

## BEYOND THE SPIRITS OF AN IRON HEART

S01 E07 - "Happy"

Top Joy tries to contact Section X.

Note: The "V-Sign" is the peace sign (literallyピースサイン, or "peace sign"); an individual raises their pointer and middle finger and faces their palm outward. It also means "V for Victory".

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It was morning and Top Joy had not yet returned to Silver Castle. As a proud Dark Spy, he had slipped out of his charging bed and was exploring the factory to see if he could find any secrets. Then he found an unfamiliar part on a shelf in the corner. It was extremely heavy and large.

"This must be some kind of secret device, I'll let Section X know!" And that's when he was about to go outside.

"Oh, Top Joy, are you up already?" Top Joy jumped with an exclamation of shock. Suddenly, Ruri appeared in her work clothes, carrying a box of spare parts.

"Oh, the owner is up early."

"I'm busy in the morning on game days. What's going on?"

Top Joy hurriedly hid the parts behind his back. "I-I remembered a very important errand. Can I go out?"

"Ummm, okay, but don't be late for the game! Today is important."

"OK, I understand." In his haste, he jumped out without even asking anyone. Top Joy managed to get out of his predicament, but even if he could wipe away the cold sweat, he couldn't wipe away the guilt he felt for Ruri. He felt that his actions were very lowly, and he continued to wander around the city without a clue as to how to contact Section X.

He was standing in the coastal street, at a loss, when suddenly he heard a voice calling him. When he looked, he saw a young man wearing a florist's apron beside him.

"Signature, right? I've become famous, too!" But the young man's eyes were on the parts.

"Would you be willing to give me that pump? We're on a rush delivery and we've got a broken oil system."

"Huh...?" What a surprise, Top Joy had an air car oil pump. He nodded his head at the offer, as all his previous troubles had been dashed away. The repair was immediately clear. The young man in the florist's shop made a bouquet out of all kinds of flowers he had loaded and presented it to him.

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"On the behalf of all those waiting for these flowers, thank you."

A smile returned to Top Joy's face. "It feels good to be appreciated by people." As he waved to the truck as it drove away, a comm call went off. It was from Section X. Top Joy was in a furious hurry.

"You forgot to report on time yesterday, too, didn't you?"

"Well, that wasn't very productive..."

"Oh, well. If you're disappearing at this time of night, then I hear you've done your duty..."

The communication was cut off. Top Joy, who had no idea what he was talking about, looked at the clock on the main street and immediately ran out like a panicking rabbit. "Oh, dear! The game is about to start!"

When he arrived at the stadium, Top Joy crept to the back of the bench. "It would be suspicious..." he murmured to himself.

"Top Joy!" He turned around in shock as if he'd been struck by an electric shock. It was Ruri.

"Come on, I told you not to be late!"

He quickly clasped his hands together and knelt down. "Owner! Sorry-ne. It's not that I forgot what you said—"

"Well, what a lovely bouquet!" Top Joy looked up at the unexpected reaction and saw that he still had the bouquet from the florist in his hand. "So you knew today was Silver Castle's anniversary!" Ruri happily held the bouquet.

"What? Oh, aha, of course I knew that!" It was a bit of a mess. But it looked like he was going to be okay.

"Thank you. Everyone is out in the field now, so get out there!"

"OK, I'm off!"

Ruri's cheers flew at his back as he ran out. "Good luck, Top Joy!"

Top Joy replied with a v-sign. Magnum and the others are waiting. Ruri was waiting. Yes, as long as he still had Silver Castle... Top Joy shouted out the overflowing thoughts.

"Me is very happy!"