I don t spend endless hours playing videogames, Atobe said.

Well after awhile tennis gets boring and what else am I supposed to do when no one s around? Hoshi asked.

Something else, Atobe said.

I do! Hoshi said.

Let s get some ice cream, Atobe said walking off.

Hey don t change the subject and then walk away! You re making it seem like I have a no life! Hoshi yelled at Atobe who was walking away. Wait did you say ice cream?

Yes, Atobe said.

I m in, Hoshi said cheerfully.

And you say you have a life, Atobe said sarcastically. Hoshi gave him a look and smacked him in the back of the head.

Ow, what was that for? Atobe said rubbing the back of his head.

For being an idiot, Hoshi said walking away from Atobe. After they spent the day together they went back to Atobe s house and watched a movie. Hoshi fell asleep on Atobe; Atobe looked at her and then smiled.



I better go call Noriko, Atobe said laying Hoshi down on the couch.

Keigo&, Hoshi said in her sleep.

You re awake? Atobe asked walking over to Hoshi.

&I love you, Hoshi said in her sleep. Atobe stopped and looked at her. Hoshi woke up and sat up staring into space after realizing what she confessed in her dream.

What did you say? Atobe asked. Hoshi looked at him and didn t say anything for a bit.

I&I think I love you, Hoshi said looking away from Atobe. Atobe embraced Hoshi and held her tight. He kissed her on the head and held her even tighter. Then he looked at her and kissed her. Hoshi began to cry. Atobe stopped embracing her, and held her at arms length.

What s wrong? Atobe asked.

I don t want to hurt him, Hoshi said in between her tears. Atobe looked at her trying to figure out who she was talking about and then he remembered Jirou.

Do you want to go home? Atobe asked letting go of Hoshi, and Hoshi nodded yes.

## 19 - Ch. 20

Ch. 20

Hi Hoshi! Jirou said to Hoshi with a huge grin on his face.

Hello! Hoshi said.

What's wrong? Jirou asked. And please don't tell me it's nothing.

I have to tell you something, Hoshi said looking away from Jirou.

What is it...? Jirou asked hesitantly.

We shouldn't be going out anymore, Hoshi said. Looking down and was crying.

Why?! Jirou asked.

There's... I, Hoshi said trying to find the words and trying to keep the tears from coming. Jirou looked at her with a confused and sad look on his face, and then he grabbed her softly and kissed her on the cheek.

Forget it, Jirou said letting go of Hoshi. I want you to be happy even if it's not with me.

Jirou, Hoshi said.

Goodbye, Jirou said walking away. After he was a fair distance away from Hoshi he began to cry and so did Hoshi. He came to a bench sat down and looked up at the stars with tears still streaming down his cheeks. Hanako passed by and noticed Jirou, she ran up to him.

Hi Jirou! Hanako said cheerfully and with a grin. Before she noticed that he was crying. She sat down next to him, What's wrong? Jirou brushed away his tears and looked at her a bit.

Hoshi and I are no longer together, Jirou said as he went back to looking up at the sky.

Why? Hanako asked placing her hand on Jirou's.

I don't know why, Jirou said. But I want her to be happy even if it's not with me.

Back to where Hoshi was crying, Atobe walked up to her and held her in his arms. It will be alright, he said stroking Hoshi's head.

No it won't be! I hurt him and I hurt Jirou, Hoshi said in between her tears.

Come now Hoshi, please stop crying, Atobe said kissing her head. You know when we were younger; you always told me it will all work out in the end. And that saying is true, I mean just look at us. Hoshi looked at Atobe and dried her tears. Don't worry about Jirou; he'll find someone that makes him happy as did I with you.

You're probably right. You're always right, Hoshi said.

There's something I want to tell you. Atobe said. I should have told you in a more romantic way.

What is it? Hoshi asked.

I love you, Atobe said before they kissed.

The End