

E9 - Idea 9

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SIGN Heaven's Design Team

[01:31] God

This order is for...

[01:33] God

"An animal that tickles
one's maternal instincts."

[01:37] God

Cheers!

[01:40] Shi

A-All right, understood!

[01:43] Shi

So that's the word.

[01:44] Kan

Maternal instincts? So, basically an animal
that makes you want to protect it?

[01:50] Kan

It sounds fun, but I have
my hands full right now.

[01:54] Una

Aw, man. You could go all-out
making a cute animal!

[01:58] Una

But I'm also tied up in other work.

[02:02] Shi

Ah, I see.

[02:05] Shi

Then I'll go ask someone else.

[02:09] Kim

I'm in the pursuit of the ultimate
umami only crustaceans can possess,

[02:14] Kim

but I'm still not satisfied.

[02:16] Shi

I understand. Good luck.

[02:20] Shi

Everybody's so busy.

[02:22] Shi

Why does it always get busy when everybody's already working?

[02:25] Shi

Is there no one who's free?

[02:27] Mei

Yes! I'm free. I'll do it!

[02:31] Shi

Oh... okay.

[02:33] Shi

I have a bad feeling about this.

[02:35] Shi

Of course the one who seems least-suited to this job is in charge of it now.

[02:40] Shi

I wonder if this'll be okay.

[02:43] Kim

But that doesn't sound like your area of expertise.

[02:47] Kim

Want some help?

[02:48] Mei

Hm, I think I'd like some advice.

[02:52] Kim

All right! Make something super cute, okay?

[02:55] Mei

Thank you! I'll do my best.

[02:58] Shi

*At first glance,
all might seem harmonious,*

[03:01] Shi

*but with these two together,
I get an even worse feeling.*

[03:05] Kan

That's a team that shouldn't be allowed to talk about love.

[03:08] Una

I'm afraid they'll design something where the children and parents eat each other.

[03:14] Mei

"Tickles the maternal instincts," huh?

[03:18] Mei

What kind of emotion does that evoke?

[03:22] Kim

Must be love.

[03:24] Mei

Love, huh?

[03:26] Mei

Is what you're making right
now a parent and its child?

[03:29] Kim

No, that's not it.

[03:32] Kim

This is a male imprisoning the female
with his long legs so she can't get away.

[03:37] Kim

I mean, the ocean is vast, right?

[03:40] Kim

The chance of meeting a good
female at the right time is low.

[03:42] Kim

That's why he imprisons her in his legs
so other males can't take her away,

[03:47] Kim

and waits until it's time for mating.

[03:50] Crab

You're a caged bird.

[03:54] Crab

But did I really capture you?

[03:57] Crab

Perhaps you have captured me.

[04:00] Shi

Uh...

[04:01] Mei

So love is imprisonment.

[04:04] Una

Imprison...

[04:06] Kan

...ment?

[04:07] Una

W-Wait, what's this imprisonment
you're talking about?

[04:11] Kan

Pluto-chan, we'd like to help too,
while we're taking a breather.

[04:16] Kan

Imprisonment is good, but have you
considered lovingly carrying the child?

[04:21] Una

Yeah! That's right.

[04:23] Kan

See, carrying is love!

[04:26] Mei

But those twins... One of them
will be left to die, right?

[04:32] Shi

Wh-Why would you even think that?!

[04:35] Mei

I mean, Neptune-san made the panda that way.

[04:38] Mei

They give birth to two and
keep the bigger one, right?

[04:42] Mei

Two cubs are born, but one's just a backup.

[04:44] Una

W-Well, I only set it up that
way so they can survive!

[04:49] Mei

Pandas' bodies having a
hard time taking in nutrients.

[04:52] Shi

It's just for rare emergencies, right?

[04:55] Mei

Down on Earth, the chances of that
emergency happening are quite high.

[04:59] Una

Listen, Pluto-chan...

[05:01] Una

Bears actually have the ability
to control when they give birth.

[05:06] Una

After mating with a male, the female
can put the pregnancy on hold.

SIGN A Bear's Life Theater

[05:11] Bear1

I love you!

[05:12] Bear2

I love you!

[05:13] Bear1

Mwah!

[05:14] Bear1

All right, take care of the kids!

[05:16] Bear2

See ya.

[05:18] Una

If she didn't put it on hold
and gave birth right away,

[05:21] Una

it would get colder and colder...

[05:22] Bear2

There's no food, and it's
only getting colder.

[05:25] Bear2

We can't do this!

[05:27] Una

But if she puts the pregnancy
and birth on hold...

[05:30] Bear2

Heck yeah, it's spring!
Your mom's gonna do this!

[05:34] Una

So if conditions aren't difficult for the panda,

[05:38] Una

she will properly raise both cubs.

[05:42] Kim

But those two cubs are from
different fathers, right?

[05:45] Shi

She's seeing two guys?

[05:47] Kim

With that ability, she can see
different males at different times,

[05:52] Kim

but give birth all in one go.

[05:55] Una

It may not be the product of devoted
love between one male and one female,

[05:59] Una

but this is a strategy devised to
survive the harsh reality of nature.

[06:03] Una

The hope is that by raising different
types of cubs, at least one will make it.

[06:08] Mei

That was really helpful.

[06:10] Shi

I have a bad feeling about this!

[06:11] Una

Wait! What part of that
did you find helpful?

[06:15] Una

Forget the second half! Hugging!

[06:17] Una

Hugging is what love between
parents and children is!

[06:20] Kan

R-Right! Love between parents and children!

[06:23] Kan

That's right! And the father!
The father's love is important, too!

[06:28] Mei

The father?

[06:29] Kan

Yes! The father!

[06:31] Kan

It's called maternal instinct,

[06:33] Kan

but the love of a parent isn't
limited to the mother, right?

SIGN House

Sparrow

[06:37] Kan

There are a lot of animals
where the father rears the child.

[06:40] Kan

For instance, take a look at this sparrow.

[06:43] Shi

That's so cute! They take
turns feeding the chick.

[06:47] Kan

The father takes part in
rearing the child, too.

[06:50] Kan

Isn't that wonderful? They're cooperating.

[06:52] Kan

These babies also share
food with their flock.

[06:56] Kan

Watch this.

[06:58] Bird

Wow, so much food.

[07:00] Bird

I have to tell everyone
about this. Everybody!

[07:03] Birds

Yay, food! Food!

[07:06] Shi

Oh, you're right.

[07:07] Shi

They're all eating together.

[07:10] ---

See?

[07:11] Kim

Hm...

[07:13] Kim

Are they really cooperating?

[07:17] Kim

If they were truly cooperating,

[07:19] Kim

they should be calling their friends even
if there was just enough food for one bird.

[07:23] Bird

Yay, food! But just a little.

[07:31] Shi

It's not calling its friends, huh?

[07:33] Kim

It's actually hogging the food.

[07:35] Kim

Isn't it bad to keep secrets amongst friends?

[07:38] Kim

But it's not like we're making
these animals to be morally pure.

[07:44] Bir

The jig's up! Oh, well. All that
matters is my survival!

[07:48] Kan

O-Oh, fine.

[07:49] Kan

The reason they're calling their friends
is not just for sharing the food.

[07:54] Kan

The chance of being attacked
by a predator is lower

[07:57] Kan

when they're eating together
than when they eat alone!

[08:02] Kim

The "Ate My Money Away" Detective
sees through all smoke and mirrors!

[08:05] Kan

You're still doing that bit?

[08:08] Mei

That was really helpful.

[08:09] Kan

Wait! What part of that
did you find helpful?

[08:13] Kan

Forget the second half!

[08:14] Kan

Remember parental love in the form of
the father also raising the child!

[08:17] Kan

Please use that as inspiration!

SIGN A Few Hours Later

[08:23] Mei

All right, here's my presentation.

[08:26] Shi

I wonder what she made.

I'm a little excited, and a little scared...

[08:31] Kan

Huh, where are Jupiter and Neptune-san?

[08:34] Mei

Jupiter-san was shouting, "It's not the big crab's fault that it tastes bad!"

[08:39] Mei

"It's the cooking method's fault!"

[08:42] Mei

Then he went off to Galapagos to put the whole crab into a pot without cutting it up.

[08:47] Kan

That guy...

[08:48] Shi

So he's making pots instead of animals.

[08:52] Mei

Neptune-san also went to Galapagos to test his bear.

[08:57] Mei

But since you're here, I'll do my presentation anyway.

[09:00] Shi

Yes.

[09:02] Mei

First, the visual:

[09:03] Mei

Round and fluffy.

[09:06] Mei

Not good?

[09:07] Shi

N-No, it was just unexpected!

[09:10] Kan

Don't mind us. Please, continue.

[09:13] Mei

The father will lovingly carry this.

[09:17] Shi

Th-This is unexpected.

Carrying something fluffy!

[09:21] Kan

Could this lead to the golden

standard of cuteness?

[09:25] Kan

So that fluffy thing is the child?

[09:27] Mei

No.

[09:29] Mei

This white bag is a parasite's egg!

[09:35] Mei

The main body has the ability to burrow into the host's body, like the root of a plant.

[09:40] Mei

Then it invades the host's nervous system,

[09:42] Mei

and makes it think that the fluffy thing is its own child.

[09:45] Mei

The host will hug this bag to its chest, and protect "its child" for the parasite.

[09:52] Mei

Oh, and if a male is infested, a hormonal imbalance will feminize the host.

SIGN I am your mother!

[09:58] Ued

That's so wonderful.

[10:00] Mei

This is "the animal that tickles the maternal instincts"!

[10:04] Shi

God has spoken!

[10:05] God

Accepted!

SIGN Rhizocephala

SIGN Main Body

SIGN Egg

SIGN Package Deal!

SIGN Accepted

[10:07] Mei

Yay!

[10:08] Kan

It already passed?

[10:11] Kan

You haven't even said what it parasitizes.

[10:14] Mei

Oh, that's true.

[10:15] Mei

Since you helped me, I'll have it infest something you made.

[10:19] Kan

Wait!

[10:21] Kan

It wouldn't be right for me
to have the honor alone!

[10:23] Kan

I-I know!

[10:28] Una

So you called us all together...

[10:31] Kim

...because more candidates means a lower
chance that your creation will be picked.

[10:35] Kim

Just like when the sparrows
eat food together.

[10:38] Kan

I just couldn't stay calm!

[10:41] Mei

This is hard.

[10:42] Mei

I want it to be lovingly held,

[10:46] Mei

so I'll go for the crab, since it
has so many arms to hug with!

[10:49] Una

Thank you!

[10:50] Kan

I'm safe!

[10:52] Ued

Congratulations, Jupiter-kun.

SIGN The Illustrated Guide to Creatures That Really Exist

[10:55] Ken

The Illustrated Guide to Creatures
That Really Exist!

[10:59] Kim

So the crab thinks this
fluffy thing on its abdomen

[11:02] Kim

is its own egg sac, and it's
guarding it vigilantly.

[11:06] Mei

But those are really the eggs of the
Rhizocephala parasite.

[11:09] Kim

I wonder how the crab feels about that.

[11:12] Mei

Not sure, but infested crabs have long lives.

[11:16] Mei

That's because they don't use energy for reproduction and take care of themselves instead.

[11:20] Kim

So it's not all that bad, then.

[11:22] Kim

What are Rhizocephala anyway? Insects?

[11:26] Mei

No, they're crustaceans.

[11:28] Kim

Crustaceans? So, relatives of the crab?

[11:31] Kim

Is a crab hitching a ride on a crab, then?

[11:34] Kim

That means the eggs might be tasty.

SIGN Tasting. . .

[11:41] Kim

Tastes a bit like urchin. I might like this.

[11:45] Mei

I like Rhizocephala, too.

We're the same, Jupiter-san.

SIGN WHICH ONE WILL BE ACCEPTED?

SIGN The

[11:56] Shi

Which One Will Be Accepted? The Show!

[12:04] Shi

Welcome, everyone!

[12:05] Shi

It's time for *Which One*

Will Be Accepted? The Show!

[12:08] Shi

Today's request is for "a bird that lives on an island of ice"!

[12:12] Shi

Here, our Heaven's Design Team is about to have a presentation battle!

[12:17] Shi

Our commentators will be Venus-san, with her motto, "To design is to create beauty..."

SIGN Venus

SIGN Commentators

[12:22] Shi

And Saturn-san, who says, "Horses are the best!"

SIGN Saturn

[12:24] Shi

Can I have a word from

you two about today's battle?

[12:27] Kan

The best way to counteract
the cold is to put on fat.

[12:31] Kan

I believe the contestants will
make fat, flightless birds.

[12:35] Tsu

If it's an island of ice,
there won't be many enemies,

[12:37] Tsu

so being flightless should be fine.

[12:39] Shi

I see! That's an excellent prediction!

[12:41] Shi

All right then, contestants,

[12:43] Shi

please do your best
in the presentation battle!

[12:46] Una

Um, I'm looking forward to
making a cute roundie.

SIGN Neptune

SIGN Jupiter

[12:50] Kim

I will do everything I can to keep
it from being round and cute.

[12:55] Shi

And the battle is on!

SIGN JUPITER

SIGN NEPTUNE

[12:59] Txt

Question

SIGN What's the ideal amphibious body
for living on an island of ice!?

[13:00] Shi

Question 1!

[13:01] Shi

What's the ideal amphibious body
for living on an island of ice?

[13:04] Tsu

I'm surprised Shimoda-kun's so enthusiastic.

[13:07] Kan

Speaking of, apparently he knows
quite a bit about rap, too.

[13:11] Una

This is mine.

[13:14] Kim

Then this is mine.

[13:16] Shi

Oh, they both look the same... Wait a minute.

[13:23] Shi

Those legs are so long!

[13:25] Shi

Their coloring is the same,
but now we have both leg extremes!

[13:30] Shi

What do you say, Venus-san?

[13:32] Kan

As expected, both of them are good.

[13:33] Shi

Did you hear this? High praise!

[13:36] Kan

For the fish, this coloring
is the hardest to spot.

[13:40] Fish

Since it's dark in the deep,
black is hard to see.

[13:43] Fish

Since the surface is blinding,
white's also hard to see.

[13:45] Tsu

This reminds me of Pluto-kun's squid.

[13:49] Shi

Indeed, this is like the
smokescreen of light!

[13:51] Shi

Then let's switch over to
Mars-san and get her judgment.

[13:54] Shi

Mars-san, are you ready?

[13:57] Hig

Yes, I'm here.

[13:58] Hig

Hello, I'm currently on Galapagos.

[14:01] Hig

I've covered the island with ice,
so we'll be testing the birds here.

[14:05] Hig

Should I send you a visual?

[14:07] Shi

All right, it looks like the battle
will take place there!

[14:10] Shi

Who will the goddess of
victory favor this time?!

[14:14] Hig

Uh, what's going on, here?

[14:17] Kan

The presentation right before this
one left a bit of bad taste in my mouth.

[14:21] Kan

That's why Shimoda-kun suggested
a light-hearted competition.

[14:24] Tsu

From time to time, something like this is fine.

[14:28] Hig

Uh... thank you for the explanation.

[14:31] Hig

*Well, whatever. I'll have the
two birds go to the ocean now.*

[14:34] Hig

*It'll be a race to see who
can catch a fish faster!*

[14:38] Shi

Ready, set, go!

[14:43] Una

You got this!

[14:44] Kim

Nice!

[14:55] Kim

All right, that's elegant!

[14:57] Shi

Now, a question for the contestants.

[14:59] Shi

How does your bird swim?

SIGN Light! Weak!

[15:02] Una

Its flaps its arms to propel itself forward.

SIGN Heavy! Robust!

[15:04] Una

Since it doesn't fly, I was able to
make its bones thick and sturdy.

[15:08] Kan

Did you forget how much trouble I went
through to make the birdies light?!

[15:12] Kim

Mine also kicks its legs!

[15:14] Shi

Wow, that looks fast!

[15:17] Shi

And they're already back!

[15:19] Shi

Were they able to catch a fish?

[15:21] Shi

Who reigned supreme?!

[15:23] Shi

The difference is clear as day!

[15:28] Shi

Team Neptune was able to secure a fish.

[15:31] Hig

*Looks like the one with the shorter
legs is a better swimmer.*

[15:35] Shi

I thought the leg kick would
make for a faster swimmer.

[15:38] Hig

*Actually, no. Kicking your legs
increases your water resistance,*

[15:43] Hig

so that's more of a hindrance.

[15:46] Shi

Down! Our usual trope is
back with a vengeance!

[15:49] Shi

Mars-san, what's the cause here?

[15:52] Hig

Hypothermia.

[15:55] Shi

The cold! Downed by the cold!

[15:58] Shi

That's fatal in the coldest of seas!

[16:02] Hig

Looks like the one with the long
legs got cold in the ocean.

[16:06] Tsu

With legs that long, it has
a lot of exposed surface area.

[16:11] Hig

The rounder an animal's body is,
the smaller the area exposed to the elements.

[16:17] Hig

You know how wolves do that, too?

[16:19] Shi

Now that you mention it...

[16:20] Kim

Hold up!

[16:22] Kim

If that's true, the short-legged one shouldn't
be able to stand on the ice for so long!

[16:27] Kim

I had a reason for making the legs long.

SIGN Chilled

by the ice

[16:30] Kim

With the long legs, we can entwine
cold veins with warm arteries,

SIGN Entwined

blood vessels

SIGN Doesn't get cold

[16:34] Kim

thereby equalizing the temperature.

SIGN Chilled

by the ice

SIGN Body gets cold

[16:37] Kim

With short legs,

[16:38] Kim

there's no room for
the temperatures to equalize.

[16:41] Kim

The cold blood goes straight into the body.

[16:44] Shi

Oh, that sounds unpleasantly chilly!

[16:47] Shi

So there was a reason for those long legs.

[16:50] Shi

But this one doesn't look like it'll collapse.

[16:53] Shi

Is its core not cold?

[16:56] Kim

Why not?!

[16:56] Una

Actually, that one has long legs, too.

[17:02] Una

They're squatting inside their bodies.

[17:03] Una

It's like doing a Slav squat,
then pulling your jacket over your knees.

[17:07] Tsu

To see Neptune-kun squat like that...

[17:10] Kan

That's a rare sight.

[17:11] Shi

Imagine that! Neptune-san also made
the legs long to thwart the cold!

[17:17] Shi

Neptune-san pulls ahead
with the first point!

[17:21] Tsu

Ah, that's what that is for.

[17:23] Kim

I won't lose the next round!

[17:25] Shi

Then let's get to the next question!

[17:27] Txt

Question

SIGN How do you ensure that the fish
don't get away?

[17:28] Shi

How do you ensure that the fish don't get away?

[17:33] Una

I made its beak big and jagged.

[17:37] Una

That's so it can have a good grip
on the fish while it swims.

[17:40] Shi

I see!

[17:41] Shi

On the other hand, Jupiter-san's
bird doesn't look visibly changed.

[17:48] Kim

Did that surprise you?

[17:49] Kan

Hey! Can you not break the bounds
of the bird category?

[17:53] Tsu

Mars-kun, what's your verdict here?

[17:55] Hig

Both of them have issues.

[17:58] Hig

*A bigger beak means that
more heat escapes through it,*

[18:01] Hig

so it might get cold.

[18:04] Hig

*The problem with Jupiter-san's idea is that
opening the mouth so wide lets heat escape, too.*

[18:08] Hig

Barbs on the tongue are a good idea, though,

[18:11] Hig

*They make it harder
for fish to get away.*

[18:13] Shi

Jupiter-san's idea is accepted!

[18:15] Kim

Yay!

[18:17] Kim

All right, then let's make the tongue barbed.

[18:20] Shi

Onto the next question, then!

[18:22] Txt

Question

SIGN Can it survive by drinking sea water?

[18:23] Shi

Can it survive by drinking sea water?!

[18:27] Tsu

Ven-chan, aren't there already a few
coastal animals that have this ability?

[18:33] Kan

There are quite a few animals

[18:35] Kan

that filter out salt from the water
and eject it through some body fluid.

[18:39] Una

Then he'll dispose of it through tears.

[18:41] Kim

No, through snot!

SIGN Sea Gull Style

SIGN Sea Turtle Style

[18:44] Shi

I always felt bad for sea turtles because
they're crying while laying their eggs.

[18:49] Kan

They're just disposing of
salt through their eyes.

[18:53] Shi

I never knew.

[18:56] Shi

Then over to you, Mars-san!

[18:58] Hig

Right, tears versus snot. Let's take a look.

[19:06] Hig

Oh, this one goes to snot.

[19:09] Hig

Snot can be shaken off,

[19:11] Hig

but the tears leave the

face encrusted with salt.

[19:15] Shi

That means Jupiter-san gets yet another point and is in the lead!

[19:22] Kan

The sea turtle is almost always in the water, so the tears don't dry.

[19:27] Tsu

Right.

[19:28] Txt

Question

SIGN The chick design!

[19:28] Shi

Now, the next question is about the chick design!

[19:31] Una

The chick needs to be cute!

[19:33] Kim

The chick needs to be safe.

[19:35] Hig

The thorns will keep both friend and foe away!

[19:40] Hig

Since that prevents huddling to stay warm, that's rejected!

[19:42] Shi

Neptune-san's fluffy one wins!

[19:45] Txt

Question

SIGN What's its secret for staying underwater for a long time?

[19:45] Shi

Next question: What's its secret for staying underwater for a long time?

[19:49] Shi

What will they do?!

[19:50] Una

Breathe in a lot of air?

[19:52] Una

No, that'll make it float...

[19:54] Kim

Let's make it a poikilotherm, then lower the temperature of organs

[19:58] Kim

not used underwater, to the point where it's half-dead.

[20:00] Hig

That's good!

[20:02] Hig

That'll lower its oxygen consumption.

[20:04] Tsu

Being half-dead while
swimming sure is novel.

[20:08] Kan

That may be too novel to still be a bird.

[20:11] Shi

The point goes to Jupiter-san!

[20:13] Txt

Question

SIGN How will the children recognize
their parents

[20:13] Shi

Next up: How will the children
recognize their parents?

[20:16] Una

The parent will talk to it before it hatches,
letting the child learn its voice.

SIGN I'm your dad

SIGN Dad

[20:20] Kim

Each face will have a different pattern.

[20:22] Hig

You can't see a pattern in a snow storm.

[20:24] Hig

Rejected.

[20:25] Shi

That's a point for Neptune-san!

[20:27] Shi

Neither of them are yielding,
and we go into the final round with a tie!

[20:31] Shi

The battle for the bird that lives on
an icy island has become really heated!

[20:35] Shi

Let's hear how our two
contestants are feeling!

[20:39] Shi

How is it going, Neptune-san?

[20:40] Una

Um, this is harder than I thought.
I'll do my best.

[20:44] Shi

Jupiter-san, how about you?

[20:47] Kim

A lot more passed than I expected.

[20:50] Kim

I just did the opposite
of Neptune-san's ideas.

[20:53] Shi

Oh! That's brutally honest!

[20:58] Shi

Now, let us move on to the final question!

SIGN What if there's no food while raising the child

[20:58] Txt

Question

[21:00] Shi

What if there's no food while raising the child?

[21:03] Kan

That's a key factor for surviving
in extreme cold.

[21:07] Shi

What are your answers?!

[21:09] Una

The parents will fast!

[21:10] Shi

Poor things!

[21:12] Kim

The chicks will fast!

[21:13] Shi

Poor things!

[21:16] Shi

Mars-san, what is your judgment here?

[21:19] Hig

That's really hard to say.

[21:21] Hig

Since they're flightless,
they can pack on body fat,

[21:25] Hig

so their bodies are suited to fasting.

[21:27] Hig

But which to pick?

[21:28] Shi

Who...

[21:29] Shi

Who will be the winner?!

[21:36] God

Both are accepted!

SIGN King Penguin

SIGN Emperor Penguin

SIGN Accepted

SIGN Accepted

[21:41] Shi

God has spoken!

[21:42] Hig

Literally the Word of God!

[21:45] Shi

Congratulations, Neptune-san, Jupiter-san!

[21:52] Shi

Since both were accepted by God,

[21:54] Shi

you're apparently free to add a
quality of your own choosing.

[21:57] Una

Then I'll make an alternate
design for the chick.

[22:00] God

That chick is accepted, too!

SIGN Accepted

SIGN Emperor Penguin

Chick

[22:04] Kim

I'll, hmm... get rid of the round
pupils and make them square.

SIGN Accepted

[22:11] Shi

That's kind of scary!

[22:12] Kim

I'm so happy.

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