

INT. LOS ANGELES APARTMENT - DAY

Mizuki has just finished uploading her latest YouTube video. Her alarm goes off, reminding her that it's time to go live on Instagram.

MIZUKI

That time already?

She takes a deep breath, blowing a raspberry on the way out. Taps her phone and --

MIZUKI (CONT'D)

Afternoon, guys! Thanks for joinin' me on Instagram Live today! Long time no see. I'm here to hang out and answer any questions you might have. I have no one else to talk to, so please ask away! I'm not lonely. I swear.

She grins and laughs at the camera.

MIZUKI (CONT'D)

Oh @littlespoonbigworld, hi! Here's their question: "Oh my gosh, hi Mizuki! I just wanted to say thank you for your hard work. Our rations are easy to get bored of, but you always manage turn them into something tasty and fun. I live alone, so it's nice to feel like I'm cooking with someone. Thanks again. Merry Christmas!"

Mizuki squeals.

MIZUKI (CONT'D)

Aww thank you so much! Happy Holidays! I'm so glad! I'm happy we're spending time together, even if it's virtually. It can be hard being alone. Take care, okay? Oh, more comments!

She reads the comments as they stream in, live.

MIZUKI (CONT'D)

Oh, wow! @papabearroy, you have quintuplets?! That's... I'm sorry, that's just fully insane. You're a champion.

Another.

MIZUKI (CONT'D)
And @foodielady41 Happy Holidays to
you and your family too!

Pause.

MIZUKI (CONT'D)
(forcing a smile)
Right, I'll be sure to tell them
you said hi!

She clears her throat.

MIZUKI (CONT'D)
Anyway... @greenthumbgiant!

She reads a new comment:

MIZUKI (CONT'D)
"Hi, Mizuki! We love your videos
and your ration recipes! We were
wondering, could we request a
special family-style meal?
Something to be shared? We know
most of your dishes are for
individual people, but we'd love to
to have something special for the
New Year!"

She forces a smile.

MIZUKI (CONT'D)
Well... I, well, gee! I'll do my
best! As you know, most of my
recipes are made for individual
meals - but I'll definitely think
about it! Thank you!