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1 day before the world changes

Looking forward to Christmas, all of the students are in a very merry mood. The SOS Brigade members are hard at work decorating the room for their Christmas party. Seems like Haruhi wants to make a personalized hot pot on Christmas Eve. Even if the Student Council or any teachers come in to reprimand her for using unauthorized burners, she plans to invite them to have some. Kyon can only sigh at her ideas. But after this normal day, our prologue ends as the events begin.

December 17th begins.



1. The second wake-up scene. As usual, the morning comes too early for some people. Looking at his uniform, Kyon wonders why he should bother getting up.

2. Kyon and Taniguchi begin chatting during a soccer match. Taniguchi is amazed that the SOS Brigade is having a Christmas Party. He doubts Kyon is telling the truth.



3. Far away from the guys, the girls are in the middle of Fosbury-jump practice. Kyon looks on while Haruhi performs one flawlessly.



4. "Forgive me Kyon." Taniguchi has plans to go on a date with a first year from Kouyouen Academy. "I've got to start making plans! OOOOOH, what a pain!" Taniguchi runs off.



5. Haruhi looks at the small Christmas tree and mutters "I didn't think of it this year, but next year we should also celebrate Buddha's and Mohammed's birthday's too."

Records of Disappearance

02 – Soccer Match
Even though they're in winter, Taniguchi has a T-shirt on. Is it true that fools don't catch colds? Conversely, Kyon is in a track outfit shivering. The class kicking around the soccer ball was drawn quite nicely.

03 – Haruhi's Jump
Great at sports and classes, Haruhi's the almighty beauty. Of course her Fosbury-jump is perfect.

04 – Taniguchi's Excitement
Perhaps looking toward the future, Taniguchi's face is quite loose. Somehow he got plans to go out on Christmas Eve with a first year from that prep school Kouyouen Academy. In contrast, Kyon's face is depicted as jealous compared to Taniguchi's looseness. Taniguchi's so excited he dashes and slides. Kyon perfectly misses the ball.

06 – Party Preparations
Everyone in the Brigade is decorating the room. Kyon and Koizumi are putting tinsel around the room while Mikuru and Nagato make ornaments.

6. As the Brigade decorates the clubroom, Haruhi throws out suggestions for food. "What does everyone want? Hot pot? Sukiyaki? Crabs are a no go."



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7. Haruhi starts talking about cooking in the clubroom. "If the Student Council or the teachers come by, they'll forgive us after one bite from my cooking."

07 – Haruhi's Actions
Suddenly Haruhi puts her hands near Kyon's face. This specific scene was given instructions of "A.C." in the storyboards. (Action Cut) Similar scenes were drawn in consecutive order and stitched together. Thus movement is born.
09 – Final Cuts of the SOS Brigade
Haruhi's words bewilder everyone in the SOS Brigade. Before the big event happens, we show each person's reactions. This is the last little bit of the usual SOS Brigade.



Haruhi – "We can't deviate one bit. It's gotta be perfect!"



8. Haruhi, full of confidence, gives a thumbs up right in front of Kyon.

10 – Kyon's Phone Call
Kyon calls Haruhi from the convenience store. Haruhi Suzumiya is stored under the "S" category in Kyon's phone.

9. "Now, everyone get to work. Let's liven up this place a bit!" Haruhi begins ordering the SOS Brigade around. Good grief Kyon.



11 – Kyon's Point of View
This is the scene where Kyon turns off the lights in front of the camera. He's depicted as talking to the viewer (reader in this case).



10. Kyon stops by a convenience store on his way home to pick up some tinsel. Not knowing what type to get, he calls Haruhi and asks her. Again, good grief Kyon.

11. That night, Kyon sticks the tinsel in his bag. After preparing for tomorrow Kyon turns off the lights...





Now then, sorry for the long prologue.

But this was really just a prologue.

The real story starts from here. It begins the next day.