Ring Ring Ring!

Merita's eyes shoot open and she turns off her alarm clock. She squints as she looks at the date. December 24, 2022. The date she saw in her vision. The day of Mikumas.

She remembers her instructions. She knows what she has to do. But first, she has to prepare herself.

Merita goes to the closet and pulls out her favorite babydoll dress and chunky pink shoes. It's not aspirational anymore, she's about to reach all her goals. She pulls her hair into two long ponytails and smiles.

"Soon." she says to herself.

Merita takes one more picture of herself in the mirror, wanting a token of her past to take with her. She looks at the affirmation written on her mirror:

"Remember to include Miku."

Once again, Merita smiles at herself. She won't need to remember soon. She simply will be.

Merita sits at her desk and opens the music video that was sent to her. She takes a deep breath in and presses play.

While the song plays, she allows herself to close her eyes and picture herself after she transforms. The song ends and she opens her eyes. And they feel different, they feel bigger. She touches the skin on her cheeks and they're smoother.

It's working!

She presses play a second time, her heart beating so fast she's sure it could shoot out of her chest. As the song plays, she can feel her hair growing longer out of her scalp. From the corner of her eyes, she sees that beautiful blue and her eyes well up with tears.

"Almost there." she whispers to herself. Her fingers shake as she presses play a third time. This time, the computer erupts in a bright light. Suddenly, she is surrounded by lights and color as she's lifted in the air. Sparkles swim around her as she feels herself being spun around and around. She is truly the most magical girl to ever transform.

"こんにちは、ミクタです。"

She listened three times. She is perfect now. Just as was foretold. Wumpmas is over, Mikumas has begun.

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