



Our Pure Gold: The Story of Novel and Dezu

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In the bustling heart of Addis Ababa, Novel works at a lively Gamezone filled with the sounds of PlayStations and the flicker of movie screens. One ordinary day, a friend named Shali walks in, introducing him to a girl named Deborah, whom he would soon affectionately call Dezu.



Dezu begins visiting the Gamezone often, her eyes sparkling with joy as she challenges others to matches of Mortal Kombat. Novel finds himself mesmerized by her, realizing she is the purest person he has ever met, possessing a heart of gold that sees only the good in the world.



The vibrant Gamezone suddenly feels quiet when Dezu disappears for three long months, leaving Novel's messages and calls unanswered. He feels a deep ache in her absence, wondering why the girl who felt like sunshine has suddenly become a ghost.



Out of nowhere, Dezu returns to the Gamezone with a smile, acting as if no time has passed at all. Novel tries to stay mad and ignores her for weeks to protect his heart, but her consistent presence and gentle spirit slowly wash away his anger, one piece at a time.



One magical day, Dezu accidentally blurts out a secret Novel had trusted her with, causing a bit of playful trouble with a friend. Instead of being upset, Novel watches her honest, childlike reaction and realizes in that moment that she has completely stolen his heart.



When Novel falls sick and stays at his aunt's house on a mountain, Dezu travels a long way with her mother and her friend Mahi to check on him. They get hilariously lost on the winding mountain paths, but their arrival with a gift of bananas makes Novel's love for her grow even stronger.



As Novel recovers, he takes Dezu to the very top of the mountain near his aunt's house to enjoy the breathtaking view. They spend the afternoon taking photos and laughing together, the high altitude matching the soaring feelings they share for one another.



During a visit to Dezu's home, her friends playfully lock the door and hide the keys so Novel cannot leave. As the night grows late and the house becomes still, Novel and Dezu stay awake talking for hours, sharing a special connection that neither of them wants to end.



While walking her to a taxi, Novel pulls Dezu into a warm, lingering hug that feels like coming home. Before they say goodbye, Dezu takes his hand and gently kisses his palm, a sweet and signature gesture that makes Novel feel cherished and adored.



Now, Novel watches Dezu as she sleeps peacefully, reflecting on her honesty and the way she cares for her family. He finishes writing their story, waiting for her to wake up so she can see how much he loves her and the beautiful journey they have started together.