

SUMO GIRL AUDITION

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ANCHOR

I'm on the line with 11-year-old amateur astronomer Hojo Gozen in Osaka, Japan, the young lady who first discovered Enjeru.

HOJO

Yes! I am that woman!

ANCHOR

(chuckles)

I see...it also says here you have severe immunodeficiency?

HOJO

Dad says I can't let a little thing like being allergic to everything on the planet keep me down!

ANCHOR

Well...you certainly have a great outlook and a wonderful sense of humor.

TORA

She's not joking.

ANCHOR

My apologies, is your father also on the line?

HOJO

My dad's at work. That was my robot cat Tora.

ANCHOR

You...have a robot cat?

HOJO

Well, I can't have a real cat, can I?

ANCHOR

No, I suppose not. So, is Tora a good pet then?

TORA

(offended)

I am not a pet.

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HOJO
He's my teacher!

ANCHOR
Your robot cat...teaches you?

HOJO
Well, Tora's mostly robot, so he's really smart. My dad made him to keep me company and take care of me when he's at work.

ANCHOR
Does your mother also work?

HOJO
She's dead. She died in a tsunami.

ANCHOR
I-I'm sorry, Hojo, I didn't mean...

HOJO
That's okay. I was really little when Mom died. I didn't even have teeth yet.

(tries to talk with mouth wide-open)
Now I have big fat ones.

ANCHOR
You and your father must be really close then.

HOJO
Yep! I'm daddy's little girl! I mean...I wish he didn't have to work so much, but he says that's why he can buy me cool stuff...like my giant telescope!

ANCHOR
And that's the same one you first saw Enjeru through, correct?

HOJO
Corrrrrrect!