



Yoko
(Female, 17-21)



Outspoken younger sister of Minato. While Minato is always positive, friendly and good at everything, Yoko is sarcastic, stand offish and cynical, maybe because it's impossible to live up standards like that. She has a "sharp tongue", knows it, and unapologetically doesn't fit in. When her brother drowns, she internalizes her anger and grief, but ultimately aspires to own a coffee shop in honor of her brother.

Scene 1

Yoko meets her big brother's girlfriend Hianko over coffee...across the table they're being "lovey-dovey".
Yuck.

Minato	<i>(Feeding a spoonful to Hinako)</i> Now have a taste.
Hinako	You're right, it's not too sweet, but tastes great.
Yoko	You two are syrupy enough as it is.
Minato	Sorry about my sister, she's always a bit rude.
Yoko	I'll thank you not to apologize for me.
Minato	She speaks her mind.
Hinako	I think we'll get on fine.
Yoko	Excuse me?
Hinako	My friends all have sharp tongues and speak their mind. Jun, the scorpion and Ai, the cobra.
Yoko	What's with those nicknames?
Minato	In that case, Yoko can be a blue-ringed octopus.
Yoko	An octopus?

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Minato	It may be small, but its saliva contains vast amounts of venomous tetrodotoxin.
Hinako	You sure are a fountain of knowledge, aren't you--
Yoko	I'm leaving. (abruptly gets up) I just came because I was curious to see who you were dating, and I've seen everything I need to see.
Minato	What's that supposed to mean?
Yoko	That being in love makes you act all stupid! This blue-ringed octopus is so full of venom she needs to go home. Bye. (she leaves)

Scene 2

Hinako is ready to see Minato's room for the first time since his death, Yoko shares a rare, vulnerable moment.

Yoko	Wow. You're actually here. A bit late for this, don't you think?
Hinako	Sorry. I couldn't accept it at the time, so it's taken me a while to come pay my respects. Where are your parents?
Yoko	At work. They've only managed to just start working again. So, I don't think they want any reminders of my brother...
Hinako	Sorry, I didn't mean to bother you.
Yoko	My brother's room's been left untouched. (showing her in)
Hinako	Yeah.
Yoko	<i>(Looking around her brother's room with Hinako)</i> Minato's always seemed so calm, so people usually he never thought he struggled with anything. But he actually worked hard at everything he did. Both our parents work, so he would be the one to make us dinner. It tasted terrible in the beginning, but he would read books and watch cooking videos, and before I knew it, he was making really good meals. Same with his studies, he said that even after becoming a fireman, he had to keep working hard not to sink.
Yoko	I can never live up to that. After he died, so many people came to the house to pay their respects. They all said he'd helped them, somehow. Minato had always wanted to become someone who helped others.

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Scene 3

Kawamura makes Yoko coffee on the beach. Yoko has been secretly in love with Kawamura, her brother's best friend. This turns into her awkward slightly aggressive love confession.

Kawamura	OK. Maybe I was a bit naive when I chose a job for life. <i>(offering her sugar)</i> You want some? <i>(he spoons sugar in her coffee anyway)</i> I've always been pretty sporty, but man do you burn energy. No matter how hard I try, I'll never be as good as Minato. I'm not convinced I'm cut out to be a fireman. <i>(inhale)</i> Something as ambitious as saving people is well beyond my abilities. <i>(Taking a sip)</i> This is sickly sweet.
Yoko	No kidding.
Kawamura	Sorry, I put way too much sugar in. I don't have Minato's taste buds either--
Yoko	You're starting to sound like a broken record! There's no need for you to be like my brother. Just be yourself and try your best. That's more than enough.
Kawamura	Yo...Yoko, nicely said...
Yoko	You dummy. You were the one who said that to me, you remember? That I was a different person than Minato. And you said it was okay for me to be myself. I'm not like my brother who puts his all into everything. And I'm no good at fitting in with others. But because of what you said, I figured that was okay. You put my mind at ease with those words. And I managed to go back to school! You were the one that saved me, Wasabi!
Kawamura	My words did that...? Maybe I can save people, then...Thank you, Yoko. I'll give it my best, after all!
Yoko	My shift's about to start, so I'm going. You can have the rest of the coffee, just bring the stuff back to the café. <i>(she walks off, once she is across the sidewalk she yells back)</i> I've been in love with you since that day! I love you more than anyone! <i>(storming off further and turning back again)</i> Give it your best, you big idiot!

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