



A Spring Date with Denki Kaminari x Listener

Plot:

Denki meets you at your house in the late morning. He was really excited to see you today and wanted to just have a cool day together. You walk around town and the local markets looking at the cool knick knacks and gadgets. And comment on some of the fashion you see in the windows. You purchase some takoyaki from a streetside stand and have a fun chat with him laughing on one of the benches while Denki burns his tongue on one of the piping hot takoyaki balls, sending it flying to the ground where a cat grabs it and runs away. Just a really cheerful, lighthearted date.

Personality:

Denki is social and energetic with a casual disposition. He enjoys interacting and hanging out with his friends, although his comments can also be on the more blunt and cynical side. Despite this, he's always friendly and well-meaning towards others. He tends to joke around about the current situations he's in but will always come to the aid of his friends.

Audio starts with soft knocking, then the door swinging open. The sound of him removing his shoes and slipping on his slippers. Footsteps as he approaches the listener

Hey, Sparks! I'm home! I know I don't have to knock, since we're roommates and all. But I'd rather not catch you off guard! You know... Just in case! **(Gentle chuckle)** Especially since last time I spooked you, you threw a screwdriver at me!

Huh? Where was I? Aah... Ummm.. Promise not to get mad?

(Quickly, nervous) I...went to the agency for a few minutes. **(A pause)** I know, I know. "Don't go into the office on my off days." But it was nothing major! I just had to sign something for Shinsou.

(sound of him readjusting his crossbody bag)

Tried to wrap things up as quickly as I could, buuuut I guess a hero's job is never really finished, is it? **(Heavy sigh)** I wish Mr. Aizawa had told us just how much of this hero stuff is just paper pushing.

(Footsteps as he moves into the main room)

Hey! I thought we both had the day off today. You're still working on those schematics for Shinsou?

(Jokingly) Now you can't get mad at me for going in if you're still here tinkering y'know!

(Laughs) so why don't you take a break? You've been working like, non-stop for the past few days!

C'mon, Sparks! Go change into something warm, whatever you'd like! I wanna take you out somewhere!

Uhuh. I'll wait right here. Go get dressed! I know it's sorta out of the blue but... Trust me on this!

(Sparks footsteps retreat down the hallway with distant door opening and closing. Door opens again a few moments later as footsteps approach Denki)

(a little stunned) Sparks– wow, you... You uh...heh...you look really nice.~ **(clears his throat)**

Ready? .. Hah, Solid! Let's go!

(Footsteps following the opening of the front door. Going down concrete steps followed by walking on pavement.)

Thanks for agreeing to come with me! Plus it's a really nice day and would totally be a waste if you stayed cooped up inside. **(Teasing laugh)**

'Sides, you've been working so hard lately. You deserve to have a nice day out, and I wanted to surprise you with a fun day. There's a street fair up the road that looks totally dope.

(Sheepishly) Annnd I didn't wanna go by myself.

(They continue walking together in a comfortable silence, the sound of a large number of people in the distance growing louder.)

By the way, what I said before? About your outfit. I was telling the truth y'know? You've always had such a cool sense of style, Sparks. You gave me such a weird look when I said it, haha like you almost didn't believe me, but it's true!

Hah.. You don't gotta thank me. I'm just being honest~ M'also glad you wanted to come with me, street fairs are rad!

..Hm? Oh same! It's been a while since I've been to one of these too! I wonder what kinda stalls they're gonna have there. Probably lots of yummy stuff.. My mouth's watering just thinking about it all. Let's make sure to grab some takoyaki, I've been craving that for a while now!

(They arrive at the market, the sound of people talking and walking around filling the air.)

Wow! There's so many people here! Buuuut I guess that's to be expected.

(A rush of wind blows by, rustle of leaves)

Bbrrr.... Hopefully it'll start warming up soon. I can't stand these chilly spring days. Like, gimme some sunshine and warm weather already! Aaand I always love the food they sell at the summer festival.

Hm? What kind of food? Oh man, that's a hard one. I mean, obviously takoyaki is like, number one. But if I was at a summer festival? Def taiyaki. Or those really souped up crepes. Like the ones that are stacked super high with whipped cream, strawberries and all the different kinds of fruits with chocolate syrup!

(Sniffs the air) Speaking of which, we're getting takoyaki before we leave. Not even an option! I'm getting hungry just smelling it! **(laughs)** This place is great though, wow, so many booths! Good thing I brought my wallet huh? Though it might be in danger right now haha!

(A pause)

Oh man! Hey Sparks, look at that! **(Sound of him walking over to a booth, sound of him lifting something)** Haven't seen one of these since I was a kid.. Hm? Yeah, it's a kendama! I'd drive my mom nuts constantly trying to get the ball inside the hole. **(laughs as he sets the toy down)**

Let's keep walking! It looks like there's tons of more stalls over there. **(Sound of them walking)** Man, there's so many people out today. You'd think the chilly weather would keep them away, but I guess being cooped up all winter will make you a little stir crazy.

Heeey, looks like they opened some new shops! We really haven't gotten a chance to actually explore the area, huh? But I guess that's all a part of adulting and being a pro-hero. Wake up, fight villains, fill out the paperwork, sleep, and then do it all again! Not much free time, eh?...

Hm? Oh yeah. **(laughs)** Can't forget about the laundry. Still don't know how you managed to get those stains out of my jacket, Sparks. You sure you don't have some secret quirk?.. What! I'm just double checking!

Wait, what!? Hey, look at that mannequin display. Yeah! In that shop right over there! **(Sound of them running towards the front window of a boutique)**

“Red Riot Specialty Shoes”? Did he seriously get partnered with the shoe brand he would wear at UA? That guy seriously hasn’t changed.

Also why would you wanna wear shoes with holes? Doesn’t that, like, defeat the purpose?..Huh? You have a pair too!? Of the Red Riot ones? **(whines)** Well now I totally feel like a loser.

Man, this stinks. Kirishima has his shoe partnership, and Blasty has his own clothing line now. *On top* of already being Number Two. And having their own agency together.

(defeated, almost like Sparks won’t ever look at him the way they look at Kirishima and Bakugou) And then there’s me. Like, I don’t even have my own merch line or anything.. It kinda sucks sometimes.

Ah, don’t get me wrong! It’s amazing to see where everyone is at now. Seeing all your friends succeed and do incredible things. It’s not like I’m jealous or anything.

It’s just.. you kinda look at yourself and think “What have I done? Why can’t I be as cool as them?” You just feel like you let the people you care about down.

(Sighs) I’m sorry, I didn’t mean to bring down the mood! Being Johnny Raincloud totally isn’t my style anyway! **(laughs, trying to recover the moment)**

Huh? You would buy Chargebolt merch if they had it? All of the merch? Seriously?

(happily) You’re really something else, you know that? Always giving me that, uh.. **(fumbles, trying to find the right words to say)** extra *spark* to keep going and keep my chin up!

(Soft laugh) Thanks, Sparks. For always reminding me that I’m worth something. **(clears throat)** Alright, no more gloomy talk! There’s so many more cool shops we gotta check out. Like, over there! **(Sound of them walking toward a stall)**

(sound of him picking up a metal object) What even are these things? Some kinda cooling gadget thing?

Huh? Well of course I knew it’s a phone charger! It’s just shaped differently than a normal one! Huuh. Weird. **(places the charger down)** You always have an explanation for everything. I’m not the best when it comes to the technicalities of all these gadgets...

(mischievous laugh) Hey Sparks, think you could make me one of those mechanical bugs that move on their own? Like, the ones that move their legs?..Haha, yeah exactly! I’d love to hide one of those things in Hitoshi’s desk at the agency.

(laughs as Sparks gives them a gentle shove) Awww c'mon! It would be funny! I told you how he's sooo afraid of bugs, right?

So there was a beetle that was just walking across his desk and I didn't think the dude's hair could stand up any straighter, but at that moment?

(emphasis voice as Denki gestures with his hands) Straight up. I was worried he was gonna whip his capture scarf around the office! Thankfully Inferno was there to scoop it up and let it outside.

For a hot minute, he was looking a lot like Mr. Aizawa. It was kinda scary. **(laughs)**

Hm? What caught your eye, Sparks?..The shoes? Oh yeah, I love those. They have red soles and look so dope. Can't say I'm a fan of their handbags. They're all brown and boring looking, like why would I want a logo plastered all over it. **(Pause as Sparks corrects them)**

Yeah of course! I knew they were two different brands. Uh huh!

(Sniffs the air) Aaah okay, I think it's takoyaki time. That smell is getting way too good to ignore.

Let's grab that bench over there. **(sound of them walking)**

I'll go grab the food, sit down and rest your feet Sparks! Be right back. **(Sound of him walking away, then returning a short moment later. Soft meow of a cat followed by the sound of scratching and purring)**

Two orders of takoyaki! Aw hey, you found a friend! What a cutie~ **(sound of him sitting on the bench)** Hah.. here, your takoyaki~ **(sound of a wrapper being handed)**

This smells so good. I'm going for it..huh? Noo I doubt it's hot! See? Not even steaming. **(Sound of him taking a bite)**

(yelps) Hawh– lh fink lh bernt muh tuhnge. **(Soft gasp at the clatter of his utensils on the ground)** My takoyaki!

(Meow of the cat followed by a grunt as it grabs and runs away with the takoyaki) H-hey! That's mine– Nooo kitty..! **(groans)** And it's gone.

Hm? No it's fine, Sparks! I'll just go buy another one~ **(Sparks insists they share theirs)**

Ah..? Share yours..? Hah... Well, since you're so insistent. But there's only one set of chopsticks.. Huh? N-No I don't mind sharing them at all! Only if you're not a germaphobe or anything.

(laughs) Alright, alright. Aaaahh. **(opens mouth followed by soft chewing, moans softly)** Oh man. Now -that- is some good takoyaki. Damn.

Here Sparks, lemme hold the plate for you so you can have some. **(sound of paper rustling as the paper box is handed over to Denki)**

Hm? Aha, no! I wasn't gonna offer to feed you! **(flustered)** I mean, only if you asked me to! **(nervous laugh)** Now make sure to eat it before it gets cold! And be careful not to burn your tongue.

(Listener takes a bite)

See? I told you! Amazing, right? **(laughs)** Hm? No Sparks, you have the last piece! **(pauses then unsure hum)** Uh, I dunno if stabbing it with a chopstick will tear it in half. Here. **(Denki tears the last takoyaki in half)** Ooh hot hot hot.. **(sound of him licking his burnt fingers)** There we go~ One for you, one for me.

(Laughs) Seriously? Cheers? With takoyaki? Alright, whatever you say! Cheers. **(chuckles followed by munching)** We're def coming back. Do you work next weekend? No? ..Awesome.

I have an early patrol next weekend! Sooo if you don't have any plans, would you wanna wait for me until I get home and we do this again?

Yeah?.. **(laughs)** I can't wait either. It'll be great. I mean, we always have a great time no matter where we go. And hopefully I won't lose my takoyaki to a cat.

Oh there's a blossom in your hair, seems the trees are about to bloom. Lemme get it for you. **(Reaches up to gently pinch it out of Sparks' hair before setting it in their lap)** There ya go. Here I'll put it in this napkin and you can keep it as a souvenir.

(Few brief moments of quiet, filled with the sounds of a chilly spring breeze, people walking around and talking)

Have you talked to Tsu or Ochako lately?

From what Hitoshi told me, Tsu helped track down a smuggler ship that had stolen all those animals from the zoo.. Yeah that was her! Cool, right?

She, Sirius and Selkie make an amazing team. I actually saw her the other day when I was at the gym. She was giving swimming lessons at the indoor pool next door. said it's her favorite side gig when she's off duty.

(sad nostalgic) Yeah I miss them all too. I know we've been out of school for a while, but it was weird to get used to. When you have everyone so close, just a few doors down, or a couple of floors up? It's so easy to see everyone all the time..!

Guess I kinda took it for granted, you know..?

(Soft sigh, he's quiet for a moment) ...Now everyone is so spread out. Busy schedules and hardly even any time to yourself, let alone seeing your friends. Sometimes I wish we could go back to those days.

But I'm also happy where we're at right now. All our friends are thriving, living out their dreams. And hey, I still got you, Sparks! And I get to see Hitoshi almost every day too. So, I'll take it~

(Pauses a moment. 'bright idea-lightbulb' tone) Hey. You know what? That got me thinking.

That should be something we should do! The zoo!

And I dunno if you saw, but they just opened up a petting zoo and guess what~

(excitedly) They have baby chicks you can hold. It's sooo uber cute. I was checking their social media and I just wanna scoop them right up and hold them all!

(Smugly) Cuz, you know, I get all the chicks.~

H-hey don't roll your eyes at me! **(Laughs)** I'm joking I'm joking!

But seriously though! I think it would be totally dope to go and check out. I even heard they have a cool frog sanctuary too. Plus Koji works there, so maybe he can give us private access to some of the cool animals!

Yeah? You're in? Oh man, I'm so pumped now! Maybe we can take one of those bus tours around the zoo. You think Koda would let us feed the crocodiles if I asked him?

Aw c'mon. It's an honest question! I'd be careful! It looks easy!

You just put a piece of meat on a stick and chomp!.. **(groans)** Sparks why do you always have to be smarter than me. Throw a guy a bone here.

(laughs, then shifts on the bench)

Hey, you're looking a bit chilly. I can see your hands shaking a little... Hmm.. Wanna start heading back?

Sounds good. **(Cheerfully)** Let's go home~

Thanks for a good day, Sparks. I had a lot of fun.. We really should make some more time for each other.~

Heh.. come on.~

(Sound of them getting up, following by footsteps that fade out)