

Short Story Script Conversion

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INT. HOUSE - NIGHT

The setting takes place in an average 2-story house. Currently, the main character is inside the bedroom of himself and his two older brothers. The young child named TETSUYA is curled up in his bed while gripping the GOLDEN PUZZLE PIECE on his NECKLACE.

TETSUYA

(tears forming in corners of eyes)

The sounds of wood creaking and footsteps come from the other side of the bedroom.

TETSUYA

(holds breath and listens closely)

The sounds of wood creaking and footsteps gradually get closer to the bedroom door.

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS

I thought everybody went to sleep...

TETSUYA

(turns head to see his two redhead brothers tiptoeing across the room towards the bedroom door)

TETSUYA'S BROTHERS

(turn heads to look towards TETSUYA'S bed)

TETSUYA

(quickly shuts eyes, slows breathing, and loosens muscles)

There is a short pause of silence.

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS

Don't catch me, don't catch me, don't catch me!

Bedroom door squeaks open. Footsteps slowly fade away, and bedroom door squeaks shut with a soft click.

TETSUYA slowly opens his eyes. He looks around the room and grips his necklace again. His gaze lands on a FAMILY PHOTO on the wall.

Camera shot of FAMILY PHOTO on wall of TETSUYA'S FAMILY. Photo contains smiling parents, brothers grinning, and TETSUYA as a newborn in mother's arms.

TETSUYA

(wipes tears that were forming again)

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS

I don't wanna be alone right now.

TETSUYA swings his legs from under the bed covers and approaches the bedroom door quietly. He reaches for the door handle before hearing voices from the other side of the door.

SHOJI (O.S.)

B-But Shoichi, we can't!

SHOICHI (O.S.)
Of course we can!

TETSUYA
(soft smile)

SHOJI (O.S.)
We need our education... We can take of Tetsuya without
sacrificing school.

TETSUYA
(pinches eyebrows)

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS
Sacrificing? What does that word mean? And why does Shoji
sound like that?

TETSUYA
(leans ear in closer to door)

SHOICHI (O.S.)
You know as well as I do that we both will need to get jobs in
order to support ourselves *and* Tetsuya. We can't balance high
school with full-time jobs.

SHOJI (O.S.)
I don't want to, Shoichi. W-We have each other. Isn't that what
matters?

SHOICHI (O.S.)

Shoji, that will always be one of the most important things in life. That's why we should do our best to provide for our lil bro while he's dealing with the same loss as us.

SHOJI (O.S.)

I really don't like this idea one bit, Shoichi...

SHOICHI (O.S.)

But it needs to be done. Please, Shoji. We can finish our education later, remember? There are programs for these types of situations.

SHOJI (O.S.)

F-Fine...

Footsteps approach the bedroom door again, causing TETSUYA to panic. He quickly jumps back into bed and under the bed sheets. TETSUYA closes his eyes and pretends to sleep again.

The door squeaks open again. Footsteps approach TETSUYA'S bed. A hand gently ruffles TETSUYA'S hair. Footsteps fade away as the two redhead brothers get into their own beds.

TETSUYA

(grips necklace again)

INT. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING - DAY

TETSUYA is now a 17-year-old teenager. He is walking through the hallways by himself.

HANAKO (O.S.)
Hey Tetsuya!

TETSUYA
(long sigh)
(turns to see HANAKO)
What do you want, Hanako?

HANAKO
(holds up small, clear BAG WITH COOKIES of different
flavors inside)
(smiles bigger)
I figured you'd want something sweet to improve your sour
mood!

TETSUYA
(crosses arms)
... I don't need your damn pity cookies.

HANAKO
(giggles and pushes bag into TETSUYA'S chest gently)
They aren't pity cookies, silly! Here, just take them! I'm sure
they'll-

TETSUYA

(shakes head and pushes HANAKO'S hands holding the BAG
back towards her)

You made them for me to try and make me feel better. You
assumed I was in a bad mood. That's *pity*, Hanako.

HANAKO

(still smiling)

I just wanted to do something nice for you, that's all.

TETSUYA

(growls) You're so annoying...

HANAKO

Huh? Sorry, I didn't hear-

TETSUYA

(yells) I said you're annoying!

HANAKO

(flinches)

TETSUYA

(voice still raised) You are so fucking annoying. Why do you
always bother me?!

HANAKO

(drops smile and lowers BAG OF COOKIES)

I-I just figured we c-could be friends. You always-

TETSUYA

(cuts her off again) Always what?! I don't do shit in this school aside from the boring ass homework! What could possibly make you think I was in a bad mood?!

HANAKO

(lowers gaze to floor)

You always look lonely... You're always by yourself... Don't you feel sad from being alone all the time?...

TETSUYA

(crosses arms and clicks tongue)

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS

She can't be serious right now.

TETSUYA

(voice returns to normal volume) Tch. Me? Sad? Over being alone? It's been like that for a long time. Why the hell would I be sad over it now?

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS

She's not making any sense.

There is a brief moment of silence.

HANAKO

(looks back up at TETSUYA)

Because you don't have anyone to talk to at school. Or to hang out with. To laugh with, to cry with. And I want to be that friend that you can rely on.

TETSUYA

You don't have to. I am *fine*. Now please, leave me alone.

HANAKO

No...

TETSUYA

(raises an eyebrow, uncrosses arms, and places both hands on
own hips)

Huh?

HANAKO

(clenches BAG OF COOKIES tightly)

I said no! Why do you have to be so mean sometimes? All I'm
trying to do is be your friend!

TETSUYA

(looks at HANAKO with a cold glare)

I don't need friends.

HANAKO

How do you know that?!

TETSUYA

(raising voice again) Because I have been just fine on my own!

How many times do I need to repeat myself?!

HANAKO

(tears forming in eyes)

I hate seeing you by yourself every single day. Why won't you
just let me in? Why won't you just open up? Why do you reject
my kindness every single time?!

TETSUYA

(grabs front of HANAKO'S shirt and glares daggers into her eyes)

(yells) Because you wouldn't get it! How the hell would *you* feel if some cheery ass chick kept bugging you every single day when you are doing just fine without her? How would you feel if that same chick talked so positively about her family all the time when yours fucking died a year ago?!

HANAKO

(eyes widen)

There is another brief silence as both TETSUYA and HANAKO realize what TETSUYA just blurted out.

TETSUYA shoves HANAKO away, causing her to stumble and drop the BAG OF COOKIES. She falls backwards onto her butt, but her shocked expression still remains.

HANAKO

(says under breath, but loud enough for TETSUYA to hear)
Wh... What'd you say?...

TETSUYA

(clenches fists and grits teeth)

(voice at normal volume again) You... You have no clue what it's like being surrounded by people who have lives that are rainbows and sunshine.

(raises voice again) You and your perfect little family would have no fucking idea what that pain feels like!

HANAKO

(bites lip as more tears form in eyes)

Camera shot of only TETSUYA.

TETSUYA

(heavy sigh)

(looks away)

(voice at normal volume again) And that's why it doesn't matter. I've been alone since they died, and you wouldn't understand how that feels. Nobody in this whole damn school would understand! So fuck it. I don't care if I'm alone. At least I won't have to deal with their yapping and shit. I can manage myself perfectly well.

TETSUYA hears sniffles from HANAKO.

TETSUYA

(looks back at HANAKO)

Camera shot of only HANAKO.

HANAKO

(sniffles with tears running down cheeks)

(hugging her knees while sitting on the floor)

Camera shot of both TETSUYA and HANAKO.

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS

The hell is wrong with her now?

TETSUYA

(facepalms and sighs)

I'm the one with a tragic past, so why are *you* the one who's crying? Your life is perfect compared to mine.

HANAKO

(gazes at TETSUYA as more tears spill from her eyes and onto her knees)

(wipes eyes and sniffles more)

I-It's so sad... I... I had no idea you... That your family...

TETSUYA

(turns his back towards her)

... That's what I've been saying this whole time. You and everyone else has no idea what I've been through. I don't need pity. I don't need friends. I don't need anybody but me, myself, and I.

(walks away before HANAKO can say anything else)

INT. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY - DAY

Three months have passed since TETSUYA argued with HANAKO. TETSUYA was currently in the library to try and learn more about his magic abilities.

TETSUYA walks up to the LIBRARIAN'S desk while wearing his backpack on his right shoulder. On the desk was a book that was more than triple the size of most school textbooks, a small silver bell used for calling the librarian up, and a few paper slips for students who didn't return their books on time.

Before TETSUYA can ring the small bell, the LIBRARIAN emerges from the room behind the desk.

LIBRARIAN

(gently smiles)

My my, hello there! What can I help you with?

TETSUYA

You got any books on magic?

LIBRARIAN

Hmm... Actually, we might! Wait here while I go check for
you.

(turns back around and walks back into the room she just came
from)

TETSUYA

(grips golden puzzle piece on his necklace gently)

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS

I will avenge you guys, no matter what. Those mages will pay for what they did to you two. I swear-

Before TETSUYA can finish his thoughts, HANAKO walks straight into him.

TETSUYA

(eyes widen and uses left hand to catch self by gripping onto LIBRARIAN'S desk)

HANAKO

(falls on floor on her butt)

TETSUYA

(grits teeth and turns towards HANAKO)
(eyes widen)

HANAKO

O-Ow! I'm so sorry, I didn't-
(looks up and eyes widen)
Huh? T-Tetsuya?

TETSUYA

You?

LIBRARIAN (O.S.)

Hello again, young man.

TETSUYA looks back towards the LIBRARIAN'S desk to see the LIBRARIAN had returned with a gentle smile on her face. She was holding a PIECE OF PAPER in her hands.

Camera shot of only TETSUYA and LIBRARIAN.

TETSUYA

(clears throat and turns to face LIBRARIAN)

HANAKO (O.S.)

(stands up)

LIBRARIAN

It's been so long since anybody has asked me about books about magic, so it took a bit to find if we had any. Thankfully, these old eyes haven't failed me yet. (softly chuckles)

TETSUYA

(glances at paper in LIBRARIAN'S hands)

So spit it out. Did you find anything? If not, I'll take my leave.

LIBRARIAN

(waves finger disapprovingly)

Patience is important, young man. As a wise person once told me, good things come to those who are patient.

TETSUYA

(reluctantly sighs)

Fine. So?

LIBRARIAN

(hands TETSUYA the PIECE OF PAPER)

I think you will be pleased with what I found.

HANAKO walks into the camera shot right next to TETSUYA. She sneaks a peak at the PIECE OF PAPER that he is now holding.

HANAKO

Tetsuya, you're interested in magic?? I was thinking you were all fists! (giggles)

TETSUYA

(glances over the PIECE OF PAPER)

I do recognize a few of these titles. Especially the one called '*The Elements: All You Need To Know!*'.

LIBRARIAN

(lets out small sigh and looks up at ceiling in thought)

Why yes, I remember that one published when I was still a young girl... Oh, I remember all my classmates who were born with elemental abilities being especially intrigued by that book.

It was quite popular!

TETSUYA and HANAKO both look up at the LIBRARIAN as she continues speaking.

LIBRARIAN

(looks back at TETSUYA and HANAKO)

I believe that it's a primary textbook for many magic-based schools in our town *and* nearby cities. Very good information in there, I must say!

HANAKO

(shifts gaze from LIBRARIAN to TETSUYA)

H-Hey, maybe-

TETSUYA
(nods to LIBRARIAN)
(mutters) Thank you.
(briskly strides away with PIECE OF PAPER in hand)

LIBRARIAN (O.S.)
(soft chuckle) Boys these days...

TETSUYA
(approaches one of the aisles listed on the PIECE OF PAPER)

HANAKO (O.S.)
Tetsuya!

TETSUYA
(abruptly stops walking)

HANAKO catches up to TETSUYA and is now standing behind him.

Camera shot of both TETSUYA and HANAKO.

HANAKO
I... I wasn't expecting to run into you here...

TETSUYA
What do you want?

HANAKO
(voice lowers) W-Well... I...

TETSUYA

(sighs and turns back around)

(walks past her)

Come on. Let's sit down somewhere.

HANAKO

(voice becomes more cheerful) Oh, okay!

TETSUYA

Don't get your hopes up. I just don't wanna cause a scene in the middle of the library.

TETSUYA and HANAKO sit down across from each other at a table at the edge of the library.

HANAKO

(smiles and giggles)

I get that. It can be so nerve wracking having a conversation in the middle of a library. One time, I-

TETSUYA

Skip the filler. Just tell me why the hell you chased after me just now.

HANAKO

(pouts and mumbles) Fine fine. No need to be all grouchy with me.

TETSUYA

(glares and then sighs)

Just... say what you wanna say. I have things to do, and I do not want to waste my time.

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS

I'm already wasting my time by having this conversation.

HANAKO

(bows head)

I-I'm sorry!

TETSUYA

(raises one eyebrow in confusion)

For?

HANAKO

(pokes index fingers together in embarrassment and lowers voice) F-For last semester... I just really wanted to make you feel better. But you were right. I assumed too much, and I acted without seeing what *you* wanted. So... I apologize.

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS

This is different.

A brief moment of silence.

TETSUYA

(looks away and scratches back of head)

Listen, it's no big deal. I could've worded things better, I guess.

So...

Another brief moment of silence.

TETSUYA

(mumbles) I'm sorry, too.

HANAKO

(looks up at TETSUYA and tilts head) Huh?

TETSUYA

(looks back at HANAKO and crosses arms on the table)
I'm sorry for my behavior, too. But this doesn't mean that I want to befriend you. I can own up to my mistakes, but I still find befriending others to be pointless.

HANAKO

(bites bottom lip)

Another brief moment of silence.

HANAKO

Okay, I won't force it. So, why are you wanting books about magic?

TETSUYA

(looks down at PIECE OF PAPER again)
(subconsciously touches golden puzzle piece on necklace again)

HANAKO

(notices TETSUYA touching his necklace)
(opens mouth to say something)

TETSUYA

(cuts her off before she can speak) Well, I want to learn so that I can use my own abilities better.

HANAKO

(shoots up from seat with eyes widened and sparkling)
You have magical abilities?! Oh my gosh, that is soooo cool! I-

TETSUYA

(also shoots up from seat and shoves hand over HANAKO'S
mouth with his right hand while placing his left index finger
over his lips)

(voice lowered) Sheesh, be quiet about it, idiot!

HANAKO

(nods repeatedly)

TETSUYA

(slowly removes hand from HANAKO'S mouth and sits back
down)

HANAKO

“Well, I was trying to say earlier that I can maybe lend you
some books of my own? They're my relative's books, but they
might help you!

TETSUYA

(squints eyes in suspicion)

You're not trying to butter me up to befriend me, are ya?

HANAKO

(looks away and laughs softly)

M-Maybe...

TETSUYA

(glares)

Hanako...

HANAKO

(raises hands up in defeat and laughs more)

Okay okay, I am!

TETSUYA'S THOUGHTS

This chick...

TETSUYA

(facepalms)

I swear, Hanako, you-

HANAKO

(hands fall to sides and smile drops)

But I also just want to help you. It's just part of who I am. My parents always taught me to be kind to others, no matter what.

They're always going to local charity places and volunteering for free, even though we need the money right now...

TETSUYA

Wait... (takes hand off forehead and points at HANAKO) You made those cookies and were going to give them to me for free, even though you could've sold them for money? When your family *needs* money right now?

HANAKO

(small nod)

TETSUYA
(sighs and mutters) Idiot...

HANAKO
(pouts again)
Hey, that's not nice!

TETSUYA
(chuckles in amusement)

HANAKO
(jaw drops and eyes widen again)

TETSUYA
(raises eyebrow in confusion again)
The hell you so shocked about now?

HANAKO
(smiles super big)
You... You chuckled! So you *can* be happy! Oh my gosh, you-

TETSUYA
(shoves hand over her mouth again)
Shut up.