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I, YOUJI INUKAI (14), HAVE HAD THOSE WORDS WRITTEN IN MY SCHOOL REPORT CARD SINCE I WAS VERY YOUNG.



YES...

UNTIL
THIS
NIGHT...

You're
always so
enthusiastic,
aren't you?

TO
COUNTER
MY SOCIAL
PHOBIA,

I'VE BEEN
DOING SPEECH
PRACTICE
WITH MY CLOSE
FRIENDS -- THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
CATS.

"LET'S
CLEAN THE
CLASSROOM
T-T-TOGE-
THER..!"

Thanks,
guys.

I'll
do my
best...

All right
Kuro-tan,
I'm in your
care!

L-L

LET'S...

AH..

Nyan!

田中メカ

MECA TANAKA

Good evening.

I'm also a cat,

but won't you let me be your practice partner?

A SNOW WHITE LOVE THAT BLOOMS IN THE NIGHT

帰花の彼女

The Return of the Flower Girl

IMPOSSIBLE

I've
always
wanted to
join in the
fun...

LIKE-DISLIKE LEVEL:
0.5

IT'S A
PRETTY
GIRL...

My
name
is Yuki
Nagayama!

... A
"CAT"?

IN A
WHITE
SCHOOL
UNIFORM.



Is she a
Foreigner?

and
even her
hair is
white...

Her
skin is
white...

What
an odd
person...



AT
NIGHT
...



There
she is
...

Ah...

I GUESS
I WAS A
BIT RUDE...

THE NEXT
EVENING.



BATHUMP
BATHUMP

BATHUMP
BATHUMP

BATHUMP
BATHUMP

RECENT ✧
MOST TOUCHING
✧ EVENTS

I went to Hawaii
for vacation a
few days ago and I
was lucky enough
to see wild
dolphins while I
was snorkelling!



I couldn't see them
properly but I
could hear their
voices. I was so
moved! Dolphins
are so cute!

I want to meet
them again!

♡ Tanaka Meka ~♡





HMM?

How many
people are in
your family,
Youji?

THE SHOCK REMEDY

Smile!
Relax!

THE STARING REMEDY

FOUR.

FOUR
MEMBERS.

ONE BY
ONE.

I
ANSWERED
HER NEVER-
ENDING
QUESTIONS.

Do
you have
siblings?

AN
ELDER
SISTER.

I
see...
and
the age
difference?

ON A
WHIM

LET'S
CLEAN THE
CLASSROOM
TOGETHER!!

RELATION-BUILDING WORKSHOP

YUKI IS
REALLY LIKE
A CAT...

SHE
ALWAYS
SEEMS SO
CARE-
FREE.

You've
done well.

Louder!

L-L-LE

L-LET'S

SHE
SUDDENLY
DISAPPEARS
INTO THIN
AIR.

BEFORE
I KNOW
IT,



EH?...

Good
night,
Youji!

Well I'll
see you
tomorrow!

THUD

Alas!

WAA

SHE
NEVER SAYS
ANYTHING
ABOUT
HERSELF...



GONE

WHAT?

WHAT'S
THIS!?

Sigh...
It's been a
week, and I still
haven't asked
anything about
her...

Kyaaa

They're
bubbles....
for the
cats to play
with..

...Well
done.

IF YOU
WANT...

UH..

BLUSH



You're really gentle, aren't you Youji?

I know this, but...

it would be great if everyone else knows too...

BATHUMP



GOOD NIGHT, YOUJI!

Aha-ha
BATHUMP

BUT ISN'T IT COLD?!

WAH!

I WANT TO ASK ABOUT HER...

I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT HER...

WAIT...

BATHUMP

I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU!

YUKI!

CAN I
WALK WITH
YOU AFTER
SCHOOL FROM
NOW ON?!

WHERE
DO YOU
LIVE?

MIDDLE
SCHOOL?!
HIGH
SCHOOL?!

WHERE
DO YOU
GO TO
SCHOOL?!

SINCE THE
STREETS ARE
DANGEROUS
AT NIGHT...

IN ONE
BREATH



So
there's
nothing
to worry
about!

S--

I ASKED
HER!!!

I told
you before,
right?

I'm a
"cat".

AH....

Youji..

SORRY!
F-FOR
SUDDEN-
LY...

YES!?





あ
た
さ
い
り

表紙を描かせていただいたのにページ少なくてすみませ
ん。他の作家さん達の作品が楽しみでわくわくです!

宛 先
〒101-0063
東京都千代田区神田淡路町2-2-2
白泉社 白ララ編集部 田中メカさま

but there was
one very beautiful
white cat! I wonder
who it belongs
to...

You were
surrounded
by cats as
usual,

I saw you
passing by
the other
day.

Yeah... Um
well...

FATHER IS THE
SILENT TYPE AS WELL.

Have you
forgotten?

That's
the cat you
picked up 10
years ago.

CLATTER

!?

MOM!

DID YOU
SAY YUKI
NAGAYA-
MA?!

Eh? You're
speaking as
if she's
human!

WHAT?

There
was...

a
white
cat...?

...WHAT?

Ah,
I just
remem-
bered!

Today I met
Mrs. Nagayama
who lives in the
2nd district.

She said Yuki left
the house, even
though she doesn't
have much longer
to live!

EH?



What about your dinner?

YO-CHAN?!

TAP TAP TAP

KX-CHICK

SHE SAT COWERING IN THE RAIN

AND WAS COVERED WITH MUD.

Oh my... a 5 year old wouldn't remember the owner's name...



"UNTIL SHE GETS WELL" I PROMISED...

FATHER WAS ALLERGIC TO CATS, BUT I CRIED AND BEGGED TO NURSE HER BACK TO HEALTH.



SOUTH ENTRANCES

ON THE DAY WE PARTED...

I REMEMBER.

I SECRETLY TIED SISTER'S SAILOR UNIFORM'S RIBBON AROUND HER NECK.

IT WAS NOT A LIE.





yuki!

A VERY
BEAUTIFUL
WHITE
CAT...

What are
you looking
at?

Yuki
dear, you're
always by the
window.

I've
always been
watching
you.



For
coming to
see me...

Thank
you...

To be by the side of the
child who saved my life.....

THE RED
RIBBON
STOOD OUT
CLEARLY.

ON A
NIGHT WITH
SUCH A BLUE
ATMOSPHERE,



For you, who
is so awkward
and clumsy in
life...

I've always
prayed to the
blessed
moon...



I want to encourage you

Yuki....

I want to tell you...

You
really
were a
cat...?



**EVERYONE,
L-L-L-L-L LET'S
CLEAN THE
CLASSROOM!!**

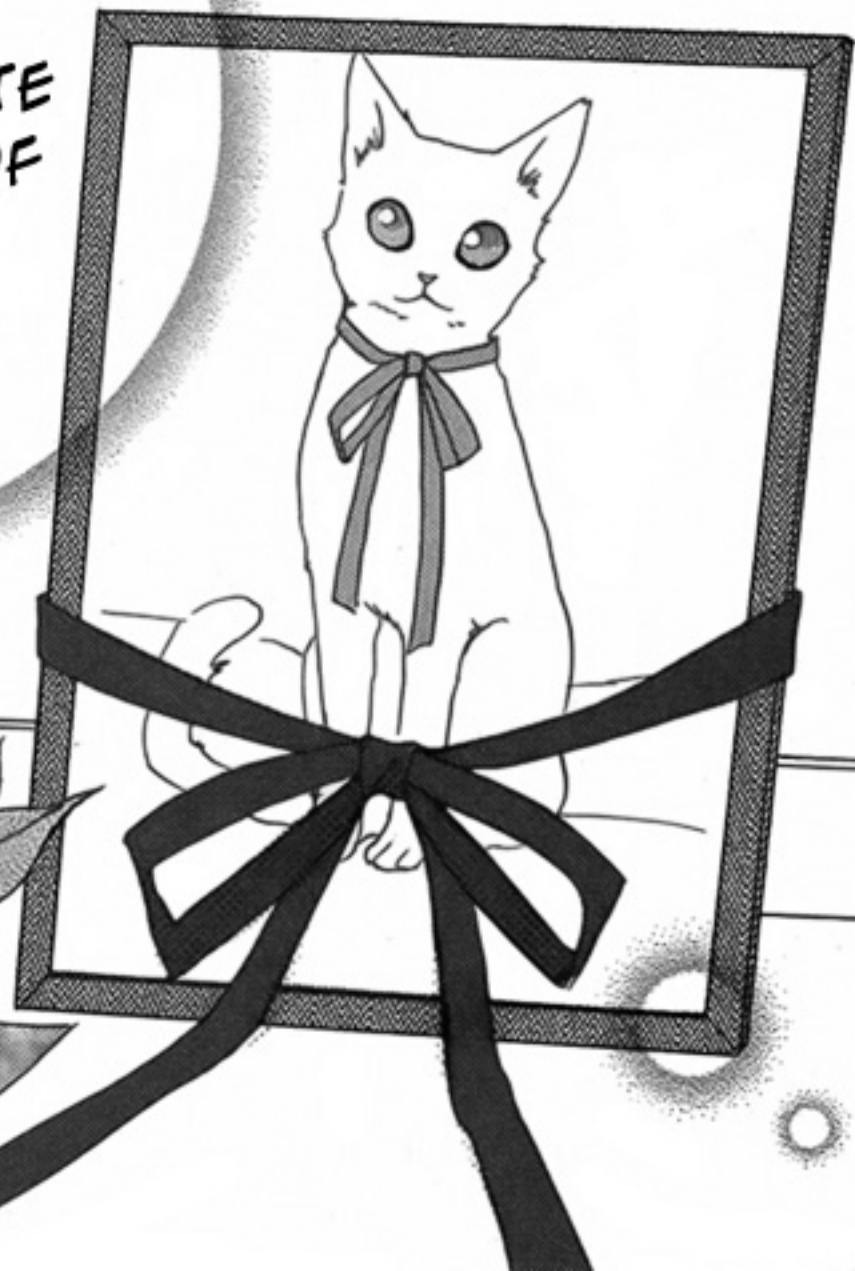
TOGETHER!!



THE PARTNER
WHO REMEMBERED
OUR FLEETING LOVE

WAS A
BEAUTIFUL WHITE
FLOWER FULL OF
INNOCENCE.

I wonder
if your feelings
were conveyed?



FIN