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Summary

When the world turns upside down and two girls now have to fight for their lives. Will they survive or not?

[ORV oc fanfic, can be read as a self-insert but isn't <3]

Happy reading :)

Notes

Enjoy! Kudos and comments are greatly appreciated <3

Sorry for the short chapter! We promise that the rest won't be like that, in fact, they're typically 1,000< words, it's just this one chapter,

Written by Kat~

Chapter 1: Can you really control watches with magnetic fields? | Chapter 1

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

‘Vivi, wait up!’ I yelled at the girl striding in front of me, running hurriedly to catch up to her. It was 4 o’clock, and school was over. For once, I didn’t have any clubs after-school, so, I could finally go home on the 4:15 train.

Finally, my favourite part of the day, I thought, hoping that my dad would let me watch some tv before I had to do my homework.

‘Are you taking the train today?’ I asked as I caught up to Vivi, walking side by side, out of the school grounds.

‘Yep!’ she replied, casually brushing away a stray twig that had fallen into her hair.

‘Cause the traffic is absolutely horrible today.’ Vivi continued, pulling a face. I nodded in agreement. This week, there had been roadworks by Oakfield Park, and you could see millions of cars stuck in traffic. So, loads of kids chose to take the train instead.

Since so many people were going, the train would be really crowded, but that would be better than sitting in traffic for hour, I thought to myself.

We strode to the station rather quickly and waited a few minutes in silence.

Damn, the train was delayed, I thought, but I wasn’t surprised. Naturally, I started reading my book; I read in any spare moment. Unsurprisingly, Vivi was doing the same, and we had a brief, but exciting conversation about the books we were reading. We had similar tastes in books, so we always asked the other when we needed new recommendations, and it felt great to to talk to someone who understood the books I read. Our most recent one was a gripping tale of a fantasy world that had collided into real life, and it was captivating. We both stayed up reading it and wondered what it would be like if that happened to us. Would it be exciting? Terrifying? Or a mix of both? Well, we would soon find out…

A few minutes later, the train screeched to a halt in front of us, and the doors slid open to let us through.

‘Hey, Kana?’ said Vivi. ‘What’s the time?’

Not bothering to say that she could just check the screen where the ads were shown, I glanced at my watch just to be sure.

‘Strange…’ I muttered, and Vivi heard me.

‘Hmm? What’s wrong?’ She asked, and I just showed her my watch in reply. The digits kept on switching again and again dizzyingly.

‘Uhhh…What the heck?!’ She cried. ‘What is this?

‘I don’t know…’ I replied. ‘It seems something is messing with the magnetic fields.’

‘Wow, always the smart one, hm?’ She said teasingly.

I replied quickly. ‘Uh, no. We both know that Helena is the smartest in our friend group.’

Vivi shrugged; she couldn’t argue with that.

After a few minutes, Vivi found someone with a mechanical watch that seemed to still be functioning. ‘Hi, could you possibly tell us the time? My friend’s watch is broken.’ She put on an angelic face and smiled.

Wow, I thought. *If I didn’t know better, I would’ve believed that act.*

‘You really are born to be an actor, you know.’ I complimented her.

‘It’s nothing special.’ She teasingly pretended to fiddle bashfully, before throwing me a somewhat devious look while waggling her eyebrows.

‘Anyways, it’s ten to five.’

“Thanks.” I nodded briefly.

A few more minutes passed, and I tried to continue reading, but I had a bad feeling. Like… something catastrophic was going to happen. I was wondering whether to tell Vivi when the carriage shook.

‘Argh!’ Shocked cries of passengers resounded all around as they tumbled and fell. Vivi and I barely managed to stay on our feet (only because we grabbed a metal bar and held onto each other as tightly as we could). The man that had told Vivi the time flew past us, and I glimpsed a flash of his watch.

It was five o’clock.

Chapter End Notes

Did you know you can actually "control" watches via magnetic fields to a degree? :D

Chapter 2: Dokkaebi Are Horrid. | Chapter 2

Chapter Summary

Things truly go to shit in this....

Comments and Kudos are greatly appreciated <3

See, we're keeping our promise, this chapter is definitely longer <3

Chapter Notes

We're in a ride for this one!!!

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It was five o’clock. I didn’t know why this mattered, but I could just feel it. Something had changed. A small body suddenly appeared, which looked like a furry animal, making me and Vivi jump. We were both obviously on edge but stayed calm. It had little golden horns poking out of puffy white fur, and large, red eyes, that would’ve been cute, if they weren’t glowing with malice.

‘[#*$-#+ #^+*} +]’ came a noise.

‘What was that?’ Someone said, confused, but I realised it belonged to the creature.
‘[#*+%…translation patch…#+^=&…malfunctioning @$a%i¥? Ah, that’s better.]’

‘What the hell, is this a tv show shooting or something?’ A man behind us yelled.

‘What is go-’

BANG. There was a sound like a gunshot and something dark and sticky was splattered onto my PE uniform. Instinctively, me and Vivi turned our heads slowly, dreading what we would see, and there it was. The corpse, not yet cold, but already completely lifeless, had a crater imbedded in what used to be its face. An eyeball, half destroyed, rolled, and splattered blood onto my previously spotless shoe. I stared at it for a few moments, seeing, but not. Conscious, but not conscious. I couldn’t think, couldn’t breathe, and Vivi was trembling beside me, and my vision started blurring and turning red…

[APATHY LV.1 HAS AWAKENED]

I was calm. I wasn't worried. I just glanced one last time at the body and kicked the eyeball, watching it rolls under a seat. The creature was still talking. Something along the lines of:

'[*Ugh, pathetic humankind. This isn't a joke; does this look like a terrorist attack to you?]'

I didn't feel angry, just, a faint annoyance at that dokkaebi, like I wanted them to be erased from existence.

Wait, what?

I just thought about the creature as a 'dokkaebi.' But I didn't know what that meant. *Wait…*

Something itched at the back of my mind and I racked my brains, trying to jog my memory.

Wasn't that a creature from that book I read when I was young?

But how did I know that creature is a dokkaebi? And why do I feel so certain that it's true?

My thoughts raced around my head, round and round and round like a carousel.

That's not important right now.

I felt insolent and dead to the world. Like I was watching one of my beloved tv shows. People who screamed or shouted out had their heads instantly mangled. Just like that first one. I didn't feel remorse. Only a slight twinge of regretfulness, as I stepped over one of my classmates' bodies. We weren't that close anyway. To me, dying was just passing away a bit earlier that others, but we would all die in the end. I had always been like this. Even before this 'apathetic' skill had appeared. People called me strange, but I didn't really mind, because as long as I had my friends (and my cat) with me, I would be fine.

Then, the strange creature, no, *dokkaebi,* smirked, before waving its hands above their head as a blue, holographic screen appeared.

[WORLD 8612. YOUR FREE TRIAL HAS ENDED. IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR ACCUMULATED DEBT.]

'[You humans have been left unsupervised for far too long. Wow, you've even started destroying the planet before the scenarios arrived! Managers-nim have been putting off the payment for so long (they are ever so busy), but finally! The time has come for you to pay back what you owe.]'

A devious grin spread across the dokkaebi's face as it laughed at our horrified expressions.

But then, something appeared before me, something like what you would see in a game. An announcement? I clicked on it, and a blue hologram seemed to appear before my eyes. Glancing around, saw that everyone else was looking at something in front of them too, but their screens were invisible to my eyes. It read:

<MAIN SCENARIO #1 – PROOF OF VALUE>

CATEGORY: MAIN

DIFFICULTY: F

CLEAR CONDITIONS: KILL ONE OR MORE LIVING ORGANISMS

TIME LIMIT: 30 MINUTES

REWARD: 300 COINS

PENALTY FOR FAILURE: DEATH

Chaos ensued. A countdown starting from 30:00 appeared in the front of the train carriage. Adults were screaming and praying to the heavens, while children clung to their parents, weeping hopelessly. Everyone was panicked. Except for us, the two high school girls surrounded by all the misery. I turned to Vivi.

‘You must have the ‘apathetic’ skill too, right?’

‘Mhm.’ She nodded, eyes distant.

‘How do you switch it off? It’s strange…’

‘How am I meant to know-’

‘Ah.’

Somehow, I suddenly knew what to do.

Deactivate ‘Apathy lv. 1’. I thought.

And it was gone. Vivi seemed to have figured it out too, and we both looked more content, instead of just cold and icy.

‘That skill will be really useful though…’

Vivi said, thoughtfully, as I nodded in agreement. For some unknown reason, I still felt calm and utterly unbothered by the death and gore around me.

I really should stop reading horror stories, I pondered. *It seems I'm a bit immune to this kind of thing now. I always imagined it would be scarier though…*

I turned and looked at Vivi, who seemed to be thinking something along those lines too. Then, the dokkaebi spoke again.

'[Puny humans, you really don't understand what situation you are in right now, do you?]'

I didn't know what was going to happen, but again, I had this feeling like a spider was crawling up my spine, slowly and silently...

'[In some places, people haven't even been killed! Haha. Let's speed things up, shall we?]' the dokkaebi cackled, sending chills down my body.

'[MAIN SCENARIO UPDATE COMPLETE]'

The new announcement read. Quickly, I checked the Main Scenario, to see that it had indeed changed. Now it said:

<MAIN SCENARIO #1 – PROOF OF VALUE>

CATEGORY: MAIN

DIFFICULTY: F

CLEAR CONDITIONS: KILL ONE OR MORE LIVING ORGANISMS. IF IN MORE THAN 3 MINUTES PASS WITHOUT A DEATH, EVERYONE IN THE AREA WILL DIE.

TIME LIMIT: 10 MINUTES

REWARD: 350 COINS

PENALTY FOR FAILURE: DEATH

Damn it, I thought. We only had 3 minutes until someone had to die. But I forgot one crucial thing. Everyone left in the carriage slowly fixed their gaze on me and Vivi. We all made eye

contact. Of course they would come for us, the only two defenceless high school girls, weak and unable to help themselves. Vivi cursed with creative colour under her breath, and I just smiled weakly. There's no way I would survive a fight with these bloodthirsty adults with full armour and weapons, so I knew there was no chance that we could win with my horrible stamina and weak arms. I was decently fast, but I couldn't evade their attacks forever. I did have a backup plan, but I didn't know how affective it would be. Well, I had prepared myself for death since that man died at the beginning, so I just closed my eyes. Until I got another announcement.

[DARK DAGGERS LV. 1 HAS AWAKENED]

My body moved, swiftly kicking a man's shins and palming his pen knife as he stumbled backwards in surprise. Vivi seemed to also have awakened an attack skill and was already wielding her-

…Umbrella?!

Ok, there would be time to tease her about it later, but it really was ridiculous, watching her disarm a woman, only using the hot pink umbrella that she so disliked. How ironic that it was now her only chance of survival. Instinctively, I ducked, narrowly avoiding a punch that would've probably broken my jaw. It was sent by a fit, middle-aged man who was targeting me.

Ok, last resort time, I thought, as I pulled out my secret weapon from my pocket… I may or may not have swiped a bottle of sulphuric acid and a container full of triflic acid from the chemistry labs. Hurriedly, I poured the acids into the same bottle and dipped my penknife into it. Then, with a flick of my wrist, it was sent straight into the middle-aged man's throat who was charging at me. It dug in deep. He collapsed onto the floor, writhing in pain. The acids I mixed together became the highly corrosive superacid, which was way stronger than your average sulphuric acid. He made a gurgling sound, and the crowd parted, shocked, as I walked towards the convulsing figure on the ground. In one movement, I grabbed the knife, twisted it, and pulled it out, leaving him to bleed out and suffocate in his own blood. I could hear the bubbling of the blood as he tried and failed to breathe, choking on his own blood.

Well, he deserved it, I thought. I didn't feel any remorse.

If I didn't kill him, he would've killed me. That's the way this new world works.

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