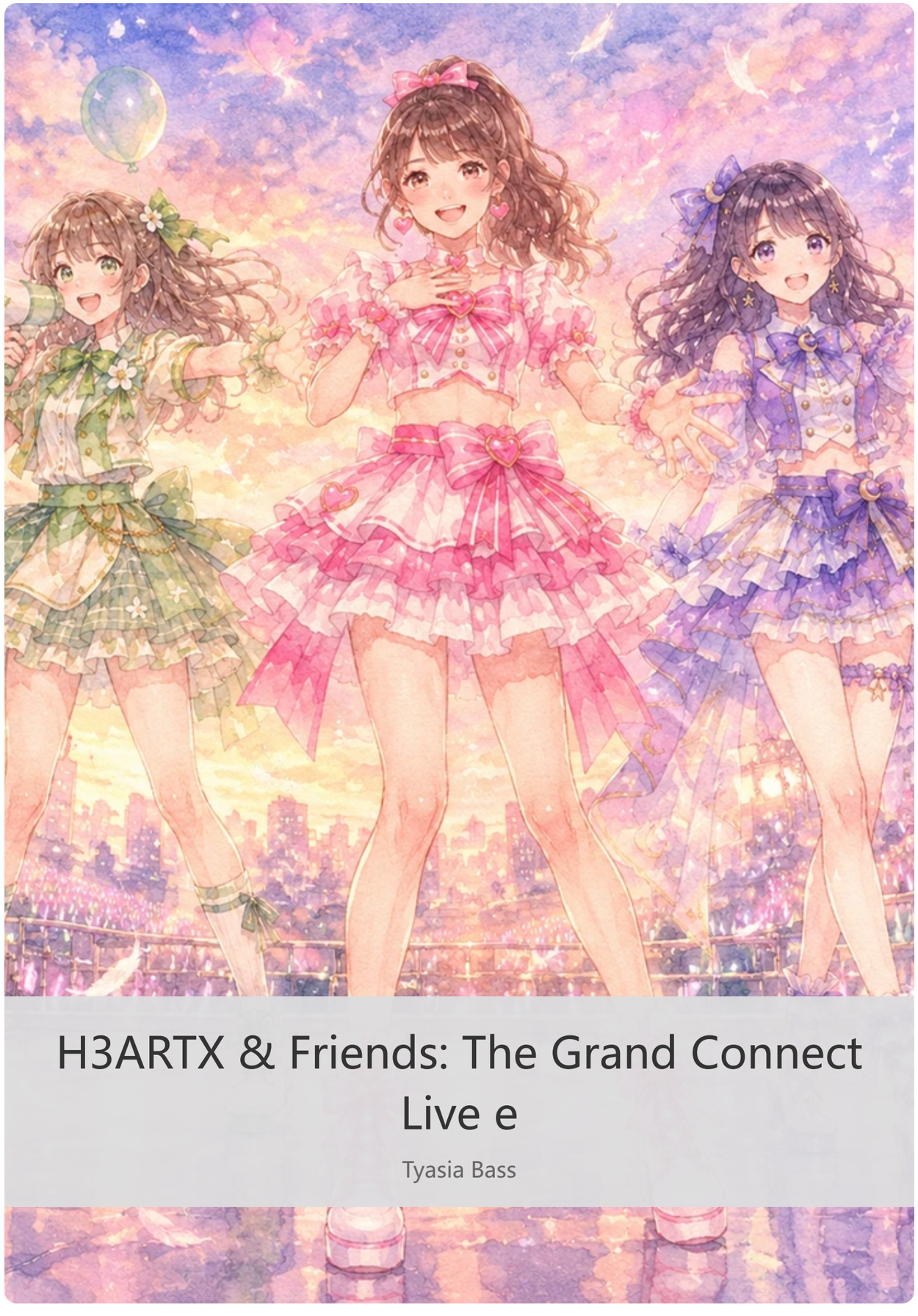


H3ARTX & Friends: The Grand Connect Live e

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Beneath the towering concrete arches of the city highway, Rin stands before a sea of eager fans with a bright megaphone in hand, welcoming everyone to the Grand Connect Live Concert. Spotting two shy onlookers standing near the upper overpass, she gasps with delight, waves them down to join the crowd, and confers with Sara and the members before joyfully declaring that everyone is invited to share the stage.



As upbeat preparation music fills the afternoon breeze, Romi and Maki carefully inflate bright orange star balloons using a gleaming helium tank on the sunlit school rooftop. Nearby, Lulu and Hanayo puff their cheeks to blow up green polka-dot balloons by hand, bursting into laughter when one escapes with a playful squeak and flutters across the terrace.



Across the bustling town square, Rin, Kim, Honoka, and Umi weave through the afternoon crowd carrying armfuls of colorful School Idol Festival posters. Joined by Sara, Raya, Eli, and Nozomi, they hand out the illustrated flyers to smiling passersby who pause to admire the vibrant portraits of every idol unit.



At a charming outdoor booth known as Tina's Kitchen, Tina, Lulu, Rin, and Nico welcome thirsty festivalgoers with sparkling mixed berry sodas and refreshing green matcha drinks. Cheerful servers carry tall cones of vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry ice cream to delighted families while Romi and Lulu decorate the counter with fresh festival posters.



The entire Akihabara avenue blossoms into a wonderland of pastel arches, fluttering ribbons, and festive banners that draw crowds to stop and snap commemorative photos. When a lively Akiba reporter arrives to broadcast news of the special concert, a young fan steps forward for a joyful snapshot beside the microphone as Rin dashes over to greet the cheering crowd.



While Lulu, Raya, and Hanayo distribute the final stack of festival posters, Kim and Umi kneel beside a grand canvas to paint graceful calligraphy strokes celebrating their idol spirit. Behind them, crew members finish assembling the main stage and release a giant heart-shaped balloon framed by smaller spheres, erupting into applause as the countdown begins.



As evening paints the sky in shades of amber and violet, the thirty-seven members of H3ARTX gather alongside Muse, Aqours, Queenstars, and countless fellow idols in front of parents and children from every corner of the city. Looking out over the massive gathering, the groups share heartfelt words of gratitude and marvel at the dream they have built together.



At three o'clock sharp on the glowing stage, every idol steps forward into a unified horizontal line, smiling brightly as they call out in unison and reach skyward in their signature catching-the-sun pose. Declaring that everyone in the audience is a school idol today, they launch into the radiant melody of Sunny Day Song as parents, children, and guests dance and sing along.



As the final chords of Sunny Day Song fade into the twilight, hundreds of colorful star and heart balloons drift upward into the starry evening sky above the cheering crowd. The united idols then join voices for their emotional finale, Bokutachi wa Hitotsu no Hikari, filling the plaza with golden light and unforgettable harmony.



In the quiet serenity after the grand applause has faded, the colorful stage shirts of the performers rest peacefully upon a lush meadow of soft green grass. A gentle breeze sweeps across the open field, carrying a single luminous white feather that drifts down from the pastel sky and lands softly upon the fabric.