

Tsumugi smiled. “Now for the first question in this Ultimate Game Show!” she says with a smile.

Shuichi gulps.

“It’s a medical question, so I think our dear nurse Mikan may have an advantage!~”

Everyone but Mikan groans. Mikan smiles gleefully.

Tsumugi announces, “Now, here’s the question:

“What was the public comment on the Baboon Heart transplant?”

Mikan’s face falls.

She has no fucking clue.

Tsumugi sees the uncertainty on the nurse’s face, & that only makes her smile wider. She was clearly getting sadistic pleasure from this situation. What a monster.

“Does our lovely nurse have an answer?” she asks.

Mikan gulps. “Um...um...”

“5 seconds to give an answer—or you’ll fail the question entirely!”

“Um...”

“5! 4! 3! 2—”

“It was public approval!” Mikan burst out.

Tsumugi looks at her.

Mikan looks back at the host, certainty filling her eyes. “That was the public comment.”

Tsumugi looks shocked. Shuichi gasps. Did Mikan get it right...?

Then, Tsumugi grins.

“Wrong!”

And then, Mikan’s body is shocked with electricity.

She screams, & screams, & screams. Screams that Shuichi won’t forget for a long, long, time.

Then, she slumps over, dead.

Shuichi is the first to speak. “What the hell...?!” He can barely get the words out.

Tsumugi, meanwhile, is laughing hysterically. “That’s right, she’s dead. Dead! DEAD!”

“If we don’t get the questions right...we die?!” Shuichi exclaims. “I-I thought we’d just get a small shock!”

The host giggles. “Small?! Who said anything about SMALL?! It certainly wasn’t me! Answer wrong, & you get a BIIIIIG shock—enough, as you can see, to kill you!

“So, do you see what the stakes are now, contestants! YOUR VERY LIFE!”

Tsumugi laughs, & laughs, & laughs. Then, she points at a circle on the wall. Upon closer inspection, Shuichi realizes that it’s...a camera!

“And don’t disappoint our audience at home,” Tsumugi says. “We have a hundred million people watching. And you’ll be FABULOUS entertainment for ALL OF THEM!”

Tsumugi smiles gleefully. “And most importantly, you’ll be fabulous entertainment for ME.”

Shuichi gulps again.

This game is only just beginning.