The rotten side of Japan

That beautiful, rhythmic, lively... Inspiration. She makes me fall apart or brings me back to life. It depends on her kind. But I think I won’t be able to exist without her. Yes she is what you think. My inspiration. My beloved music. She is my best friend and I would never exchange her for anything else. She is the only one and... Mine. Even now, during the lesson I am listening to her. No, it’s not like I don’t buckle down to school. I just have free time on them today. It’s the end of the school term. We have to stay here only two hours longer and then... Welcome Holidays ! Something that everyone likes. Oh... Maybe not everyone. Only geeks don’t like that time, because they couldn’t learn anything. Fortunately, I’m not one of them, so after the meeting is over I am going to a tearoom with my classmate, Suyoe. He always makes me go with him to that kind of places, but I don’t mind. He’s so cheerful so I like going out with him. Suddenly, I felt cool hand on my shoulder. I looked on my right. Ah... It’s only Suyoe. He showed a sign to take my headphones off.

“So, that’s all my kids !” said our headmaster. “Now have a good vacations.”

After that ending I grabbed Suyoe and quickly got out of the building.

“It’s finally over !” he said happily and ruffled my long black hair. After that he squinted on my hair.

“Why don’t you cut it ?”

“I just don’t want to.” I thought it suits me. “And it is a wonderful cover for my earphones.

He grinned at me but didn’t say anything else. The tearoom to which we were going was nearby our school, so after five minutes we were on the spot.

“Hello everyone ! Two green teas, please !” he exclaimed when we got into.

I am surprised that the manager didn’t throw him away for inappropriate behaviour. Only one waitress was staring at him unpleasantly. We sat at the same table as always.

“So Akira... What’s your girlfriend like ?” he pursed his mouth in a self-satisfied smirk.

“W-what are you talking about ?!” I blushed and covered face in my hair. “I don’t have one...”

“Oh really ?!” he looked at me with a dumb face. “But I saw you with a beautiful woman before school.”

I was staring at him as if he was an idiot. What the hell is he talking about ?! I haven’t met any girl during the mor... Suddenly, I got a revelation.

“It was my mother you fool !” I yelled at him. His reaction was strange.

“Your what ?!” he gasped at me with unbelieving eyes. “Seriously ? You’re not joking, are you ?”

“I’m not.”

I felt strange. Fortunately, he stood up and went for our order. Gosh... so embarrassing. But it’s not my fault that my looks that young ! It’s not the first time I was asked about her.

I looked at Suyoe and discovered that he was talking with waitress. I wonder... What are they talking abou... Oh crap ! He got a slap in his face from her ! I was surprised when he turned around and... smiled to me ?

“What happened ?!” I asked him when he came back.

“I was picking the order.” He smirked and sat next to me. “And I arranged you a date today at six pm.

“You did what ??!” I shouted. “Why ? When ? With who ? What the hell ??!

“Calm down. I did it because you looked like someone who needs a girlfriend.”

“I don’t need a girlfriend...” I muttered to my tea. He is impossible. Okay, I’ll go but I don’t think it’s a good idea.

“So why did you get a slap from her ?”

“Em... Because I asked if she wanted to give me a kiss to seal this agreement.” He scratched his head in embarrassment. Agreement... Hmpf.

“Okay, I’ll go. What’s her name ?” I asked the first question that came to my mind.

“Diana.” he smiled. “And she wants you to pick her from here at six pm.”

“Ok. Let’s get out of here.” We paid for our order. When I was giving money to Diana, I saw weird flash in her eyes. I had a strange feeling.

I am on a date... I am on a date... I am... What the hell am I doing here ?! I looked at Diana and shuddered. She looks like a... Nicely said, like a broad. Short dress, high-heeled boots and that strange grid-looking thing on her shoulders.

“Can we go back ? I told that I would be at home at eleven pm.” she said after few minutes. That date was terrible.

“Of course.” we got out of an exclusive restaurant and then, like a gentleman, I offered to walk her home.

We weren’t talking about anything and the silence was uncomfortable, but I haven’t done anything to change it.

“It’s here.” She pointed at the dark street on my left. Finally. I want to go home. We got into this road and stopped in the middle. “Here is enough.”

I was hugging her for a few seconds, but when I wanted to move back and go to my house, it was too late. I didn’t notice when she got that near to me and one second later, she bit my neck. I tried to wrench out but she was stronger than me. I was weaker and weaker... The last think that I noticed before my mind went blank was her bloody-red eyes staring at me with satisfaction.

I felt strange. My head was throbbing and I felt dry in my mouth. After some time I opened my eyes and discovered that I was in an unknown place. I stood up and looked around. I noticed a guy next to me. He was near to his thirties and had a fair skin. But that’s not that thing that terrified me in him. It was his bloody eyes similar to Diana’s.

“You woke up.” he said and came up to me. I only huddled in the corner of the couch on which I was lying.

“W-what do you want from me ?!” I was afraid of that man.

“Calm down. I just want to tell you something. I won’t hurt you, don’t worry.” he tried to calm me down.

“O-okay...” if it’s only that, I’ll agree. Either way I don’t have any word to say. I’m completely at his mercy.

“Do you remember what happened ?”

“I- I was on a date with Diana and next I was walking her home but suddenly I felt a bite on my neck and then I fainted” I told him everything I knew. He only breathed and looked at me with those terrifying eyes.

“I want to tell you something. It will not be simple or easily acceptable, but you have to trust me. There are not only humans in this world. There are some creatures which appear only in movies like vampires, ghosts and werewolves. When the creature is on hunger it has to find someone who will give blood to it. You understand ?”

I only nodded my head because I wasn’t able to do anything else.

“Okay. And the last thing. That part is a little bit harder to stand... When a vampire bites someone, the victim turns into a creature similar to a vampire.

“S-so you want to say...”

“Yes. Diana was a vampire and she turned you into another one.” he said with a poker face.

I froze in one position and stayed like that. It can’t be... I can’t turn into a vampire ! It’s impossible. I don’t feel like drinking blood or other things.

“I don’t believe you.”

“I thought so.” he pulled out one can with red fluid. The smell of it told me that it wasn’t red wine, neither soda.

Scaring myself I immediately jumped, caught that can and drunk all of it. It was yummy and had sweet aftertaste... That’s why it took me long to notice what have I done.

“It can’t be...” I muttered to myself.

“It can. I’ll come back in two hours. Think about what happened and the questions you’d like to ask.” he said and left me alone.

I didn’t have any idea what to do. My mind was completely mixed. I wasn’t able to think about anything. Only one thought came into my mind.

“I have become a monster.”