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BATTLE ROYALE
KOUSHUN TAKAMI & MASAYUKI TAGUCHI
In the near future, a random class of 9th graders has been kidnapped, marooned on an island, and forced to compete on The Program, a popular reality show that requires its contestants to battle to the death.

If the remaining students have any hope, it would seem to lie with Shuuya Nanahara, the optimistic rock star with a plan to leave the island. After being wounded by the evil Kazuo Kiriyama, Shuuya is nursed back to health by the kind-hearted Yukio Utsumi and her band of helpful—and heavily armed—young ladies. In gratitude, Shuuya invites them to join him in his escape. However, the earnest Nanahara has forgotten that not everyone is so quick to trust. One member of Yukio's group doesn't want to team up with Shuuya, and is willing to go to great lengths to assure that doesn't happen. When a bowl of soup meant for Shuuya is poisoned, one girl dies, fear abounds and mistrust ensues. Fingers and guns are pointed, and when it's all over one girl remains standing, surrounded by the bloody, bullet-riddled corpses of her friends. It's the very girl who poisoned the soup in the first place... a terrified little waif named Yuko Sakaki.
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Where is she off to with Papa?

Dreamland Park.
Happy second birthday.
Second grade. A little nervous at the autumn decathlon.

Yuko begins junior high. How time flies!
Third year / Class B.
So many friends! Yuko blossoms before my eyes!
I am so proud of her!

PROGRAM EXTRA / 24/7 WEBCAST
SOUICHIRO SAKAKI

KNOW MY NAME...
...AND BE DAMNED IN THE KNOWING!

WHY DID YOU TURN IT OFF?

WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
Maybe this time we'll see Yuko alive. Or the next...

There could be a program update. We shouldn't miss...

I turned it off because she...hm...she never took to...

Yuko never took to them, did she? Too scary.

That would be...

Force of habit

Horror movies...

You never know.

Just in case, right?

I'll just...there. It's back.

She'd the no one's going to upset...

!?
She's not coming back, is she? They took her and she's not coming back ever.

It's not all about strength or... or endurance or...

The last winner was a girl, right? Sure!

You can't know that. The program...
IT’S NOT ALL STRENGTH! GIRLS WIN, TOO!

YUKO’S GOT IMAGINATION. THAT COUNTS! SURE IT DOES! OUTTHINK THEM!

SURE! LAST YEAR’S SHOWS? THAT HUSKY GUY, THEN A GIRL!

WHERE’S THE EVIDENCE? LAST YEAR SHOWED THAT HUSKY GUY, THEN A GIRL!

SUE?

NOT ALL STRENGTH!

GIRLS WIN.

SURE.

SURE...

HOW LONG IT TOOK? HOW FRIGHTENED YUKO WAS?

Back on her feet again! Back to school tomorrow! All is well! Go, Yuko!

DO YOU REMEMBER THAT PSYCHIATRIST? DR. CHIAGO?
AND RIGHT THERE IN THE CLASSROOM FOR ALL TO SEE!

POOR YUKO...

HOW SHE WOULDN'T LEAVE HER ROOM? TWO WEEKS! THE POOR DEAR WAS TRAUMATIZED!

DO YOU REMEMBER HOW TERRIFIED SHE WAS?

SO DELICATE...
SHU WON'T
BE ABLE TO...
SHE CAN'T...
IT WAS JUST A
FIGHT! HOW
DO YOU THINK
SHE'LL REACT
TO PEOPLE
DYING?!

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BACK TO US.
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SHE'S NOT
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BACK TO US.
They're taking turns hurting her and she's screaming for me and there's nothing I can do and they're hurting her!

I keep hearing her screams.

They're even even even... even if she did come back... were that even possible...
...how much of her comes back? How much of her gets left behind on that horrible island?

Girls win? Yuki? Tell me how! Tell me how she wins!

Huh!

Mortal coil...

She's never coming back! Never! She's gone! God help us, our baby is gone!

...would you come with the devil?!
THE DEMON BOY IS FREE!

NO! PLEASE NO!

DEMON BOY!
OH... OH, YUKIE...

KIRIYAMA? WAS IT KIRIYAMA? YUKIE?

GOD'S WILL...

SO MUCH BLOOD... YUKIE...

!!
MOO?
YUKO?/27

WHO...

YUKO? YUKO?!!

WHAT...

HOW DID....?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE, YUKO? WAS IT KAZUO? MITSUKO?

TALK TO ME, YUKO.

WHAT? YUKO...

NOT ME...

NO
SOON ENOUGH...
SOON ENOUGH WE'LL HEAR HER NAME READ OFF.

SHE'S GONE...
We gave her that much faith for comfort. Pray it sees her through.

All we can do is pray. Pray that she doesn't suffer.

Pray that her faith will see her through this.
Shuuya may have been saved by a group of girls, but he has proven to be the death of them. Still, he's got to play the game, so he heads out to find Noriko and the others only to be faced with more gun-wielding classmates. Will he survive? And if he does, have Noriko and Shogo stayed alive long enough for the three to be reunited?
I keep telling myself that trying to make myself...

Her life is in his hands.

Eventually her turn would come. Only one winner...

Will her friends protect her? Would it do any good if they did?

...believe it.

It's all no win! All of it! There's just the program! Just the goddamn program!

No! No one wins! No one!

Chapter 73

I feel her... I feel her hurting!

She's hurting and there's not a damn thing I can do!

She's hurting!
CHAPTER 73: Wish
SHIT.

VUKO!

VUKO, BODDAMMIT! WAIT!
YUKO! WAIT! DON'T!

GET YOU!

NO...

NOT... NOT GETTING ME.
I saw what the demon boy did! Tatsumichi!

Damn.

I saw it all!

Saw you!
I saw you kill Tatsumichi!

Tatsumichi... he... it was an accident!

That's not... it wasn't...

It's not the way it looked!

No.
PRINCE OF LIES! I SAW! I SAW IT ALL!
I'm going to have to lock you in.

...in general, I'll try my best to persuade them.
BOYS...

NO BOY DID THIS.

HUH!
THOUGHT IT WAS KIRIYAMA...
THOUGHT WRONG.

WORSE, WORSE THAN KIRIYAMA.
THESE WERE FRIENDS!
YUKO! DON'T SHOOT!

YOU... YUKO! WHAT HAPPENED DOWN THERE?!

TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED!

YOU HAPPENED! YON!!

CRAP!
we've never met PAITH.

Always on her favorite swing!

First day of kindergarten. How thrilling!

I just want her back. I want my baby back.

I want her back. Damaged... deranged...

God will provide. He will! He must!

We've got to have faith.
SOMEONE WILL BE THERE FOR HER.

GOD WILL PROVIDE!
HOLD ON, YUKO! I'VE GOT YOU!

SOMEONE...

LISTEN. LISTEN TO ME, YUKO. WE CAN DO THIS. OKAY?

SHE WON'T BE LEFT TO DIE. SHE CAN'T BE!

GOD WILL PROVIDE!
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Friends, they won't leave her. They won't let her be hurt.

She... she won't be alone there are others.

And her faith. That most of all. We've got to trust in that.

She's got friends.

That above all.

She'll be... she...

She's always been so kind, giving. People respond to that. They do.

Kissed by God...

Poor sick baby got teddy sick. See how she cares for teddy!
I'M GOING TO PULL YOU UP, BUT YOU'VE GOTTEN TO HOLD STILL. OKAY, YUKO?

I'VE GOT YOU, YUKO! EASY, DON'T MOVE!

NOT ME! NOT ME!

I SAW IT ALL!

NO!

OUR LITTLE GIRL KISSED BY GOD.

PEOPLE RESPOND TO THAT.

CHAPTER 74: Reparation
GODDAMMIT! DO YOU WANT TO FALL?! VUKO!

SHIT!

VUKO!

NO! I SAW IT ALL! NO!

IT BURNS! LET GO OF ME! IT BURNS!!
I'm pulling you up, so hold still! Yuko!

Yuko?

Yuko!
YOUNG LADY, I AM TELLING YOU TO UNLOCK THIS DOOR!

NOW! DO YOU HEAR ME?

YUKO! OPEN THIS DOOR!

YOU SENT ME TO THAT TERRIBLE PLACE! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT! GO AWAY!
YOU KNOW YOU LIKE TALKING TO PASTOR MIN. HE LIKES TALKING TO YOU.

PERHAPS... PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO TALK IT OVER WITH PASTOR MIN?

YUKO, THEY'RE JUST... ROWDY BOYS.

BOYS ARE LIKE THAT.

OR DOCTOR CHOOO? HE ASKS ABOUT YOU WHENEVER WE... UH...

YOU KNOW YOU'RE TALKING TO PASTOR MIN. HE WAS TALKING TO YOU.

NE KNOWN! ASK PASTOR IF I'M CRAZY!

THEY WERE DEMON BOYS! I SAW! ASK PASTOR!

I'M NOT CRAZY! DOCTOR CHOOO...

DOCTOR CHOOO'S A CRAY PERSON DOCTOR, AND I'M NOT CRAZY! I'M NOT!!

THIS TALK OF DEMON BOYS I THINK MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE A TALK WITH PASTOR MIN.

NO, NOT THIS TIME.

I THINK MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE HER SOME TIME ALONE.

CHWAY
VIKO, I CAN'T LET YOU--

NO!

YOU CAN'T MAKE ME GO BACK THERE! YOU CAN'T!
I didn't mean to scare you like that. Sorry about that, Yuko.

He's not a fuss over, Mother. Just a bad bump.

No, he's lying for me. He doesn't want me to feel bad.

He's lying for me.
If I didn't mean to! I...

No! I'm sorry. I...

I did that... like those boys... rowdy...

If I mean it...

It's not okay. I'm... sem.

Marry... Marry. I'll talk with Dr. Chooch. Okay?

Okay.

I guess... I guess I'm going to have to... to deal with things better. I mean, have more faith or... or...
MORE FAITH IN YOURSELF, YUKO.
GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.

IT HAPPENS.

OFTEN, IT'S HOW YOU DEAL WITH IT THAT COUNTS.

ROWDY BOYS ARE JUST THAT, YUKO. ROWDY BOYS. GIRLS ARE NO DIFFERENT. THEY CAN GET ROWDY, TOO.

HOW I DEAL WITH IT...
PASTOR MIN CAN BE... LET'S CALL IT FLAMBOYANT AND LET IT GO AT THAT.

BUT... I SAW...

TATSUMI!

SHUIYA... TATSUMICHI... THEY WERE... HE WAS... I-I-I SAW SHUIYA...
Tatsumichi tried to kill Shuuya and mourned him and... and...

I saw Shuuya crying, he was... he...

He was mourning Tatsumichi crying... Tatsumichi tried to... to...

I saw Shuuya crying, he was... he...

I saw Shuuya crying, he was... he...

Boys are like that. Shuuya...

Just a rowdy boy.

I saw...

I saw it all! Shuuya... the fall...

I've got you, here we go. That's it!
SHIT!
PAWN/
VOU
KNOW.

SHIT!
DAMN!
HURTS LIKE A BITCH!

YOU DON'T KNOW.

UH...

ZRRRR!!

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WHAT I DID. YOU DON'T KNOW.

ALL DEAD... ALL!

I KILLED THEM ALL. MY FAULT. ALL MY FAULT.

I DID IT.

YOU?

I... I LIT THE FUSE.

YOU COULDN'T HAVE NOT ALONE. YOU...

WUKO... MORE THAN ONE GUN WAS USED.

I HEARD.
...NOT A DEMON BOY. JUST A... A ROMAN BOY.

AND BOYS ARE LIKE THAT. GIRLS, TOO. SOMETIMES. THAT'S WHAT DADDY SAYS.

I THINK HE'S LYING JUST TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER. ABOUT BEING THIS WAY.

I THINK HE'S LYING.

I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE. THAT'S WHAT DR. CHOCO SAYS.

IT SCARES ME. BOYS... BEING ROWDY.

HE TELLS ME IT'S NOT JUST ME. THERE ARE OTHERS.

HE WAS TRYING TO HELP ME AND I BROKE HIS FINGERS. ALWAYS AFRAID.
Pastor Min said it was personal demons... inside of me. That I had to have faith and work hard to overcome the demons. Daddy calls him flamboyant.

Broke Daddy's fingers and hurt your arm.

That's me all over.

They liked me for... for being me. Demons and all!

Little Miss Popularity! Has she ever had so many friends?!
THEY KNEW.

THEY KNEW WHAT A SCARECROW CAT I WAS, BUT THEY DIDN'T CARE. MY FRIENDS, GUUWA...

YOU... DON'T.

I’VE GOT TO.
They were my friends, and I lit the fuse...

I think... I think if...

I think...

If it comes to it, she'll do the right thing.

She'll stand by her friends and do the right thing. We've got to have faith. We taught her well.

Girls have won the program.
ALL MY FAULT... MY FRIENDS...

I lit the fuse...

SO MANY...

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS. SHE KNOWS THAT AND WHEN... WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT...

However does she remember all of their names?! So many friends!

ONLY ONE SURVIVES. SHE KNOWS THAT COMES TO IT SHE'LL DO THE RIGHT THING.
Sometimes they win.

The demons within; Shuuya...
YOU COULD HAVE LIVED!

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

SHU-UYA?

YOU COULD HAVE LIVED!!
Yukio Utsumi

HEIGHT: 159 cm (5 ft 2 in)
WEIGHT: 53 kg (117 lb)

DErIGNATED WEAPON: Pistol

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
Class Vice President. Charismatic and practical. A born leader hindered by
dogged adherence to outmoded
democratic ideals. Her tendency to put
every decision / action to a "majority
rules" vote will prove her downfall.

CONCLUSION(S): Mid to late-game elimina-
tion depending on the number of / ef-
tiveness of those she chooses as allies.

Yuko Sakaki

HEIGHT: 154 cm (5 ft)
WEIGHT: 49 kg (108 lb)

DErIGNATED WEAPON: Hydrocyanic acid
(cyanide)

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
Physically frail and mentally unstable
(ref: Chiodo / session transcripts). Prone
to faith-based delusions / hallucinatory
episodes. Subject is least likely (of current
contestant pool) to survive for any
significant period of time.

CONCLUSION(S): Suicide a strong
possibility.
CHAPTER 75: Funeral
I can't let her die like Takako.
...we'll talk till then.

Once we're done with this...

Y'know, I owe a lot to you. To who you are. The way you live your life.

I can't let her die like Takako.
ESPECIALLY UP IT COMES DOWN TO A HARD CHOICE

DO RIGHT BY HER.

TAKE NOTORI AND I'LL MEET YOU THERE.

HOW FAST YOU FIGURE YOU CAN RUN THE HUNDRED?

SHUUUAA!
I'm faster than you'll ever be. I can keep Kiryuu fast.
WHERE YOU GOING WITH THIS?

HMS0P
YOU
tom
mu
THIS?
HEEPP!

SAME PLACE WE HOLED UP BEFORE.

WE'RE HEADINGS BACK TO THE WOODS, RIGHT?

YOU F**K UP, SHE DIES.

TAKE NORIKO AND I'LL MEET YOU THERE.

GET HER OUT OF HERE! NOW!
SHE DIED.

GUNS. NEED GUNS. SHOOO... NORIKO...

UNARMED OUT THERE... NEED GUNS...
'cept when you figured someone needed a friend.

It really helped me with the basics.

Try this.

kept to yourself for the most part. Yeah.

Guess we won't be having that guy-bal face-off after all.

tallest girl in school awesome volleyball form.
Yuka: Seal of approval? You bet.

No one allowed to be sad around Yuka.

Yuka...

They said you made everyone feel important. Special. Yeah...

Never got to know you? But I heard...

Chisato...

Yuki...
WE COULD BE DEAD TOMORROW.

I'VE HAD THE BIGGEST CRUSH ON YOU FOR THE LONGEST TIME.

NO... SHE GAVE ME ONE WHILE I WAS SLEEPING.

I COULDN'T SAY WHAT YOU NEEDED TO HEAR.
I LIT THE FUSE. 

...BUT I CAN'T. I CAN'T! 

THE DEMONS WITHIN... 

...SOMETIMES THEY WIN. 

THEY WERE ALL MY FRIENDS.
I can do to hold myself together. Make myself go on in spite of... of...

I'm sorry, I'm so sorry, but I can't. It's too big.

Not like this... please not Noriko.
HARD TRUTH, SHUUYA. THEY'RE DEAD AND YOU'RE ALIVE. TAKE WHAT COMFORT YOU CAN FROM THAT.
Chapter 76

Okay, not good.

Damn! I'll never make it before the area goes danger zone.

Clock 49 and Shogo and Noriko's best be gone.
HAD TO RAIN. NO WAY I CAN GET A SIGNAL FOR GOING IN THIS DOWNPOUR. LET ALONE TWO. JUST HAVE TO MOVE! THEY DIDN'T MOVE TOO FAR OFF.

CHAPTER 76: Rain
YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS! WE KNOW YOU DON'T!

PLEASE STOP SHOOTING!

EVERYBODY! PLEASE LISTEN!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY! JOIN US!

WRONG, YUMIKO... YUKIKO...

SOMEONE WANTED TO.
YOU HUG

I can relate to that. YOU'RE CRAZY.
ALL DEAD...

PLAY TO WIN.

ONLY ONE SURVIVES.
Noboru wins! That's their dirty little secret. Nobody wins!

What did winning buy Shogo? Does he qualify as a rerun?

Noboru centres.

"Good crazy." That's what she said.

And that's just what the bastards are counting on.

I'm losing my mind.
NO MORE!
NO MORE
DEATHS ON
MY WATCH!
TUNE OUT,
FOLKS!
GAME OVER!

HEAR THAT,
NOTHING MOTHERFUCKERS?
GOOD CRAZY!
I CAN'T LOSE MY
MIND, 'CAUSE
IT'S LONG
GONE!

NO MORE
KILLING!

THIS TIME
IT'S MY
WAY!

AH...
M-MIZUHO?
MIZUHO! GODDAMMIT!!
SHIT!
I'M NOT BOM TO HUE!!
I'M NOT RUMS, WIU. YOU USEH?
I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY!
NO ONE DIES, OKAY?
OKAY, MIZUHO?
NORIKO... SHOZO... WE'RE TOGETHER! SHOZO KNOWS A WAY OFF THE ISLAND!

JOIN US! WE CAN... A REAL WAY OUT OF THIS!

THERE'S A WAY OUT!

...ESCAPE?

KLIK

KLIK

DON'T... PLEASE...
Boys stay...

And stay.

And stay.

AND STAY AND STAY...

Nothing less than a win for the big man, eh?

Should have! Should have! Shuha! No pazzots! Should have!

Class president takes it all! No pazzots! No pazzots for the big man!
NO MORE! NO MORE, DEATHS ON MY WATCH! TIME OUT, HOURS!

GAME OVER!

NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!

PLEASE, MIZUHO. PLEASE...

THIS TIME IT'S MY WAY! NO MORE KILLING!

I WON'T PLAY.

I WON'T!

I SAW IT ALL!

SO VERY GLAD YOUR FUNNY ARMY KNIFE...

...IS NO MATCH FOR MY MACHETE. SO VERY, VERY GLAD...

KLIK

KLIK
YOU... YOU CAN'T HEAR ME, CAN YOU, MIZUHO?

THEY GOT YOU. MADE YOU CRACK. TOO LATE... TOO LATE AGAIN!

DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN... DO I GET TO SAVE ANYONE?!
Yoshimi Yahagi

HEIGHT: 155 cm (5 ft 1 in)
WEIGHT: 58 kg (128 lb)
DESIGNATED WEAPON: Government issue Colt sidearm

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
A self-sabotaging bundle of low self esteem. Hopelessly romantic despite multiple incidents of physical / sexual abuse. Subject's attraction to one Yoji Kuramoto (ref: Boy # 8) verges on obsessive. High eye candy quotient a definite plus.

CONCLUSION(S): Inconsistent behavior patterns could result in late elimination or a wildcard win.

Hirono Shimizu

HEIGHT: 167 cm (5 ft 6 in)
WEIGHT: 54 kg (119 lb)
DESIGNATED WEAPON: Standard issue Colt sidearm

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
A punk nihilist / rebel without a clue. A Mitsuko Souma (ref: Girl # 11) "lieutenant." Subject embraces the Souma "gang" group mentality while openly espousing anarchic ideals. Contradictions abound.

CONCLUSION(S): Should the Souma girl be eliminated, this one could, given the right circumstances, take it all.
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CHAPTER 77: Bleak Reunion
DON'T LET THEM.

DON'T LET THEM DO THIS TO YOU! YOU CAN FIGHT IT! WE CAN BEAT THEM!

MIZUMO, PLEASE...

LOOK WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO YOU!
MIZUHO INADA

Don't let them win! Fight them!
Ah!

Please listen...

NOT SO FAR GONE. SHE CAN'T RELOAD!
Rules say kill or be killed. Only one survives.

I'm not dying on accounta you needing to play hero.
Not so far gone she can't reload!

If not for your own sake, then for your little money here.

I can't.

I won't.

Kill or be killed... take them down!
DO NOT MAKE ME DO THIS!!
I have faith in us.

Play it their way. Fuck you and fuck them and fuck it all.

Go on. Play.

Together we can get off this island!

We can do this!
WE CAN SHOW EVERYONE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY TOGETHER! I HAVE FAITH IN US!

SORRY, NORI. FRESH OUT OF FAITH.

TANK'S EMPTY AND I'M GONNA DIE AND SHE'S NOT EVEN GONNA KNOW SHE PULLED THE TRIGGER.
NEVER WITH ME!

NOT WITH ME.
KNOW THAT A SINGLE WARRIOR, PURE OF HEART, CAN!

KNOW THAT A SINGLE BATTLE DOES NOT DETERMINE A WAR.

KNOW THAT THE BEAST IS BUT ONE OF MANY.

ARE YOU THAT WARRIOR, DAUGHTER? DOES YOUR HEART BEAT TRUE?

AH...

WELL, DAUGHTER. WE ARE MOST PLEASED.
KNOW US, DAUGHTER. SPEAK OUR NAMES.


OPEN YOURSELF TO US, BODY AND SOUL. OURS IS THE WILL, OURS THE WAY.

SPEAK OUR NAMES AND SEAL THE FACT!

OPEN YOURSELF TO US! LET OUR CLEANSING LIGHT ANOINT YOU FROM WITHIN.

SHOW US! SHOW US OUTSETS.

SPEAK OUR NAMES AND MAKE US ONE!

I KNOW YOU!
SO BE IT!
OURLS IS THE
CLEANSING
LIGHT, THRICE
BLESSED
ZEALOT’S FIRE,
THE WILL AND
THE WAY! WE ARE
INEVITABLE!!
KREMAMA...

SO MANY... RAPID FIRE...

OH, MY GOD.

KREMAMA...

DAWN!

KREMAMA

DID THIS?
Had to've touched something off, she something, by the look of things.

No man not alone.

Those were grenades, not bombs.

Bring it right back to...

Kid would more likely turn it on the school building. Lord knows I would.

Unless...

Scratch that. No way they'd give a kid this much destructive power.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JIJIMA?

JUST ANOTHER DEAD BODY, HUH? IDO-NUMA?

WAY TO EASY.

HUH, SHIYANA.

AND THEN THERE WERE TWO.

H-HH!
Thanks, Mim.
I won't let you down again.

I don't know where I left it. It's gone.

Mumpf you're with...
NO, NO... NOT YOU... PLEASE NOT YOU...
Mizuho Inada

HEIGHT: 158 cm (5 ft 2 in)

WEIGHT: 49 kg (108 lb)

DESIGNATED WEAPON: .44 Magnum

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
Undiagnosed paranoid schizophrenia / delusory dementia (ref: parents / sub ref: Christian Scientist). Subject believes herself a vessel through which the powers of the “elder gods” (ref: Oungeons and Dragons Sourcebook Vol. II) flow. In short, a loon.

CONCLUSION(S): A wildcard. Subject’s performance will depend on the style and substance of her delusions. Early out / dark horse win; this one could go either way.

Kayoko Kotohiki

HEIGHT: 154 cm (5 ft)

WEIGHT: 50 kg (110 kg)

DESIGNATED WEAPON: S&W M19

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
Deceptively fragile. Decidedly passive-aggressive. Subject is the target of an obsessive search by Hiroki Sugimura (ref: Boy #11). Subject has, thus far, displayed no inclination to track down nor join up with Sugimura, nor longing for his company.

CONCLUSION(S): Unrequited love? This could get interesting. Have marketing look into potential romance manga license. Romantic tragedies are proven sellers.
CHAPTER 78: Message
WHAT DIDN'T YOU WANT THEM KNOWING, HAZZI?

HAZZI'S SENSE COLLARS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR SENDING NO WARNINGS. SHOWED'S TOO CRYPTO.

SO MANY NOTES... EVERYTHING'S BEEN WRITTEN DOWN TOO WELL FOR ANY GAMES TO PICK UP.
God, I am such a loser.

We going or what?

Fumiyo's Revenge!!

Got to have:

- The secret weapon! (Uncle's detonator)
- Ammonium
- Gasoline
- Pulley
- Kite string
- Duck tape
- Trash bags
- Voice thing (helium)
- Rope (300 meters / more)

What the fuck, Mind?

Fumiyo's Revenge? Desperate? A dragon?
SLAM DUNK!
DEAR BOY,
YOU WERE
GOING
AFTER THE
SCHOOL?

WHAT?

KETA...

WHERE DO YOU
MY INT? NUMA
COLDNT
STAND YOU,
HOW DID YOU
GET INVOLVED
IN THIS?

HUMNO'S
REVENGE...

PILLOW,
HOPE...
NEVER?
WHAT?

GAY... CRAY
GUH...

HOW WOULD
YOU DELIVER
IT? SCHOOL'S
A CONSTANT
DANGER ZONE.
WHAT WERE YOU
THINKING?

I CAN'T
SEE IT,
BUT HE
DID. HE
HAS A
PLAN!

HE
HAS A
PLAN!

BOOM...
MA YOUR FACE.
KIRIHAMA'S KILLING ON SIGHT. NOT WITH KIRIHAMA. THEN WHAT?!
Slight problem. I'm not the best swimmer.

I'm such an idiot! A good for nothing idiot!

That's not it. It's me. What if I screw up again?

The pulley. I can't find it!

It never mattered! Only to you!

We knew and we understood and we cared!

Mim... the rest of us... we knew. VYATKA!

We knew what you were like!
I'll guard it with my life!
See if I don't!

Thanks for caring, Mim.

Thanks, Mim.
I won't let you down again.

He's glad it was me.
He said so!

In 48 minutes the cliff area becomes a danger zone.

That's cutting it too close!

Bring it on! I'm as ready as I'll ever be!

Friends tough it out together. If you've taught me anything, you've taught me that!
I'm in all the way and then some!

Let's do this thing. Together!

Yeah...

Mim's already factored my inadequacies into the escape!

Of course, saying's easier than doing.

Mim's got it all figured out!

Always trying to hide it.

Mim cursed.

Sounds about right.

That's...
...nobody's perfect. I ought to now.

Sorry, caring for what really counts, didn't you? Course that didn’t always translate to the girls you dated, but...

guess no one ever told him that actions speak louder than words, not that he’d care. Would you, Mimi?

always playing the smartass. always too cool for the room.

what I do know is, comes to friends, there’s none better than Mimi!

Guess I’ll never know what drew Mimi to me. It all happened so smooth!

yeah...

damn straight.

none better. damn straight.

uh huh.

we knew.

sure.
I needed you to be okay, now who takes the clutch shot? Damn it all, Min! I needed you to be okay!

I was counting on you, Min.
GAME OVER!!

NO MORE! GAME OVER!
NO MORE!

I CAN'T.

I NEEDED HIM TO BE OKAY!!
TAKE SHOT

TAKE THE SHOT...
SURRENDER IS NOT AN OPTION.

YOU HEARD THE MAN. LIP 'N AT 'EM.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FINDING THE JUSTICE WITHIN?
OR WAS THAT JUST LIP SERVICE?

THAT ANY WAY TO BE? HAHA!

SPEAKING OF LIP SERVICE... YOU GONNA FUNK OUT ON MORIKO?

THAT'S UP SHIT AND YOU KNOW IT.

THAT'S KID SHIT AND YOU KNOW IT.

THINGS NOT GOING YOUR WAY?

YOU PICK UP YOUR TOYS AND GO HOME. THAT IT? THAT WHERE YOU'RE AT, SHU? NOT TOO PATHETIC!

I...
AND IT WILL HURT. BELIEVE IT!

YOU FELL TOGETHER. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

YOU BEEN TALKING THE TALK, TIME TO WALK! NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT HURTS.

TAKE THE SHOT.

GOTTA DO THE RIGHT THING, RIGHT?
AND WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, YOU DO RIGHT BY MORIKO.

I'LL BE WAITING RIGHT HERE. COUNT ON IT.
DO RIGHT BY NORIKO...

WORD OF HONOR, MIA.
WORD OF HONOR!

RIGHT HERE...
Yup.
Back again!

Hey! I'm back!
Safe and sound!

One more time, Shogo.

Again.

Sh-CHK
We had to move on. Noriko insisted. It helped pass the time.

Guess you figured it'd be too wet for signal fires?

Huh?

I mean, it's much too good-looking to be Shogo. This is me, right?

Do my ears really stick out like that? I mean, really?
A bit wide, you think?

And the nose...

You came back.

All in all, not too bad.
THAT'S ALL YOURS, SHU.

SEE THAT? SEE THAT LOOK?

THAT'S WHY YOU DO IT. THAT'S WHY YOU DO IT RIGHT BY HER.

GOT TO WORK ON THE EARS THOUGH. NAME'S SHUWA, NOT DUMBO.

YOU CAME BACK!
I'll be waiting. Right here.

Count on it!

Missed you more than you'll ever know.

Missed you too, Nori.
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THAT'S, AH... THANKS, NORI.

YOU TWO WANNA RELAX? IT'S A BANDAGE, NOT A CONDOM.
That whole lighthouse fiasco...

Sorry, didn't mean that the way it sounded. It's just... ain't nothing you've said since getting back is anything I want to hear.

All friends... all dead...

Had something similar go down last time. Deja vu, y'know?

Overwhelming.

I almost lost it myself. After the lighthouse... Minura... no, I did lose it.

Trust becomes harder and harder to come by. The fear... it grows huge.

... it gets harder as it goes on...

What brought you back?
NOT TALKING, EH? FIGURED AS MUCH.
KNOW WHAT BROUGHT ME BACK?

THEY DIED WHILE WE WATCHED.

EVERYONE I COULDN'T SAY.
REMEMBER YUKIKO AND YUKIKO? THE OBSERVATION POST?

YOU SAID YOU THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BE HEROES
BECAUSE THEY DID THE RIGHT THING.

BECAUSE IF WE'D DONE ANYTHING, WE'D BE DEAD, TOO.
THAT'S THE WAY THE PROGRAM WORKS. THAT'S HOW THEY GET YOU!

FEAR.

WHAT DOES THAT MAKE US?
WE WATCHED WHILE THEY DIED. WE DIDN'T EVEN TRY.

BECAUSE IF WE'D DONE ANYTHING, WE'D BE DEAD, TOO.
JUST LIKE YUKIKO AND YUKIKO.

THE GIRLS AT THE LIGHTHOUSE.
THEY SAVED MY LIFE.
YUKI... HAZUKA...

NOTHIN', DON'T!
I honor their memories.

Everyone who did the right thing when it counted most.

For Noriko...

I like to think I did the right thing when I lived off Kirihama. He almost got me. Almost.

But he didn't because those girls...

They did the right thing and I lived.

Me? I've got one more right thing needs doing.

The right thing...
AHO: THAT'S ALL, I'M SAYING ON THE MATTER...

...SO DON'T BOTHER ASKING FOR MORE.

THAT'S WHAT BROUGHT ME BACK. THAT'S WHAT KEEPS ME GOING.

MORE THAN ENOUGH.
SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE.

JUST LET ME ADD SOME RICE FOR BODY...

GOT SOME CORN SOUP ON THE ROIL HERE. PUT THAT MOUTH-A YOURS TO GOOD USE.

SWEAR TO... NEVER KNOWN ANYONE TAKES SO MANY WORDS TO SAY SO LITTLE.

YOU MAKE SURE HE EATS IT ALL, NO?

GOES FOR YOU TOO. BODY NEEDS FUEL AND THAT'S A FACT.

WON'T PASS FOR MEDICINE, BUT IT'LL SHORE UP YOUR DEFENSES, AND THAT'LL GO FOR NOW.

I HEARD THAT, SHI. YOU'RE EATING. NO EXCUSES. FORCE IT IF YOU HAVE TO.

GOOD.

DONT WORRY. I'LL CHEW IT DOWN.

MORE OUT THERE DOING THE WRONG THING, YOU FOLLOW? FROM HERE ON IT GETS HINKY.

SAME AIN'T OVER, SHI. NOT BY A LONG SHOT.
I think you know where this may be heading. Good.

Just as long as you realize there are no guarantees. Okay?

...the three of us trying to do the right thing.

Just...

There's just us. The three of us.

?!

Trying...
Try and hope it's the right thing...

...because that's all we can do.
FEEL THE PULSE, DAUGHTER, THE THRILL OF OUR DESIRE...

CLOSE THE SEAL AND BIND OUR POWER TO YOUR WILL!

EXCELLENT, DAUGHTER OF DESTINY!
TAKE OP US WHAT YOU WILL. CRAPE US, DAUGHTER.

OPEN YOURSELF TO OUR CARES.

FULFILL ME.

MAKE ME ONE FROM MANY.

MOTHER?

DOUBT? DO WE SENSE DROWN?

SPEAK, DAUGHTER.
THE WARRIORS IN WAITING...

I LOVED THEM.

WAS IT DESTINED THAT THEY DIE NEVER KNOWING? THAT THEY DIE... THAT THEY...

THAT THEY...

THE OTHERS... THEY...

WHY WERE THEY ALLOWED TO DIE?

SO CERTAIN OF THAT, ARE YOU?

SO CERTAIN THAT THEY DIED NOT KNOWING?

They served the purpose set forth for them. What more need you know?

WHERE IS YOUR FAITH, DAUGHTER?

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WHY MUST I GO ON ALONE?!

THEM WHY DID YOU ALLOW THEM TO BE TAKEN FROM ME?!
KNOWLEDGE BURNS, DAUGHTER. HAVE YOU SOON FORGOTTEN? SUCH IS THE WAY.

LET THE SCALES BE LIFTED FROM YOUR EYES! ...RIGHTEOUS TRUTH!

WEAK-WILLED SUPPLIGANTS, THEIR SOULS RIVEN WITH DOUBT... WOULD YOU ELEVATE SUCH AS THEY?

THAT'S... UH... THAT'S GREAT, MIU. REALLY... GREAT....

THEY SERVED THEIR PURPOSE...

NO.
They served our purpose.

Now, daughter... open yourself...

Feel us! Take of us! Rejoice, daughter!

One from many! Daughter of destiny! The vessel filled to brimming! Feel us! Feel us!!
MIZUHO, ONE FROM MANY...

KNOW THAT YOU ARE ONE FROM MANY! THE LIGHT AND THE WAY! EMBRACE US!

DAUGHTER OF DESTINY! PROPHESY SCION! CELESTIAL MADONNA! SPEAK YOUR NAME!

KNOW THAT AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN CHASTE IN THOUGHT AND DEEP NONES CAN STAND AGAINST YOU!

NOW THAT AS LONG AS THE SEAL REMAINS UNBROKEN, NO HARM CAN COME TO YOU!

TAKE OF US!
DAUGHTER OF DESTINY!!!
...It's only gonna get worse.

All I'm saying is...

It's just "Lucky" Stiffs like us and the hardcore players now.

Ugly doesn't even begin to describe what's coming.

Doing the right thing... it might mean blowing someone's head off.

Set that straight in your heads.
COMES TO MY DO THE RIGHT THING

SURVIVING CONTESTANTS: 7 and counting...
BATTLE ROYALE

SHIRO IWA Junior High School - Grade 9/Class B - Student Roster
Boys: 21 - Girls: 21 - Total: 42

15: Noriko Nakagawa  8: Kayoko Kotohiki  1: Mizuho Inada
15: Shuuya Nanahara  8: Yoji Kuramoto  1: Yoshio Akamatsu
16: Yuka Nakagawa  9: Yuko Sakaki  2: Yukio Utsumi
16: Kazushi Niida  9: Hiroshi Kuronaga  2: Keita Iijima
17: Satomi Noda  10: Hirono Shimizu  3: Megumi Etou
17: Mitsuru Numai  10: Ryuhei Sasagawa  3: Tatsunichi Ooki
18: Fumiyo Fujiyoshi  11: Mitsuke Souma  4: Sakura Ogawai
18: Tadakatsu Nagamori  11: Hiroki Segiura  4: Toshinori Oda
19: Chisato Matsui  12: Haruka Tanizawa  5: Izumi Kanai
19: Shinji Mimura  12: Yutaka Sato  5: Shogo Kawada
20: Kaori Minami  13: Takako Chigusa  6: Yukiko Kitano
20: Kyosuke Motobuchi  13: Yuichiro Takuguchi  6: Kazuo Kiryuma
21: Yoshimi Yahagi  14: Mayumi Tendo  7: Yumiko Kusaka
21: Kazuhiko Yamamoto  14: Sho Tsukioka  7: Yoshitoki Kuninobu
PROGRAM CONDITIONS:
All members of the class must kill each other until one survivor remains.
- All students are supplied with a ration of food, a map of the island, and a weapon.
- All students will wear an explosive bomb collar that also monitors life signs.
- Students are free to move about the island but must stay out of designated danger zones that will frequently change locations.
- If there is more than one survivor at the end of the game, the remaining bomb collars will be detonated.