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To whoever felt drawn to open this book.

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WHAT IS STORY FICTION?

A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

Time

Space

Reality

Physics

Logic

Human behavior

In the world of Story Fiction,
what you know may not always apply.

Story Fiction, as a genre,
can't be given a formal or official meaning.
Though its voice is meant for everyone to hear
(no matter what age, gender or background),
its words that day may be gifted to you alone.

So then, how would you describe it to others?

Well...

Get cozy in your favorite chair.

Pour yourself a glass of your favorite drink.

Snuggle up in that comfy blanket.

Spend a moment of your time with us.

Explore the world we have to offer.

And ask yourself,

as you walk through this story,

connect with these characters...

...what is the voice speaking to you?

SNEAK PEEK

BREAKFAST WITH SCIENCE

w/ DEXTER NEAR

I was up late last night.

(Again.)

I wanted to see

if I could solve van Krull's hypothesis before the big event,
but it's taking a lot more time than I thought.

I know I can do it, though.

I've done harder in less time.

But, man, it just takes a lot of brain power.

All that mental energy...

(Being a mathematician isn't easy.)

I peer down into my coffee.

Blue Mountain

Light cream

Two sugars

My usual cup to start the day.

I let my mind relax for once as I take a sip.

I had breakfast earlier, but I still set a plate across the table.

Any moment now, she should—

Good morning!

Ah, here she is.

Good morning, Iroha.

In walks a girl who had just recently turned 10.

Now, I wouldn't call her my biological daughter.

I actually found her just over a year ago.

Let's just say...my old house was destroyed,
and she was lying unconscious in the rubble.

I took her to the hospital,
but she didn't have any family or friends.
Might as well have been an orphan.

There was something about her, though.
She reminded me of...*her*.

So, I went through the adoption process
and took her under my wing.

Iroha's smart.

Like, superintelligent.

*Hyper*intelligent.

I remember one of the early days
she was messing around with some powders in the kitchen.
She showed me that evening that she created
what she called the Philosopher's Stone.

Another morning, I saw her in the living room,
talking to another girl who looked and sounded just like her.
Turns out, she solved space-time travel before lunch.

Whenever I see her, she always has on her lab coat and goggles
(items she was wearing when I first found her).
Guess that makes sense, she's always working on something new.

I made breakfast, Iroha. Come, sit down.

I invite her to the table.

Oh, *thanks!*

She makes her way over and...

...is that a pig walking behind her?

Climbing into the seat, the pig hops into her lap.

Iroha takes a bite of her omurice

before feeding another bite to her pig friend.

...I'm sorry, who is this?

Iroha takes a moment to realize.

...Oh, yeah! So, you know Buton, right?

I fitted him with some gadgets and tech I had.

He was already my best friend, now he's my personal assistant!

Buton? Your plush pig?

You turned him into a robot?

(He moves so...**organically**...)

Honestly, this shouldn't surprise me as much as it does.

I can't ever leave her alone

without coming back and finding she gave herself superpowers.

Maybe because she treats Buton as sacred.

When I first found her, she was clutching onto him tightly.
Even as I brought her to the hospital, she wouldn't let go.

Once she started living with me,
I saw she was sharing secrets with him.
Anywhere she went, so did he.

She also doesn't like anyone touching him without permission.
I found that out the hard way as I tried to pick him up
and she gave me the coldest death glare.
There's clearly some history between them.

*Buton and I are gonna head down to the shopping district,
pick up some new tools and supplies, maybe explore the place.
Wanna come?*

...And just like that,
another day begins for Dr. Iroha N Vent.
(Er, and Buton, too, I guess...)

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