

# Save Scummer

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## **AI Disclosure**

AI is used only to correct grammatical errors and slightly restructure sentences for easier reading. AI is NOT used to generate the story. This disclosure will apply to future volumes and will not be repeated.

## Beginning

Multiple houses stand next to each other, each one a different color. The same pattern of stores, houses, and restaurants repeats. The tram makes noise as it constantly accelerates and decelerates. The air is a bit cold. The sun is shining in my face. Loud music is playing in my headphones.

This is my daily trip to school. A boring part of the day that just exists to waste my time. I could be spending my time efficiently instead - like playing games. But no, my school just has to be an hour away from my home, and every day I need to sit here with nothing but music and my thoughts. If I had those extra two hours back each day, I could finish an extra game or anime each week. That's time I'm never getting back. But I actually don't mind the time at school because I can socialize with people or play games on my laptop - that's time well spent in my book.

That's my stop. I have to buy food and get to school quickly.

The morning breeze cools my face. Every day I buy the same food - it's good. And when it stops being good, I just switch to something else for like a month and repeat. Today I bought a chocolate croissant. I've been eating chocolate croissants constantly for like a week, and they're still good.

A big turquoise building with a lot of windows, a strange shape, and the school's name on it - that's my school. I haven't seen any friends yet. Maybe it's because I'm here unusually early today. Why am I early today?

Last week I had a hard test I could've studied for, but a sequel to a great anime had just been released, and I had to watch it right away, so I had an important excuse not to study for the test. I mean, the anime was really good. It was about this guy on a bizarre adventure, and I had waited so long for this part, but it just had to come out right before the test. If I hadn't watched it, I might've seen a spoiler on social media, and that was unacceptable. And the cost was really small - just a bad grade - so who cares?

So, after not studying for last week's test, did I study for today's? No, I played games, so I probably shouldn't even be here. It's going to end up just like last week.

Yes, I completely messed up, and the only thing I wrote on the test was my name. But what can you really do? The rest of today's subjects are boring, so I'm just going to head straight home. At least I can continue playing games.

The same breeze from when I arrived is still blowing while I wait for the tram. On my way home, I can choose between the earlier and later trains. The early train leaves in 20 minutes. That's enough time for me to get there, but not enough time to buy lunch. The next train leaves in an hour and 20 minutes. The trains go every hour. If I have to choose between eating and getting home an hour earlier to play, I have to pick the earlier train. It's a no-brainer. But I'll have to scout the fridge when I get home.

Actually, today's test wasn't that hard. I could've studied for it in like an hour. Maybe I should do a bit more for school because if I fail school completely - and I'm not very far from failing - I'll have to get a j\*b, and that's a word that makes me sick. So maybe more studying means more gaming in the future, and that sounds very promising.

SAVE POINT FOUND

What is that?



A random pop-up appears in front of my face, as if I'm in a game. What save? From when? What if I click yes? Of course I want to try it out, so I click yes.

To be continued...