

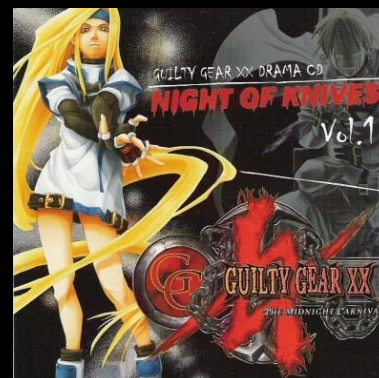
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## VOL.1: SLAYER SIDE TALES – ROBO-KY ARC

### 1. The Night Came: Welcome to my Library

*Welcome to my library. My name is Slayer. I'm what your kind commonly know as a vampire.*

*\*Mosquito buzz\**

*Ahh! There is no reason to be afraid. I have no intention of hurting you or anything like that. You may have heard it before, but my species is characterized by having great longevity.*

*\*Slayer smashes the mosquito\**

*That is, of course, as long as we aren't annihilated "like this".*

*Luckily, I've never been chased with torches or stakes, so I was able to live for many long years without any problem.*

*Now that I'm retired, observing the way humans live is what gives my life meaning. You could say I'm kind of a collector. In this library, I've compiled the customs and experiences of many people that I have observed throughout my existence.*

*According to the different opinions on the subject, it is said that among collectors, two types of people can be distinguished. There are those who jealously guard their collections and do not share it with anyone, while others like to display and brag about the rare pieces of their collections to others.*

*Generally, I'm not interested in sharing what I collect or tend to focus my solitary attention on, but occasionally on nights like this, I feel like showing them to someone else.*

*So go ahead. Make yourself comfortable. Unfortunately, I have little experience as a host. In fact, you are the first person I invite to my library.*

*Ah! You can sit on that sofa if you like.*

*\*Rustles sound\**

*Would you prefer tea or coffee?*

*(...)*

*Excellent, I'll bring it in a sec...*

*\*Mosquito buzz\**

*What's wrong? You seem a little restless— ...Ahh, a mosquito...*

*Forgive me; apparently it was drawn by the content of my cup. The truth is that these insects have been giving me great problems. Yes, I'd argue these beings are somewhat similar to the humans I've been observing all of this time...*

*By the way... ¿Do you think it is possible for a doll...to have a soul?*

*\*Slayer smashes the mosquito\**

## 2. Wonderful Old-World Science

*On a certain occasion shortly after the end of the Crusades, I found a lone doll...*

**Robo-Ky:** OH, I SEE! IF I MANAGE TO GATHER THESE THREE SACRED TREASURES, OBTAINING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ENERGY WOULD NO LONGER BE AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM. THIS IMMORTALITY MACHINE, THE FRUIT OF THE OLD-WORLD SCIENCE THAT WAS FORBIDDEN AND CLASSIFIED AS BLACKTECH, COULD EVENTUALLY BE MINE!

*To put it briefly, that young being was a living doll modeled after a young holy knight who performed great military feats during the Crusades. In long past dark ages, living dolls like the one we are talking about were called "robots". Hence his name, "Robo-Ky".*

**Robo-Ky:** HUH HUH HUH! I FINALLY HAVE IT! THE FORBIDDEN DOCUMENT THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO PROCURE THE THREE SACRED TREASURES!

*What he had in his hands was in fact a book from the old world. A book from the enigmatic country that was lost to the depths of the sea at the beginning of the Crusades, Japan. On the cover, the words "Science for Kids: Experiments for Summer Vacation" could be read in Japanese.*

**Robo-Ky:** FIRST THE SACRED TREASURES: COPPER, ZINC, AND LASTLY, A TANGERINE. SO ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TO GATHER THESE THREE ELEMENTS, HUH? HMPH, PRETTY SIMPLE! JUDGING BY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN MY IMMENSE DATABASE, THESE MATERIALS ARE VERY EASY TO FIND.

*Normally, everything that is not human is outside my object of observation, but this was a robot built by humans, and a faithful imitation of them to top it off. That strange being ignited a spark in my heart of observer. And, above all, what attracted me was his incomprehensible behavior...*

**Robo-Ky:** SEARCH COMPLETE! NOW THEN, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MY GRAND AMBITION: I'LL ESTABLISH A ROUTE!

*In addition, his aggressiveness, which far exceeded that of human beings, did nothing but fascinate me irremediably...*

## 3. I, Doll

*\*Scrap being moved\**

**Robo-Ky:** HAHHAHA! GOOD. WITH THIS, I'VE ALREADY COLLECTED TWO OF THE SACRED TREASURES... BUT IT SEEMS THAT I'VE EXAMINED EVERYTHING THAT COULD BE EXAMINED IN THIS BATTLEFIELD, AND SINCE I ALREADY HAVE EVERYTHING THAT I NEED FROM IT, THIS PLACE IS NO LONGER USEFUL TO ME. ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO FIND THE HABITAT OF THE LAST ELEMENT, THE TANGERINE. SO: CHANGE OF COURSE!

*\*Metallic footsteps\**

*One of the joys of observing lies precisely in the unexpected momentous occurrences. In other words, the moment in which a person's destiny is drastically changed as a consequence of small events. How humans face and react to these events... that is the true object of my interest.*

*And I must say that he, Robo-Ky, did not betray my expectations either. On his journey in search of the tangerine, he arrived in a city reduced to ruins due to the Crusades, where he had a fateful encounter...*

*\*Wind blowing\**

**Robo-Ky:** READING DETECTED IN SENSOR... DISTANCE: 20...18...15... UNKNOWN OBJECT APPROACHING... EXECUTING ACTIVE COMMUNICATION PROGRAM... STOP RIGHT THERE, TATTERED RAG! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER OR— AH, MH!? *\*Beep\** ANALYZING SENSOR'S INFORMATION... THE OBJECT IS CARRYING A STICK... CAMOUFLAGED WEAPON DETECTED: ONE SWORD..... **EXAMINING HIT POINTS...**



*Speaking from my own vast experience, people tend to fall in love with those who are similar to them, but they can also come to hate them. While it's true he was no human, I wonder what that robot thought at that time...*



*\*Wind Blowing\**

**Robo-Ky:** LEG DAMAGE DETECTED... MOVEMENT SPEED DECREASING... OBJECT KEEPS GETTING CLOSER... DISTANCE: 5... APPEARANCE: *\*Beep\** MH!? THE SAME AS ME!?

*\*Metallic footsteps\**

??????? SERIAL\_0:\_F-F-F-FOUND... COMMENCING\_CA-CA-CA-CAPTURE, NOW...

**Robo-ky:** HEY! THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR COMMUNICATION CIRCUIT!

??????? MY\_FUNCTIONS\_ARE\_WORKING\_CORRECTLY... **MASS-PRODUCED\_ROBO-KY\_SERIAL\_N-N-N-No\_000348.....**  
HAS\_FINALLY\_FOUND\_SERIAL\_No\_0...

*\*[A Robo-Ky Mk.2]*

**Robo-ky:** 348? IN OTHER WORDS... YOU'RE A COPY OF ME!? ALTHOUGH... NO, THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE. SOMEONE SO WEAK AS TO END IN SUCH A SORRY STATE DOES NOT RESEMBLE ME IN THE SLIGHTEST!

**RK-000348:** H-HUMANS... NO, HUMANS\_EVEN\_SUPERIOR\_TO\_NORMAL\_HUMANS\_DID\_THIS\_TO\_ME.

**Robo-ky:** CLEARLY YOUR BRAIN ISN'T WORKING PROPERLY. THERE'S NO WAY A HUMAN STRONGER THAN ME EXIST!

**RK-000348:** *\*Beep\** EXAMINING\_BATTLE\_RECORDS... CONFRONTATION\_WITH\_A\_LITTLE\_PIRATE\_GIRL\_WHO\_FOR  
\_SOME\_REASON\_WANTED\_ME\_AS\_A\_DECORATION\_PIECE:\_CRUSHING\_DEFEAT\_BY\_WHALE..... IN\_CHINA,  
\_MY\_BODY\_WAS\_STOLEN\_AND\_USED\_AS\_A\_POT:\_CRUSHING\_DEFEAT\_DUE\_TO\_MULTIPLE\_COMPLICATIONS...  
FORTUNATELY, MY\_BODY\_WAS\_UNHARMED. *\*Beep\**

*\*[May and Jam]*

**Robo-ky:** HE IS SO WEAK THAT I FAIL TO SEE ANY LIKENESS WITH ME...

**RK-000348:** *\*Beep\** ENCOUNTER\_WITH\_THE\_ORIGINAL:\_A\_ONE-SIDED\_BATTLE\_DUE\_TO\_HIS\_INCOMPRESSIBLE  
\_BEHAVIOR..... ENDED\_IN\_A\_DRAW\_DUE\_TO\_TACTICAL\_WITHDRAWAL\_PERFORMED\_AFTER\_RECEIVING  
\_CONTINUOUS\_DAMAGE. HIS\_CUTTING\_TECHNIQUE\_WASN'T\_HALF\_BAD... HE\_LACKED\_HIS\_NECESSARY  
\_DOSAGE\_OF\_CALCIIUM. *\*Beep\**

**Robo-ky:** YOU MEAN THAT DEFECTIVE ORIGINAL THAT I BEAT TO A PULP **THAT ONE TIME?** TO HAVING LOST IN SUCH A LAME WAY... YOU ARE COMPLETELY AND UTTERLY USELESS! **RETURN FROM WHENCE YOU CAME AND GO TO SLEEP!**

*\*[Reference to his encounter with Ky in GGX Plus?]*

*\*[ 似非オリジナルは帰って寝てろ / Return to that fake Original and go to sleep]*

**RK-000348:** *\*Beep\** I\_CAN'T\_GO\_TO\_SLEEP... MY\_OBJECTIVE\_IS\_TO\_RETRIEVE-RETRIEVE-TRIEVE-RE-RE-RE-RETRIEVE\_SERIAL\_0...

**Robo-ky:** WHAT AN ANNOYING GUY! DO YOU NOT HAVE AN ACTIVE COMMUNICATION INTEGRATED CIRCUIT!? IN ANY CASE, FOR WHAT POSSIBLE REASON WOULD YOU WANT TO...? MH! DON'T TELL ME, YOU'RE AFTER THIS ANCIENT DOCUMENT, AREN'T YOU!?

**RK-000348:** MY\_MISSION\_IS\_TO\_RE-RETRIEVE\_THE\_TECHNICAL\_DEMONSTRATION\_MODEL... I\_DON'T\_KNOW  
\_ANYTHING\_ABOUT\_SUCH\_"ANCIENT\_DOCUMENT"...

*\*[ 技術サンプル/Technical Sample: In other words, the prototype]*

**Robo-Ky:** YOU WANT TO CAPTURE ME? WHAT CAN YOU POSSIBLY DO IN THE STATE YOU'RE IN? KNOW YOUR PLACE, WORTHLESS WRETCH!

*\*CLANK!\* \*THUD!\**



**RK-000348:** GEH! ...T-TO\_THINK\_YOU'LL\_FOOT\_SWEEP\_ME\_OUT\_OF\_THE\_BLUE..... SERIAL\_0'S\_COWARDICE  
\_PARAMETER:\_+5 \*HONK!\*

**Robo-ky:** STOP MEASURING AND CONVERTING IN DATA EVERYTHING I DO!

**RK-000348:** SERIAL\_0... LIKE\_THE\_ORIGINAL, EXHIBITS\_A\_CALCIIUM\_DEFICIENCY... \*HONK!\*

**Robo-Ky:** I DON'T GET ENERGY FROM THINGS SUCH AS CALCIUM! HOWEVER, I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU HAVE NO INTEREST IN THIS ANCIENT DOCUMENT, CONSIDERING THAT YOU MIGHT OBTAIN INFINITE ENERGY WITH IT... WHAT A DULL GUY YOU ARE. AND YET STILL YOU SAY YOU DERIVE FROM ME!?

**RK-000348:** INFINITE\_ENER...GY? I\_SEE, THAT'S\_PERFECT. AT\_THIS\_RATE, IT\_IS\_CLEAR\_THAT\_I\_WON'T  
\_HAVE\_ENOUGH\_POWER\_TO\_CAPTURE\_AND\_RETRIEVE\_YOU\_BY\_FORCE. SO... GIVE\_ME\_THAT\_ANCIENT\_DOCUMENT!

*\*Mechanical sounds\**

**Robo-Ky:** JUST LIKE THAT! YOU HAVE NO SHAME. HMPH! NO WAY WILL I GIVE IT TO YOU, BALDY!

**RK-000348:** SCANNING!

*\*Electronic beeps\**

**Robo-Ky:** AH, W-WHAT!? A TECHNOLOGICAL WEAPON!? OH!?

**RK-000348:** *\*Beep\** IT\_SEEMS\_THE\_ANCIENT\_DOCUMENT\_ONLY\_CONTAINS\_WRITTEN\_INFORMATION...  
AND\_DOES\_NOT\_HOLD\_ANY\_IMPORTANCE\_BY\_ITSELF. *\*Beep\**

**Robo-Ky:** DAMN YOU! YOU SCANNED IT WITH X-RAYS!? BUT I MUST SAY... MMH, WHAT AN ENVIABLE FEATURE YOU HAVE THERE! CAN IT ALSO BE USED TO PEEP AT THE WOMEN'S BODY AS MUCH AS DESIRED?

**RK-000348:** MMMH?? WHAT\_IS\_THE\_BENEFIT\_OF\_PEEPING\_AT\_SOMETHING\_LIKE\_THE\_FEMALE\_BODY?

**Robo-Ky:** FORGET IT, IDIOT...

**RK-000348:** LEAVING\_THAT\_ASIDE, DOES\_THAT\_MEAN\_YOU\_ARE\_SEARCHING\_FOR\_THREE\_SACRED  
\_ELEMENTS?

**Robo-Ky:** I'VE ALREADY COLLECTED TWO. ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE TANGERINE.

**RK-000348:** YOU\_SURE\_ARE\_PRETTY\_HANDY... DUMB\_FOOL. IN\_THAT\_CASE, STOP\_COMPLAINING...  
\_AND\_GUIDE\_ME\_TO\_THE\_TANGERINE.

**Robo-Ky:** DON'T TELL ME YOU INTEND TO FOLLOW ME. JUST SO YOU KNOW, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF WALKING SLOWER FOR YOU, NOR I PLAN TO HELP YOU IF YOU BREAK HALFWAY THROUGH.

**RK-000348:** STUPID... MY\_MISSION\_IS\_TO\_BRING\_YOU\_BACK\_IN\_A\_FULLY\_FUNCTIONAL\_STATE... YOU\_JUST  
WORRY\_ABOUT\_YOUR\_OWN\_WELLBEING.

**Robo-Ky:** WHO ARE YOU CALLING STUPID, TURD!? I'LL NEVER GIVE YOU THE TANGERINE!

*\*BONK\**

**RK-000348:** MORON.

*\*BONK\**

**Robo-Ky:** CHROME DOME.

*\*BONK\**

RK-000348: NECKBEARD.

\*BONK\*

Robo-Ky: .....ANØIL LEAKAGE.

\*BONK\*

RK-000348: ...P...PALM-GREASING\_TRASH.

\*BONK\*

Robo-Ky: ...E-EHMMM, ENDANGERED SPECIES!

\*BONK\*

RK-000348: .....N-NO... NO\_COGS, NO\_GLORY.

\*BONK\*

Robo-Ky: .....S...S-S...S-STEEL WASHER HEAD!

\*BONK\*

RK-000348: .....P.....PA...PA.....PAIN\_IN\_THE\_\*Beep\*\_KNEE.

Robo-Ky: ENOUGH, IDIOT...!

The robots begin to use the rules of the Japanese word game "Shiritori" to insult each other, leading to increasingly ridiculous responses.

LITERAL MEANINGS:

- Hige / 髭 / "Beard"
- Geri / 下痢 / "Diarrhea"
- Riken Mondai / 利権問題 / "Conflict of interest"
- Iriomote yamaneko / 西表山猫 / "Iriomote Cat"
- Koketsu ni irazunba koji wo ezu / 虎穴に入らずんば虎子を得ず  
"Unless you enter the tiger's den, you can't catch its cub" [Chinese Proverb]
- Zunboroboza / ずんぼろ坊主 / "Smooth as a monk's head"
- Zunbushi / つんぷし / "Knee"

#### 4. Cave Steel Dolls

*At that point, my intellectual curiosity was at its limit. That's right, an imitation of humans created by humans, and a copy of that imitation, had just met!*

*When a person perceives another person, what does he notice and what does he overlook? I thought if I observed those two, maybe I could get to understand a bit more about the matter. Of course, the fact that they were fascinating beings was also another big reason.*

*In any case, I continued observing as the two began their journey. After a few days, the two continued traveling together, but although they didn't separated from one another, they also showed no sign of protecting or helping each other during their journey. On one occasion, surprised by a rain, the pair took refuge in a cave where they waited until it subsides...*

Robo-Ky: WHAT A STORMY RAIN. WELL, CAN'T BE HELPED. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I RESTED ANYWAY, SO I'LL TAKE THIS CHANCE TO SLEEP HERE.

RK-000348: YOU'RE\_GOING\_TO\_COMPRESS\_AND\_REORGANIZE\_DATA? \*HONK!\* SERIAL\_D... HAS\_INSUFFICIENT\_TEMPORARY\_STORAGE\_CAPACITY.

\*[テンポラリ容量に不足 / Insufficient Temporary Capacity]

Robo-Ky: UNLIKE YOU, MY MEMORY IS FILLED WITH ALL SORTS OF DATA!

RK-000348: BASIC\_DATA\_IS\_MANAGED\_BY\_THE\_SYSTEM\_ROM.

\*[工学系ロム / Engineering ROM]

Robo-Ky: THE SYSTEM ROM'S SEEK TIME IS WAY TOO SLOWER. WHAT KIND OF CHEAP COPY ARE YOU? THEY EVEN TOOK OUT COMPONENTS FROM YOUR BRAIN TO REDUCE COSTS! BY THE WAY, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SLEEP?

\*[工学系はシークタイム / Engineering Seek Time]

RK-000348: I'LL\_STAND\_GUARD. GO\_AHEAD\_AND\_SLEEP.

Robo-Ky: ...SYSTEM REPACKAGE PROGRAM: ACTIVATE!

RK-000348: MASS-PRODUCTION\_MODEL'S\_MONITOR\_DUTY:\_INITIATED.

Robo-Ky: .....WHAT'S USELESS WILL ALWAYS BE USELESS, USELESS, USELESS!! ...HUFF! ...HUH? WHAT... IS THIS PLACE?

\*[Overdrive]

**RK-000348:** SUSPENDING\_MONITOR\_DUTY... *\*Beep\** VERIFYING\_CURRENT\_STATUS:\_TAKING\_SHELTER\_FROM\_THE\_RAIN\_INSIDE\_A\_CAVE... RESUMING\_MONITOR\_DUTY... *\*Beep\**

**Robo-Ky:** I HAD A NIGHTMARE... AND ON TOP OF THAT, THIS GUY HASN'T TAKEN HIS EYES OFF ME...

**RK-000348:** BY\_THE\_WAY... WHAT\_WAS\_THAT\_TECHNIQUE\_I\_SAW\_WHILE\_I\_WAS\_DOING\_MONITOR\_DUTY...?

**Robo-Ky:** WHAT?

**RK-000348:** THAT\_TECHNIQUE\_DOES\_NOT\_FIGURE\_IN\_MY\_MEMORY\_BANK... ANALYZING\_SERIAL\_0...

**Robo-Ky:** IT'S A **TECHNIQUE** USED BY A POTATO-HEAD TYRANT CALLED BAD-GUY OR SOMETHING. I STOLE IT AFTER LEAVING HIM HALF DEAD. NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO PERFORM.  
*\*[Probably the head-butt of his Overdrive]*

**RK-000348:** BAD-GUY? I\_SEE... YOU\_STEAL\_TECHNIQUES\_FROM\_YOUR\_OPPONENTS\_AFTER\_DEFEATING\_THEM... DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER TECHNIQUE?

**Robo-Ky:** MMMH... AHH, LET'S SEE... (HEH HEH) OF COURSE I DO! OR HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN WHAT I DID A SHORT WHILE AGO? ...ON ONE OCCASION WHEN I FOUGHT A BOY NAMED BRIDGET THAT LOOKED LIKE A GIRL, I-

**RK-000348:** YOU\_STOLE\_A\_TECHNIQUE\_TO\_BECOME\_A\_FEMALE\_ROBO-KY!?

**Robo-Ky:** LIKE HELL I DID!! ...AS I WAS SAYING, I STOLE HIS **YO-YO TECHNIQUE** JUST BY PATTING HIS HEAD!  
*\*[Probably Bridget's "Starship" move]*

**RK-000348:** HMPH... SO\_A\_WEAPON\_TECHNIQUE... DO\_YOU\_HAVE\_MORE?

**Robo-Ky:** I HAVE PLENTY MORE! ON ANOTHER OCCASION WHEN I FOUGHT AGAINST A **GIANT** FROM A SOVEREIGN STATE WITH NO LAND, I CAME TO KNOW THE "BUSTER" TECHNIQUE.  
*\*[Potemkin]*

**RK-000348:** AS\_EXPECTED\_FROM\_SERIAL\_0... SUCH\_COMBAT\_POWER. HAVE\_YOU\_NEVER\_HAD\_A\_HARD\_FIGHT?

**Robo-Ky:** OH, A TIME WHEN I WAS IN A TIGHT SPOT? ...YES, THERE WAS. IT WAS WHEN I FOUGHT AGAINST A **THREE-HEADED WOMAN**. ON THAT OCCASION I-  
*\*[Dizzy]*

**RK-000348:** *\*HONK!\** ...SERIAL\_0... IS\_WEAK\_AGAINST\_WOMEN... AND\_ALSO\_AGAINST\_HEADS...

**Robo-Ky:** LISTEN TO WHAT I'M SAYING, SMALL FRY!

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## 5. The Shadow of an Enforcer

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*As they were getting closer to reach their destination, once again the sky suddenly darkened with rain clouds. But this time, there was no nearby cave for them to take refuge...*

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*\*Rain\* \*Metallic footsteps\**

**Robo-Ky:** IT'S RAINING AGAIN!

**RK-000348:** ...THE\_LOCATION\_WE\_ARE\_LOOKING\_FOR\_IS\_ALREADY\_CLOSE... WE\_SHOULD\_BE\_ARRIVING\_TOMORROW.

**Robo-Ky:** REALLY? VERY WELL THEN, SEEING THAT IT'S NOT RAINING ALL THAT MUCH, I THINK WE CAN PUSH OURSELVES A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN USUAL. LET'S KEEP GOING, GARBAGE!

**RK-000348:** NEGATIVE, YOU'RE\_NOT\_MOVING\_FROM\_HERE.

**Robo-Ky:** WHAT'S WRONG? DON'T TELL ME THAT DESPITE BEING A NEW MODEL, YOU ARE NOT WATERPROOF!?

**RK-000348:** MY\_WATERPROOFING\_SYSTEM\_IS\_IN\_PERFECT\_CONDITION... BUT\_MY\_MISSION\_IS\_TO\_BRING\_YOU\_BACK\_IN\_A\_FUNCTIONAL\_STATE...

**Robo-Ky:** AND... WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

**RK-000348:** IF\_EXPOSURE\_TO\_RAIN\_CONTINUES\_LIKE\_THIS, THE\_SUCCESS-RATE\_OF\_MY\_MISSION\_WILL\_DECREASE\_BY\_0.03%...

**Robo-Ky:** D-DON'T YOU FEEL EXCITED AT ALL!? EVEN THOUGH THE UNPRECEDENTED DREAM WE'VE BEEN CHASING IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US!?

**RK-000348:** DREAM? SERIAL\_0, YOU\_DREAM? ¿IS\_THAT\_WHY\_YOU\_MOVE\_IN\_THE\_MIDDLE\_OF\_THE\_NIGHT?

**Robo-Ky:** ARGH, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT KIND OF DREAM, YOU PIECE OF SCRAP! YOU...  
**IGNORAMUS PALAEOLOGUS!**

*\*(Otanchin Pareorogasu: "Otanchin" its an Edo slang that means "idiot", the phrase is a pun on the byzantine emperor Constantine Palaiologos)*

**RK-000348:** AND\_YOU'RE\_A\_PERVERT\_ROBO-KY.

**Robo-Ky:** E-ENOUGH ALREADY!

*\*Mosquito buzz\**

**RK-000348:** AH!

**Robo-Ky:** ALL RIGHT! A KAKI TREE!

**RK-000348:** PROCEEDING\_TO\_ELIMINATE\_MOSQUITO!

*\*POW!\**

**ROBO-KY:** HEY, COULD IT BE THAT DESPITE BEING A ROBOT, YOU HATE MOSQUITOES?

**RK-000348:** LEAVING\_THAT\_ASIDE, WHAT\_KIND\_OF\_TECHNIQUE\_IS\_THAT\_"IGNORAMUS\_PALAEOLOGUS"\_YOU\_MENTIONED\_EARLIER? WHO\_DID\_YOU\_STEAL\_IT\_FROM? WAS\_IT\_FROM\_THE\_ORIGINAL?

**Robo-Ky:** YOU DON'T KNOW WHO IGNORAMUS PALAEOLOGUS WAS? HE WAS A POWERFUL MAN THAT HELD THE TITLE OF EMPEROR.

**RK-000348:** NEW\_DATA\_ACQUIRED. RECORDING... *\*Be-Beep\**

**Robo-Ky:** YOU RECORD DATA WITH PAPER AND PEN?

*\*Electronic Beeps\**

**RK-000348:** RECORDING\_COMPLETE!

**Robo-Ky:** WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT YOU WOULD SCAN THE PAPER IMMEDIATELY AFTER... WHAT A NO-LOGIC NITWIT. I MUST SAY THOUGH, FOR A ROBOT YOU ARE QUITE HIGH-STRUNG... OR RATHER, DELICATE. I DIDN'T THINK A SIMPLE MOSQUITO BUZZ COULD AFFECT YOU THAT MUCH.

**RK-000348:** I\_DETERMINED\_THAT\_THE\_MOSQUITO\_POSED\_A\_THREAT\_FOR\_THE\_SUCCESS\_OF\_MY\_MISSION.

**Robo-Ky:** A-AGAIN WITH THE MISSION!?

**RK-000348:** DIDN'T\_YOU\_KNOW? IN\_A\_CERTAIN\_COUNTRY, THERE\_WAS\_A\_CASE\_OF\_AN\_ELECTRICAL\_APPLIANCE\_THAT\_EXPLODED\_BECAUSE\_A\_COCKROACH\_GOT\_INSIDE. HAVE\_I\_IGNORED\_THE\_MOSQUITO, \_THE\_FAILURE-RATE\_OF\_MY\_MISSION\_WOULD'VE\_INCREASED\_BY\_0.002%.

**Robo-Ky:** WHAT DOES THE MOSQUITOES DO TO YOU!? OR THE RAIN!? ARE YOU SAYING THAT APART FROM YOUR MISSION WHICH IS YOUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY, EVERYTHING ELSE DOES NOT MATTER TO YOU!?

**RK-000348:** CORRECT. EXCEPT\_FOR\_THE\_ACTIONS\_REQUIRED\_TO\_CARRY\_OUT\_MY\_MISSION, EVERYTHING\_ELSE\_IS\_REDUNDANT\_AND\_UNNECESSARY.



**Robo-Ky:** REDUNDANT, YOU SAY!? ...BEING WITH ME IS REDUNDANT!?

**RK-000348:** BEING\_WITH\_SERIAL\_0... DOES\_NOT\_CONFIGURE\_A\_REDUNDANT\_ACTION.

**Robo-Ky:** ...THOUGHT SO.

**RK-000348:** THAT\_IS\_BECAUSE\_IT'S\_AN\_INEVITABLE\_PART\_OF\_MY\_MISSION... WHICH\_IS\_TO\_BRING\_SERIAL\_0\_BACK!

**Robo-Ky:** THAT'S IT! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU, IDIOT! TO BE SINCERE... THESE PAST FEW DAYS I HAD STARTED TO THINK OF US AS PARTNERS. BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE ANNOYING, YOU'RE ALSO THE ONLY BEING WHO IS ON MY LEVEL. BUT... I WAS WRONG. I THOUGHT I JUDGED YOU RIGHT, BUT IN THE END YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A MERE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE. IT IS EVIDENT WE CANNOT SEE EYE TO EYE ON ANYTHING! I'M LEAVING!

*\*Running metallic footsteps\**

**RK-000348:** ...TARGET.....LOST...

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## 6. Time for Love

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*The rain didn't stop until dawn. And during all that time, the mass-production model stood still in that same place. On the other hand, just when the sun was at its zenith, Robo-Ky reached his destination...*

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*\*Metallic footsteps\**

**Robo-Ky:** UFF, I'M TIRED! SO THIS IS THE TANGERINES' PRODUCTION CENTER... IT APPEARS THAT THING ABOUT TANGERINES GROWING UP ABOVE A HEATING DEVICE CALLED "KOTATSU" WAS **FALSE INFORMATION**. FROM WHAT I SEE, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO MANAGED TO GET HERE. THEREFORE, THE ONLY ONE WHO WILL GET THE INFINITE ENERGY WILL BE ME... ONLY ME, HUH...? ...OH WELL, LET'S HARVEST! *\*[In winter, it is customary in Japan to put a bowl of tangerines on top of the kotatsu, since the fruit helps get rid of the common cold's symptoms]*

*\*Bushes rustling\**

**Robo-Ky:** OH! YOU FINALLY ARRIVED, PIECE OF JUNK! BUT EVEN THOUGH YOU DECIDED TO COME, I'M NOT SHARING THE PRIZE WITH YOU!

**??:** Who're you calling "piece of junk"?

**Robo-Ky:** W-WHAT!?

**??:** I finally found you. The other day you managed to escape, but this time I won't let you. Better come with me without putting up resistance.

**Robo-Ky:** THAT VOICE, THAT APPEARANCE, THAT WORTHLESS COMPOSURE... YOU'RE THE ORIGINAL! BUT THE ONE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WASN'T ME. THAT WAS A MASS-PRODUCTION MODEL.

**Ky:** Nonsense. There's no way in heaven there are two with your same unpleasant and bizarre countenance!

**Robo-Ky:** ARE YOU BLIND OR SOMETHIN'!? HOW DARE YOU COMPARE MY SLIM AND WELL ACHIEVED FIGURE WITH THAT CHEAP TIN MAN!?

**Ky:** Even if it was someone else, he is your comrade either way, isn't he?

**Robo-Ky:** COMRADE...? DID I THINK OF HIM IN THAT WAY? COMRADE... WORD THAT DESCRIBES THE SUBTLE HUMAN CONNECTION BETWEEN FRIENDS... DID I CONSIDER THAT MASS-PRODUCTION MODEL A FRIEND? I...

**Ky:** You're wide open!

**Robo-Ky:** W-WAIT! BUT MY DREAMED ENERGY—!

**Ky:** Enough talk! **RIDE THE LIGHTNING!!**

*\*[Overdrive]*

*\*EXPLOSION\**

**Robo-Ky:** PEOPLE SPEAK OF DREAMS THAT DON'T COME TRUE. BUT, WHAT IS A DREAM TO A ROBOT? ...DID I DIED? CAN A ROBOT "DIE" IN THE FIRST PLACE? ...OH, I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING—

**Ky:** How are you still standing!?

**Robo-Ky:** YOU'RE...! THE MASS-PRODUCTION MODEL...

**Ky:** Reinforcements!? To think he'd shield you on his own accord...

**RK-000348:** I-IF... IF\_SOMETHING\_WERE\_TO\_H-H-HAPPEN... HAPPEN\_TO\_YOU...

**Robo-Ky:** I-IDIOT! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU BREAK, YOU CANNOT COMPLETE YOUR MISSION!?

**RK-000348:** EVEN\_IF\_I\_BREAK...I\_CAN\_BE\_REPLACED... SECURING\_SERIAL\_D... IS\_MY...PRECIOUS...MISSION...

**Robo-Ky:** SHUT UP! NO, KEEP TALKING! TO HELL WITH YOUR MISSION! FOR ONCE SAY SOMETHING THAT IS NOT "THE MISSION"!

**RK-000348:** ANY\_OTHER.....THING\_IS.....REDUN...DANT...

**Robo-Ky:** AND WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT THAT!? JUST WAIT, I'LL CONNECT YOU TO THE TANGERINE IN NO TIME, ALL RIGHT? L-LET'S SEE... THE COPPER IS THE POSITIVE SIDE AND... THE ZINC IS THE NEGATIVE ONE...

**RK-000348:** ...AXIS...HARDENING..... RISK OF...MALFUNCTION...

**Robo-Ky:** LIKE THIS? HOW DO YOU FEEL? DAMN IT! WHY ISN'T IT WORKING!? WHAT IS MISSING!? ...MAYBE... OF COURSE! I HAVE TO CONNECT SEVERAL IN A SERIES! AS MANY AS NECESSARY! EVEN THOUSANDS!

**Ky:** What on earth are you doing...?

**Robo-Ky:** SHUT UP! YOU ALSO COME AND HELP!

**Ky:** O-Okay... With this tangerine...?

**Robo-Ky:** SHIT, SHIT! WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TANGERINES! THESE WON'T DO AT ALL!

**RK-000348:** THAT'S...ENOUGH.....ID...IOT...

**Robo-Ky:** DON'T TALK! YOU'LL RUN OUT OF ENERGY FASTER! WHO IS AN IDIOT!? YOU CLUNK!

**RK-000348:** B...BLOCK...HEAD...

**Robo-Ky:** I TOLD YOU TO STOP TALKING, STUPID!

**RK-000348:** D-DIIIIIM..... DIM BULB...

**Robo-Ky:** OKAY! OKAY! YOU WIN, ALL RIGHT? *\*Whimpers\**

**RK-000348 [System Voice]:** "Due to insufficient energy, this unit will now enter sleep mode."

**Robo-Ky:** HEY! HEY! DON'T GO! ...DON'T GO, IDI0000000T!!

## 7. Before Dawn

*This is as far as my observation records go. That was the time I encountered two dolls. The first one had characteristics that made him seem more human than humans themselves. It could also be said that he was deliberately trying to imitate humans. Meanwhile, the second one was a doll of a more mechanical nature, and whose only priority was to fulfill his mission...*

*Regarding the feelings that the most human doll harbored, it's hard to know for sure if they were true feelings of friendship, or if he was simply imitating the human behavior. On the other hand, the way in which the mass-production model acted to protect the other doll... was it simply a logical response to the complications that arose and that could impede the mission to which he was faithful? Or perhaps...?*

*I'll just make a guess here.*

*A few years after those events, I had the opportunity to pass by that same region by mere chance. The place where once a lone tangerine tree grew had transformed into a dense forest. However, those amusing mechanical dolls were no longer there.*

*\*Sip sound\**

*In ancient times, it was said that in the country of Japan, there was a strong belief that **objects and things could gain souls**. If those dolls also had souls, I think it would surely be because their owner nurtured and gave them one.*

*\*[Tsukumogamis]*

*Tell me, do you have any doll? If so, is it laughing? Or is it crying? I'd recommend checking one of these days.*

*Oh! I came up with a good one:*

*\*[Haiku]*

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**-Note-**

*It appears Slayer is using "kami" / "かみ", which usually means "hair" / "髪", to also refer the "spirit" / "神", as a double entendre.*

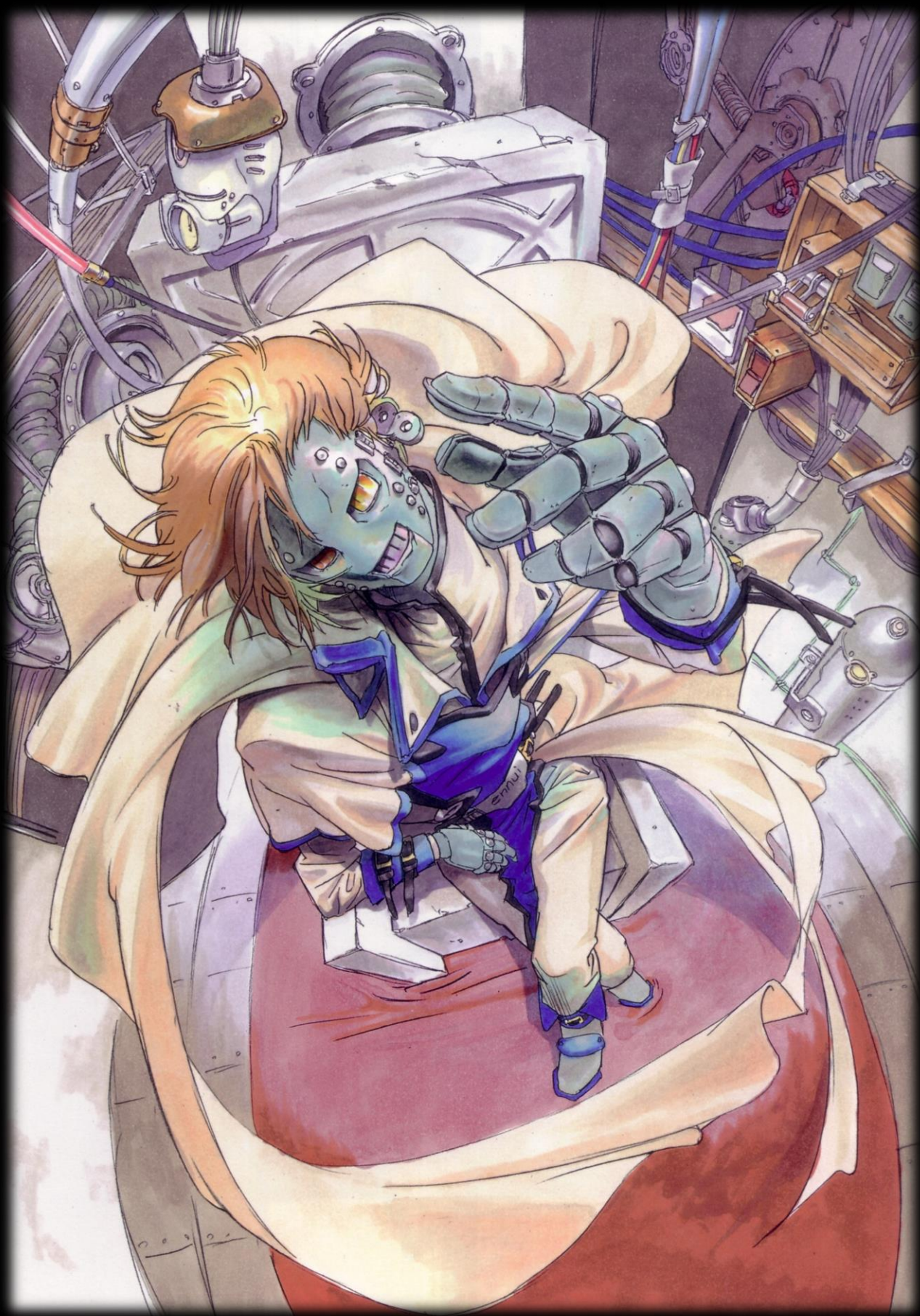
*Ah! Its dawn already... Time goes by so fast, don't you think?*

*Anyway, there are still more tales that I would like to tell you, so if you haven't gotten tired after listening this one, please do come back again.*

*In the meantime, I wish you a good day...*

*\*Doors closing\**





*"A tangerine farm is my dream. I made a promise to a friend. A dream is the future of the one who cherishes it. The future is... tomorrow. Tomorrow will arrive, like it's always done. In other words, laughing at someone's dream... is laughing at that person themselves."*

**- Robo-Ky**  
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