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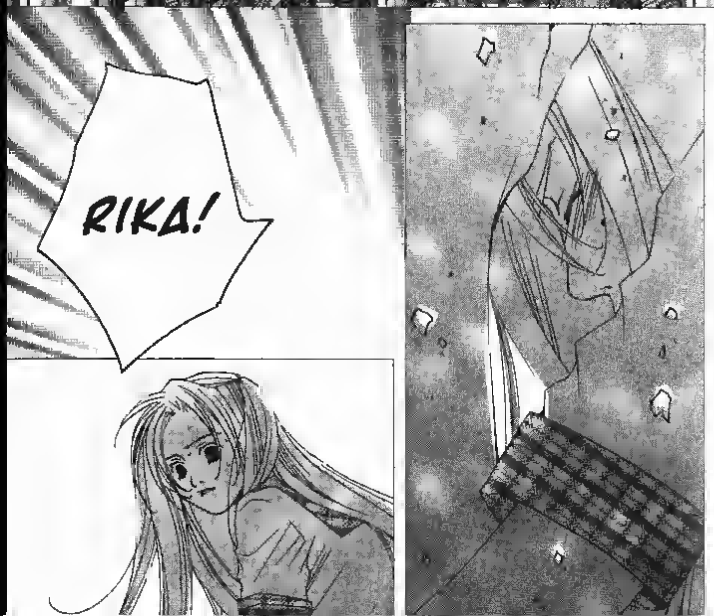
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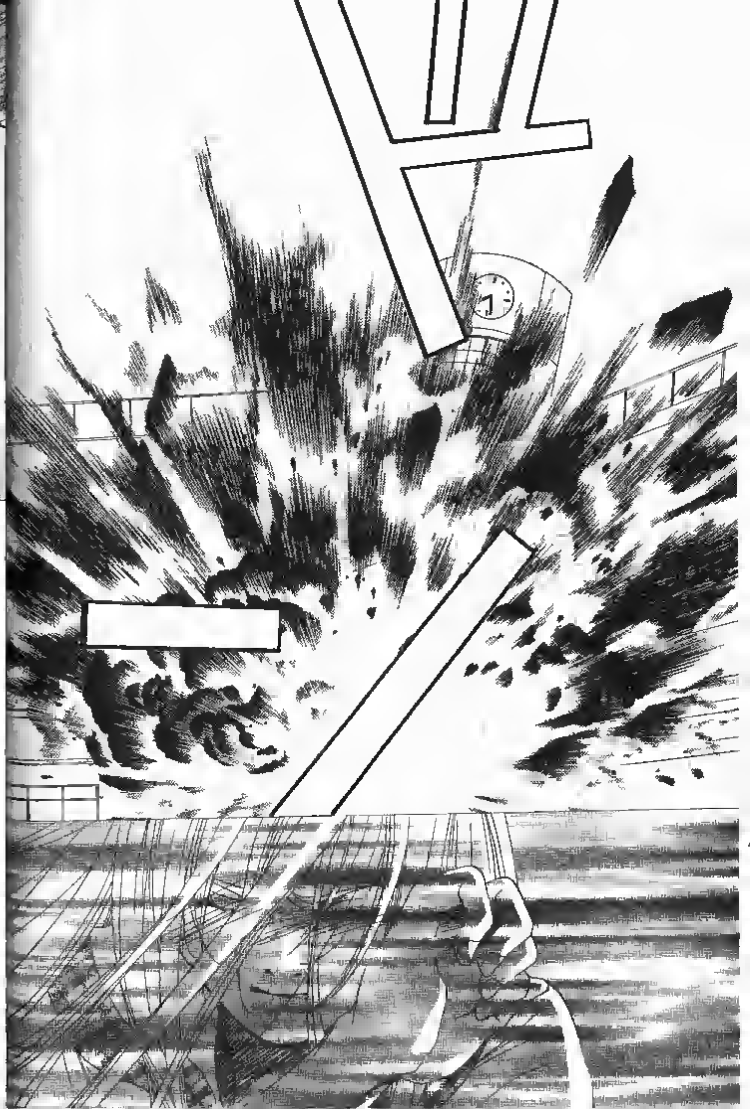
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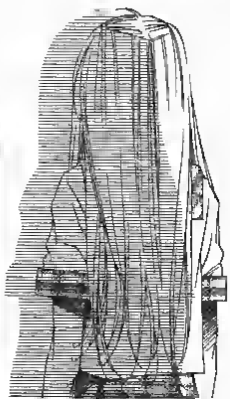



THERE'S NO WAY...
...I'LL HELP YOU.


RIKA!
HELP ME!
I WON'T HELP YOU

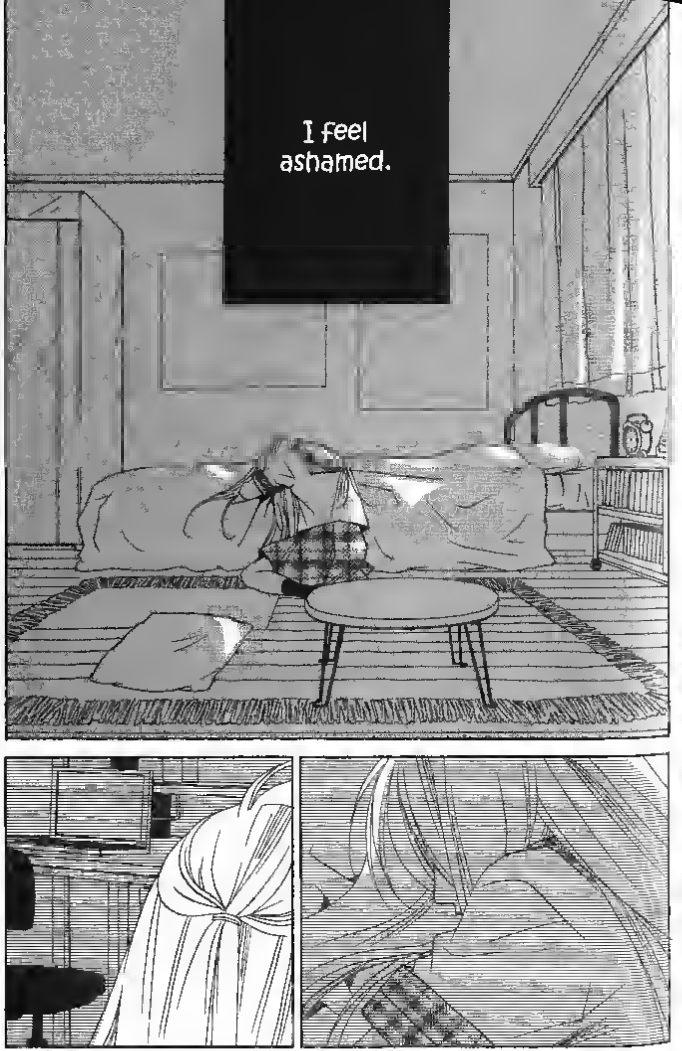





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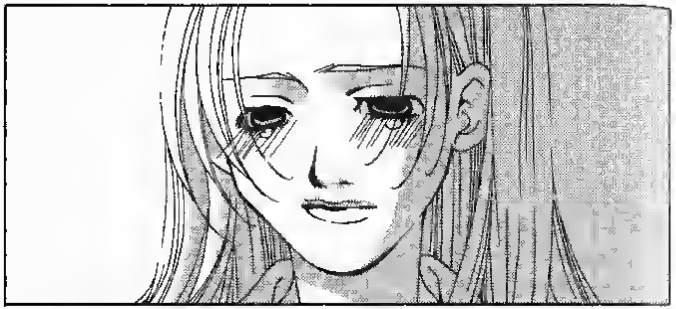



I feel ashamed.




To steal what was stolen...
Is this what it's about?


This is so dishonest.



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about it.
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11: You're too self-conscious, you
Mr. Money: Girls are so worried ab
their weight
11: Oh, I'm sorry, but I have to go.
Jangalian: What, already?
Mr. Money: That was fast.
Polaris: You just got here
11: I just wanted to chat for a sec
I feel better now.



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**Polaris: You just got here.**
**11: I just wanted to chat for a second. I feel better now. It's late. I'm going to bed.**
**Mr. Money: Okay.**
**Polaris: Okay, see you tomorrow.**
**Jangalian: Good night.**
**11: Good night.**

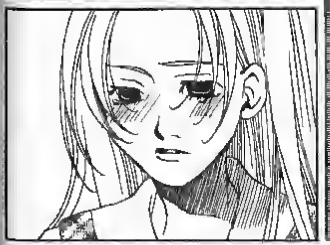


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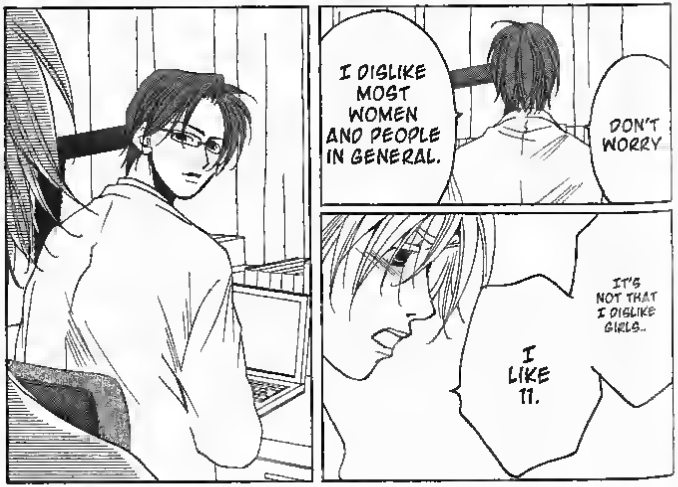
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Mr. Money: Hey. Hi.
Jangalian: Hi.
Polaris: It's 11.
11: You're all here.
Polaris: You're so lucky to be thin, 11.
11: What?
Mr. Money: Polaris just started a diet.





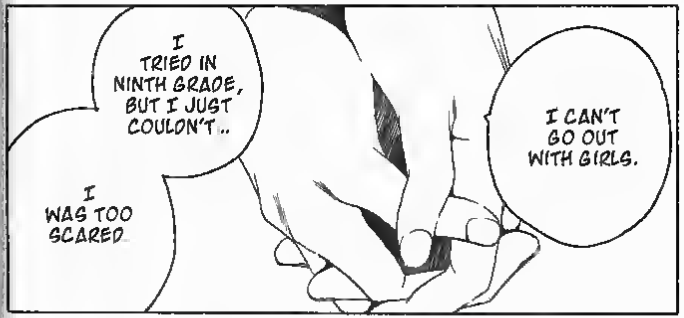

I'M HAPPY WHEN YOU SMILE...
BUT I THINK YOU'RE JUST PRETENDING.
I'M ALWAYS...
...WATCH-ING YOU.
ARE YOU MAKING YOURSELF SMILE?
IT HURTS ME BECAUSE...
...I...
...LIKE YOU.
TRRRR
TRRRRR
1?
MR MONEY
ARE YOU OKAY?
.....
WHAT?
WHY?
1?
HELLO.


THAT'S WHY I'M A VIRGIN.
I MIGHT BE LIKE THIS MY WHOLE LIFE.


I DISLIKE MOST WOMEN AND PEOPLE IN GENERAL.
DON'T WORRY
IT'S NOT THAT I DISLIKE GIRLS..
I LIKE 11.



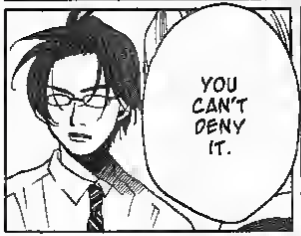

MR. KATANO...
I...

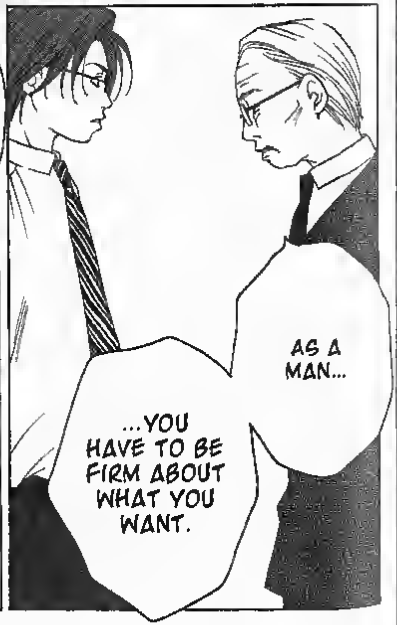

I TRIED IN NINTH GRADE, BUT I JUST COULDN'T..
I WAS TOO SCARED
I CAN'T GO OUT WITH GIRLS.


OKAY, FOR THE SWIMMING RACE RELAY ANCHOR...
EVERYONE IN FAVOR OF MS. SHIMADA...
...SWIM WELL.
...CAN'T...
I...


WHAT'S GOING ON?
SO...
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU AND MY DAUGHTER?
NOTHING'S GOING ON...


MR. CHANCELLOR.
HELLO.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU DURING YOUR BREAK.
NOT AT ALL


YOU CAN'T DENY IT.

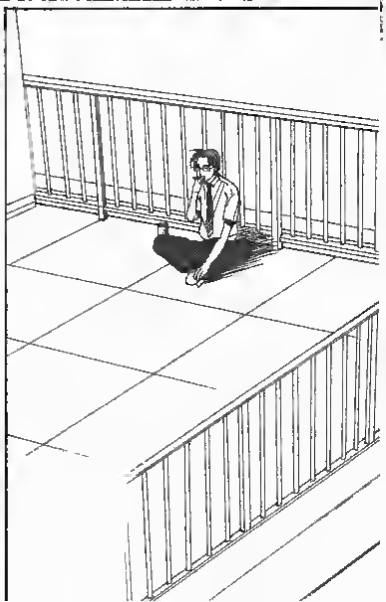

AS A MAN...
...YOU HAVE TO BE FIRM ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT.


AS HER FATHER, I...

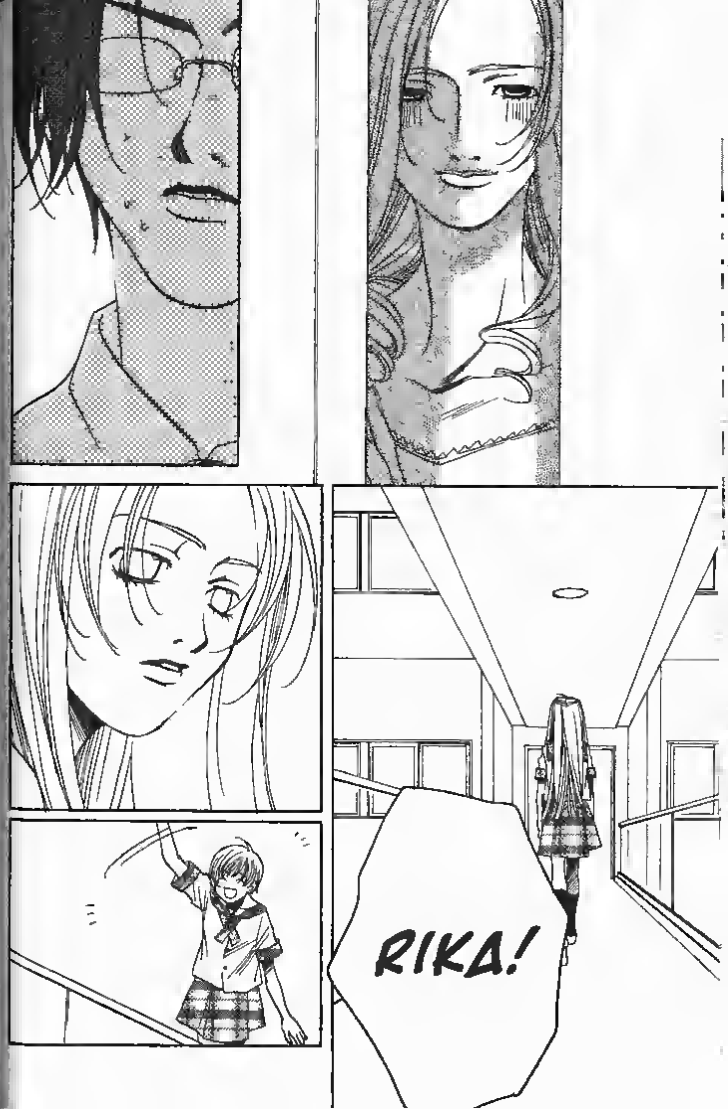

嶋田七里
GOOD LUCK... MS. SHIMADA.


OF COURSE NO ONE WANTS TO DO IT.
IT WAS DECIDED BY A VOTE.
DON'T COMPLAIN.


MR. KATANO.
HE...
MR. MONEY...






RIKA!

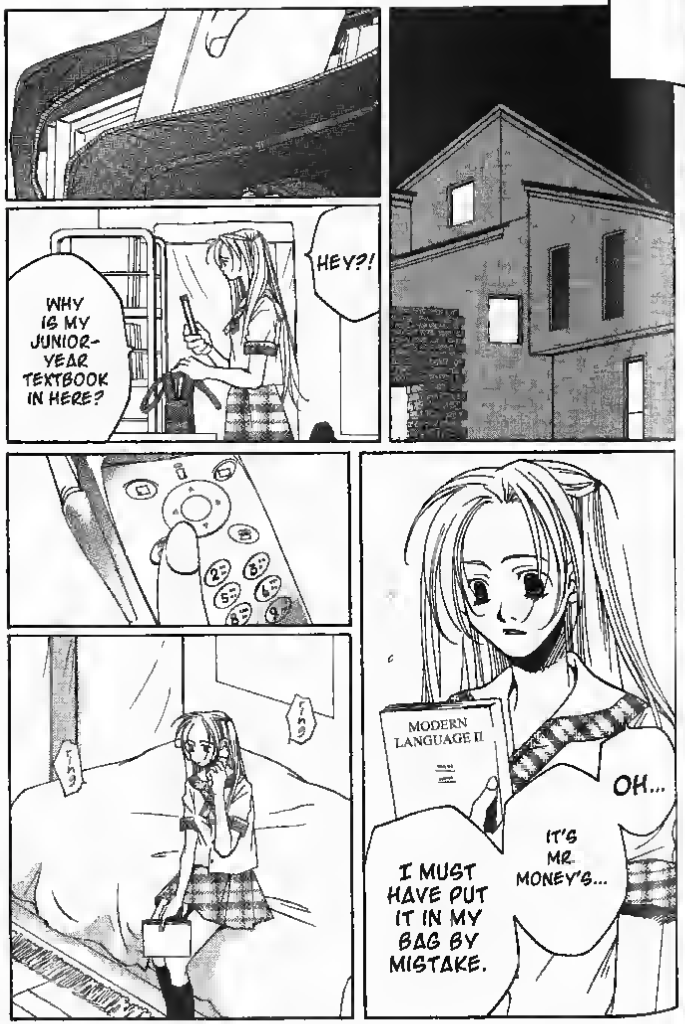

Even if we don't do anything...
...it could shatter all by itself.
FORGET ABOUT WHO'S RIGHT OR WRONG, THE LOUDEST PERSON ALWAYS WINS.
THEY SAID IT WAS A MAJORITY VOTE.
I CAN'T FORGIVE THEM!


...IT'S WITH ME.
AND..
YOUR BOYFRIEND IS...
...FOOLING AROUND
This is no time to be smiling, Kako.
...so fragile.
This world is..

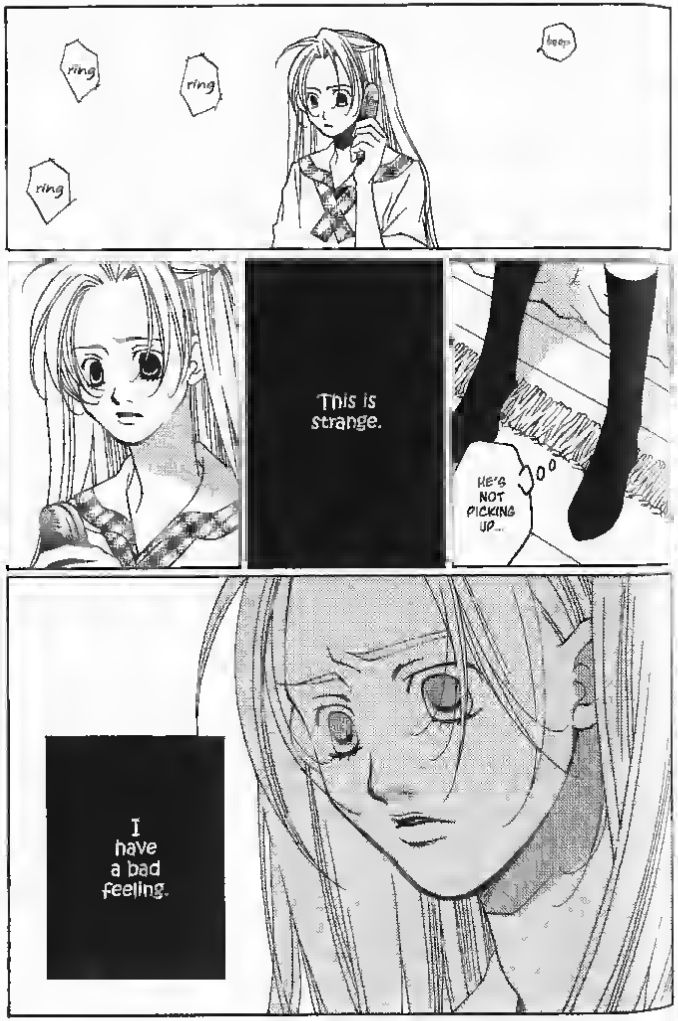

...OTHERS WILL STILL CHALLENGE YOU.
..SAY ANYTHING BAD..
EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE OR...
THE LOUDEST ONE WINS.
THAT'S RIGHT...
OUR OWN STRENGTH?
...WITH OUR OWN STRENGTH.
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO FIGHT.



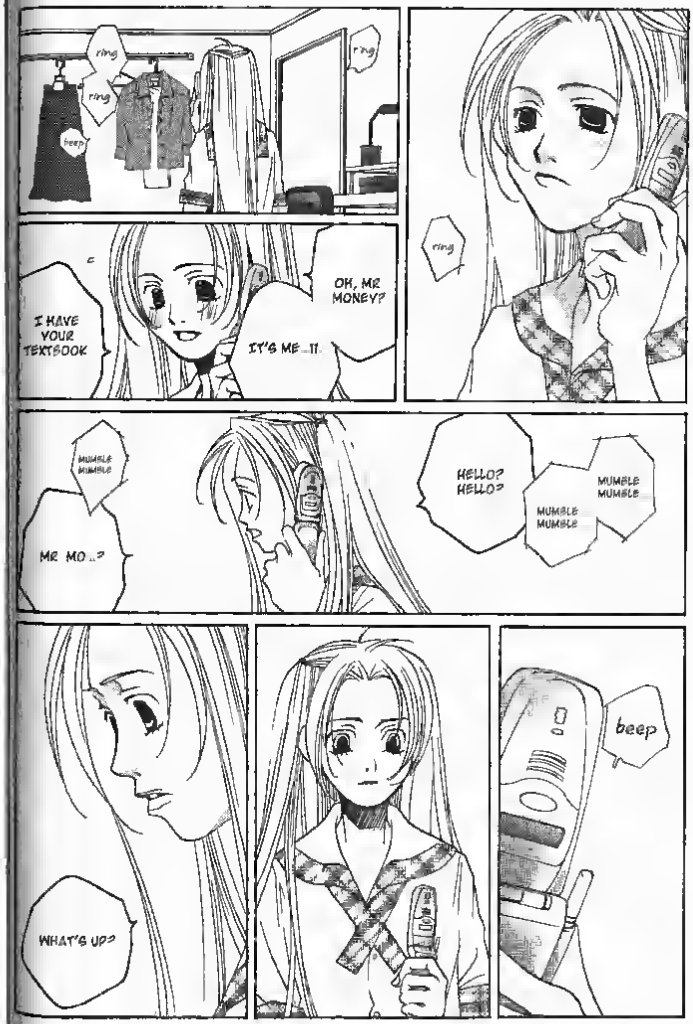

...FOCUS AND DO IT.
WE HAVE TO...


HEY?!
WHY IS MY JUNIOR-YEAR TEXTBOOK IN HERE?
RING
RING
MODERN LANGUAGE II
OH...
IT'S MR. MONEY'S...
I MUST HAVE PUT IT IN MY BAG BY MISTAKE.


I'M SORRY
OH...
OH PLEASE ...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT


ring
ring
ring
beep
This is strange.
HE'S NOT PICKING UP...
I have a bad feeling.




ring
ring
ring
beep
ring
I HAVE YOUR TEXTBOOK
OH, MR MONEY?
IT'S ME...!!
MUMBLE MUMBLE
MR MO...?
HELLO? HELLO?
MUMBLE MUMBLE
MUMBLE MUMBLE
WHAT'S UP?
beep


Why didn't I find out more?
We have to succeed.
Every day there's too much to deal with, but...
...let's move on until X-Day.

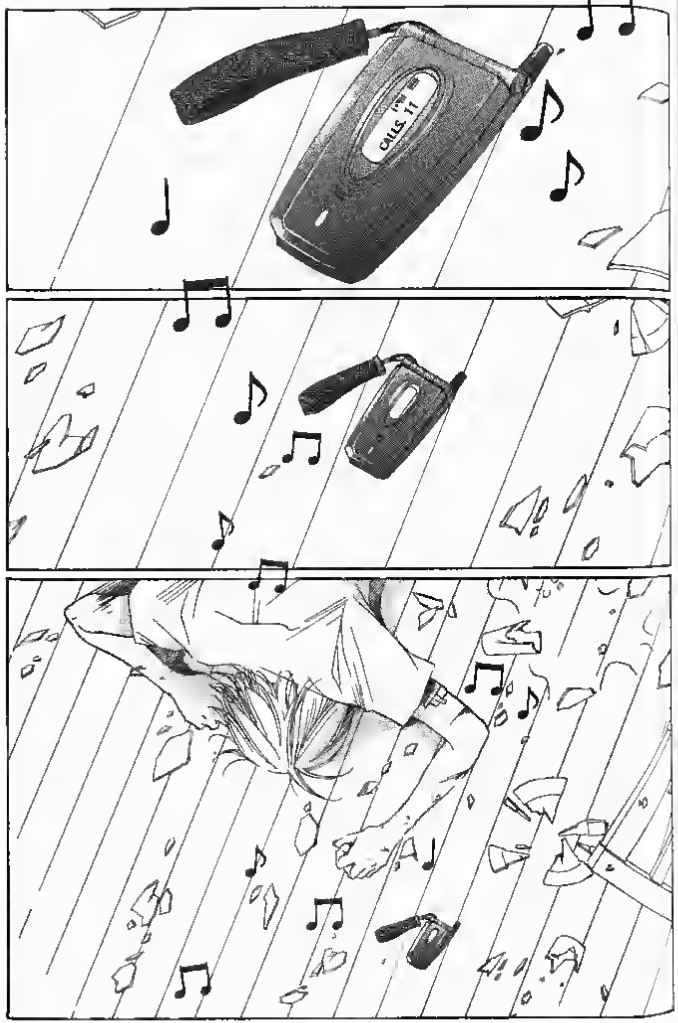

YOU'RE LEAVING? IT'S DINNERTIME.
RIKA?

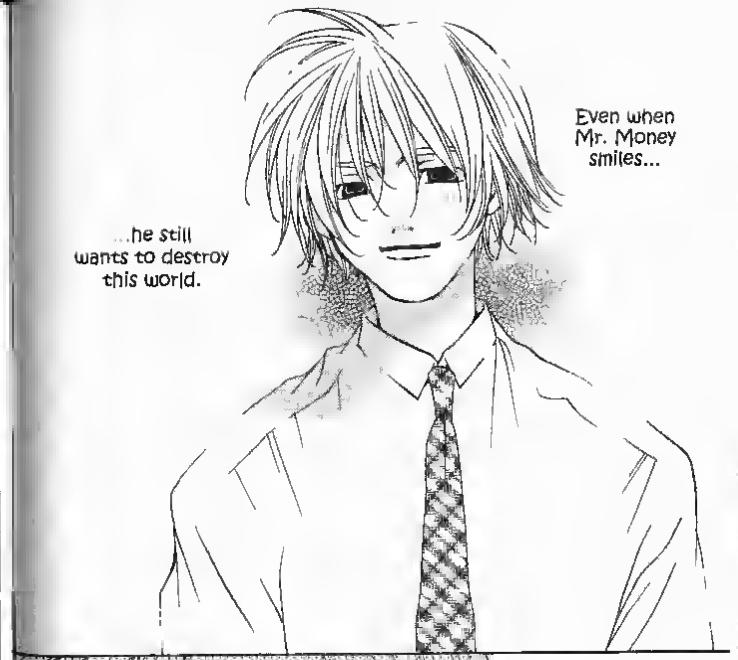

TEISHO ACADEMY ADDRESS BOOK


SAKAGHIGA, SECOND AVENUE..
THREE..






CALLS 11


Even when Mr. Money smiles...
...he still wants to destroy this world.


He must have a reason.

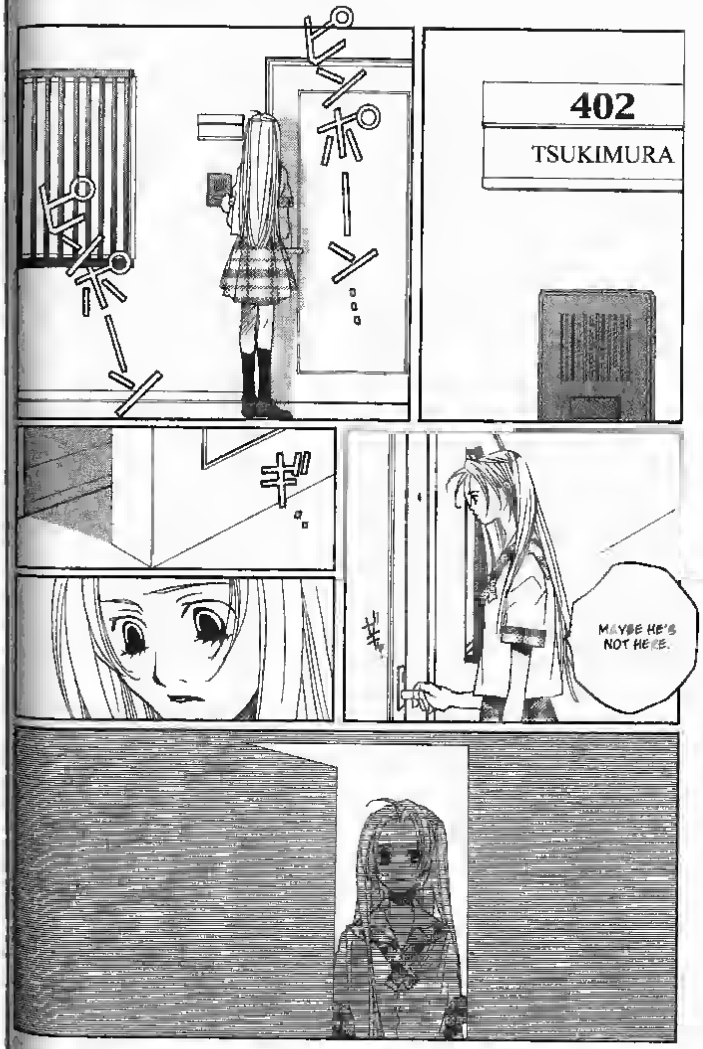
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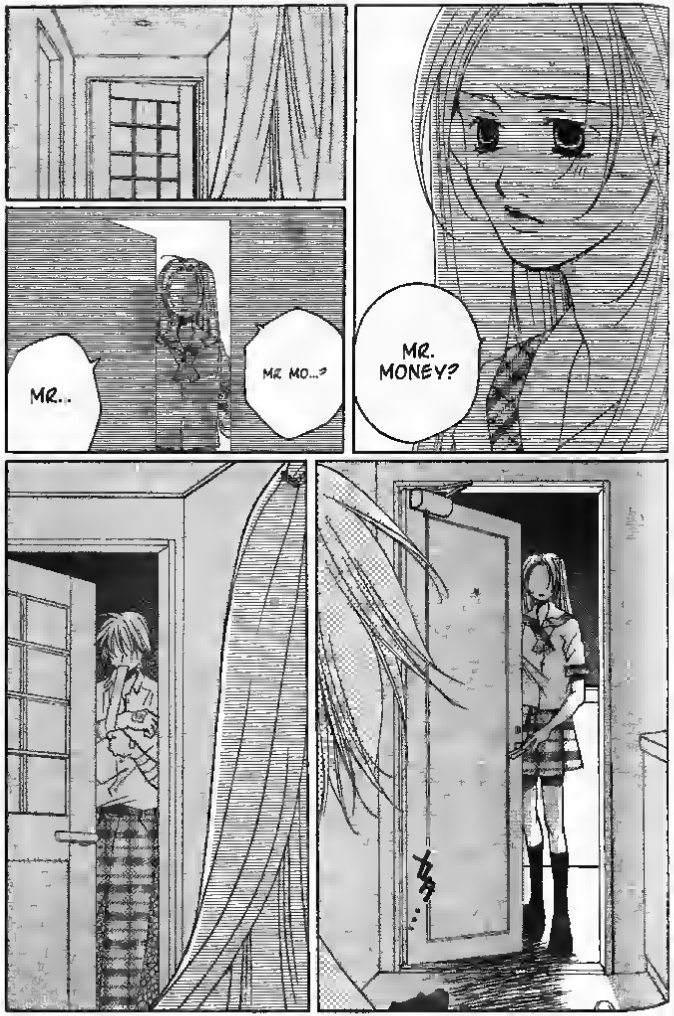

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TSUKIMURA
MAYBE HE'S NOT HERE.



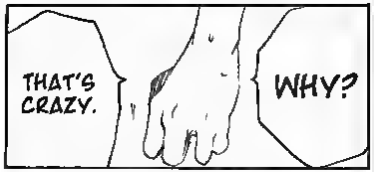

MR...
MR MO...?
MR. MONEY?


WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
OH, JUST A LITTLE
I'M FINE..
THE USUAL?
YEAH...
IT'S A LITTLE WORSE TODAY
MR. MONEY!




WHO DID THIS?
I'M OKAY
WHO DID THIS TO YOU?
THAT'S TERRIBLE
.....
MY MOTHER.


I SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO LIVE...
...UNLESS I'M USEFUL.

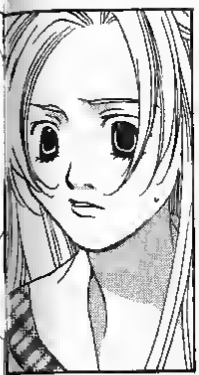

THAT'S CRAZY.
WHY?







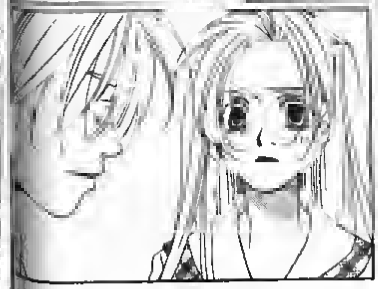





BUT WHEN IT'S BAD, SHE ABUSES ME.
SHE'S REALLY NICE WHEN HER LOVE LIFE IS GOOD


MY MOTHER ONLY LIVES FOR LOVE.

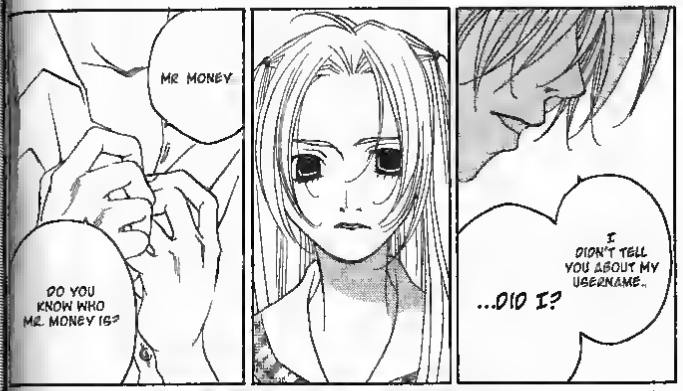

IF HURTING ME HELPS HER, THEN THAT'S OKAY.
BECAUSE SHE COOKS MY MEALS AND PAYS FOR SCHOOL...

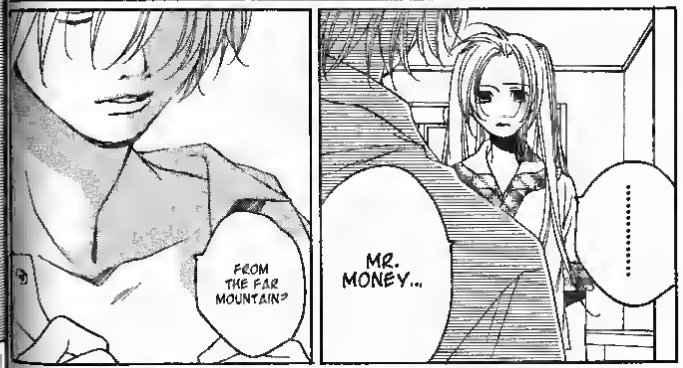



WHY DO YOU LET HER DO THAT?!
THAT'S HORRIBLE!
THAT'S SO WRONG!


DID YOU SAY YOU LIKED ME BECAUSE...
...YOU WANTED TO BE USEFUL TO ME?
THERE'S NOTHING TO LIKE...
...ANY-WAY.
LIAR.
BUT I REALLY DO LIKE YOU.
THAT'S PARTLY TRUE...
SEE.

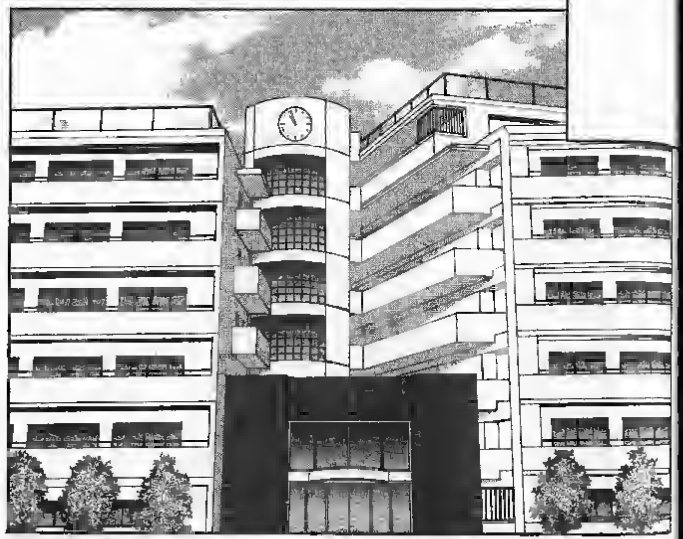

CHERRY BLOSSOMS.


MR MONEY
DO YOU KNOW WHO MR. MONEY IS?
I DIDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT MY USERNAME..
...DID I?


FROM THE FAR MOUNTAIN?
MR. MONEY...
.....


CORRECT. WHEN I WAS FIVE...
...MY MOTHER THREW BOILING WATER ON ME AND...


I'M...
...AFRAID OF WOMEN.
JUST...
BEING CLOSE LIKE THIS
...REALLY SCARES ME.





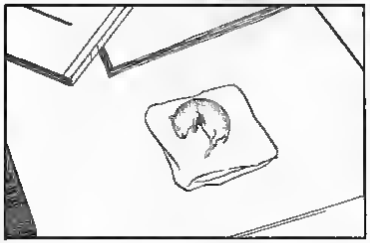



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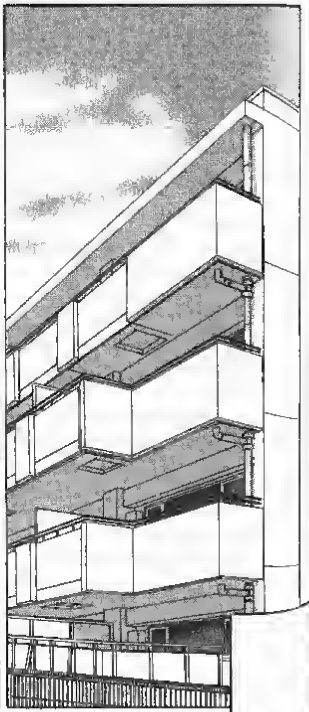
...Mr. Money?

What am I...

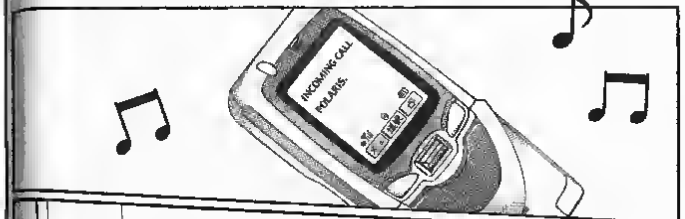











INCOMING CALL
MOJARIS


HEY...
JANGALIAN?
I THOUGHT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU.


SAPPHIRE...
MY HAM-STER...
...DIED.

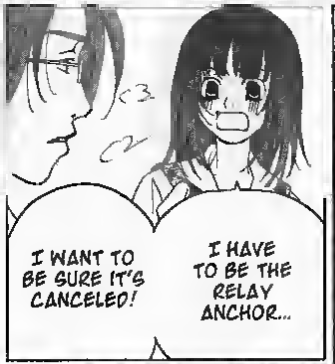

HE'S SO LITTLE. IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH...
I DON'T KNOW WHY HE DIED.
HICCUP
SOB




HE COULON'T GO ANY-WHERE...
HE JUST CURLED UP IN HIS LITTLE HOME AND DIED.
ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'M GOING TO DIE TOO.
I'M JUST ESCAPING FROM LIFE'S PROBLEMS
I RUN FROM THE FACULTY LOUNGE TO THE LAB ROOM...
...AND THEN TO MY OWN ROOM.
I'M...
...TIRED.
I'M SO TIRED AND I'M GOING TO DIE.




LET'S FIGHT TOGETHER.
I'M WITH YOU NOW.
DON'T WORRY.


I WANT TO BE SURE IT'S CANCELED!
I HAVE TO BE THE RELAY ANCHOR...

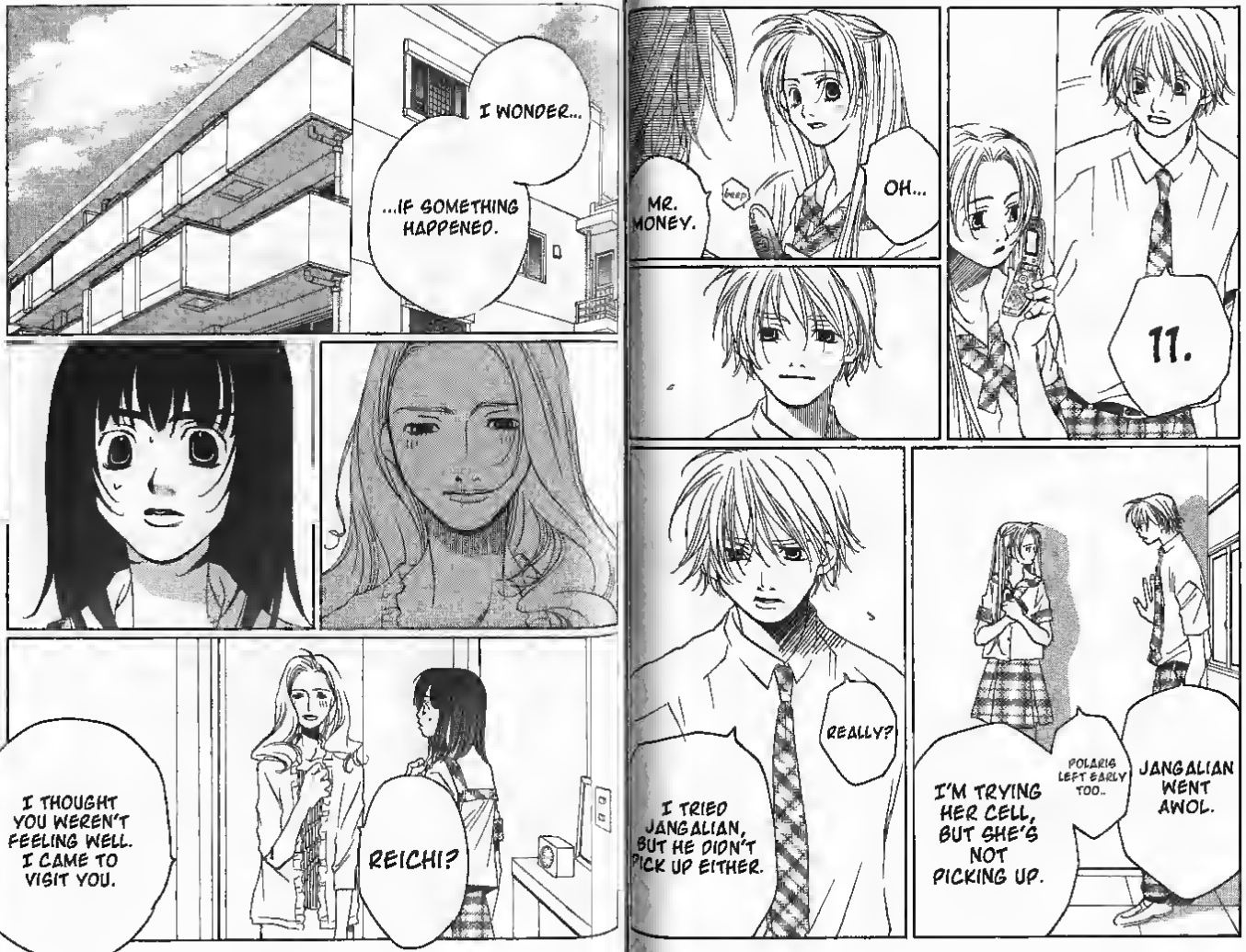



LET'S MAKE A PLAN.
LET'S BLOW UP THE SCHOOL BEFORE THE SWIMMING COMPETITION.
THE SWIMMING COMPETITION?


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I'M COMING
I'M COMING
open
IT MIGHT BE IT...
SHE LEFT A MESSAGE EARLIER.




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11.
JANGALIAN WENT AWOL.
POLARIS LEFT EARLY TOO..
I'M TRYING HER CELL, BUT SHE'S NOT PICKING UP.
REALLY?
I TRIED JANGALIAN, BUT HE DIDN'T PICK UP EITHER.
beep
MR. MONEY.
OH...
I WONDER...
...IF SOMETHING HAPPENED.
REICHI?
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T FEELING WELL. I CAME TO VISIT YOU.


I MADE SOME CUSTARD.
I THINK IT TASTES GOOD.
DON'T COME IN!
WHO ARE YOU?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM NOW.
LET GO OF ME!
STOP!
DON'T COME IN!
DON'T COME IN!
DON'T PUSH JANGALIAN INTO A CORNER!
GET OUT OF HERE NOW!
GET OUT OF HERE!
WHAT?!
DON'T PUSH US...
...INTO A CORNER!


Ms. Kunimoto.

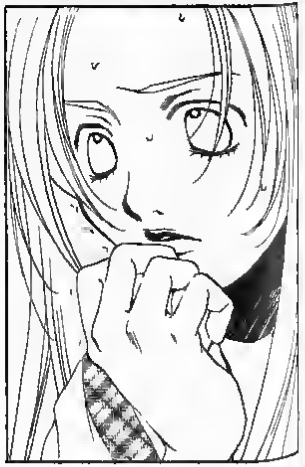






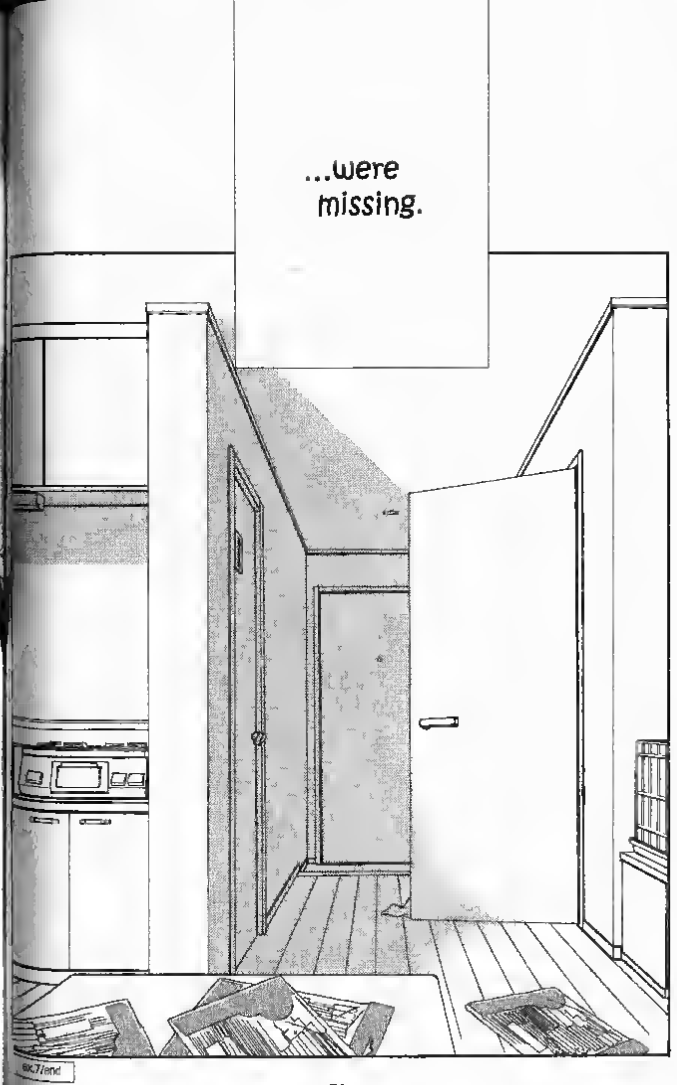




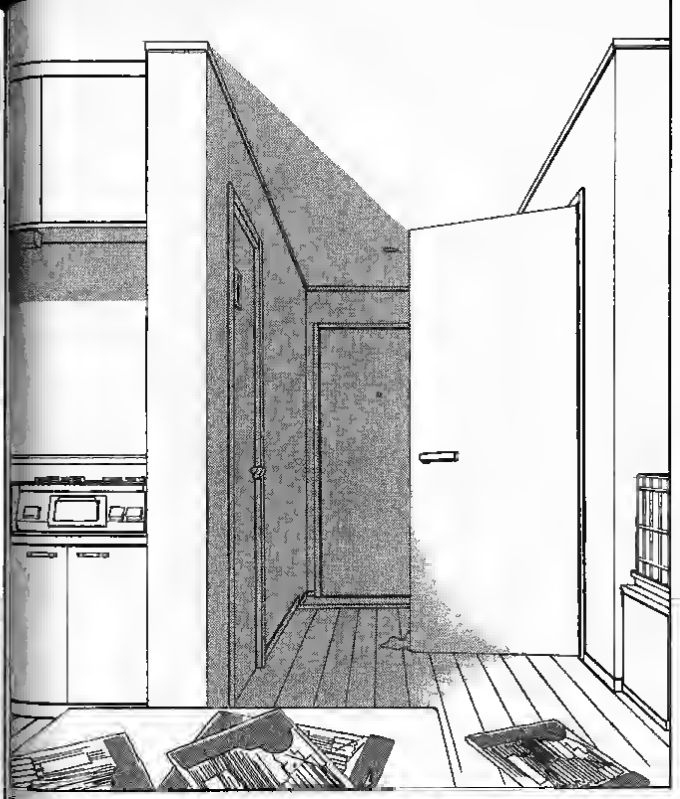


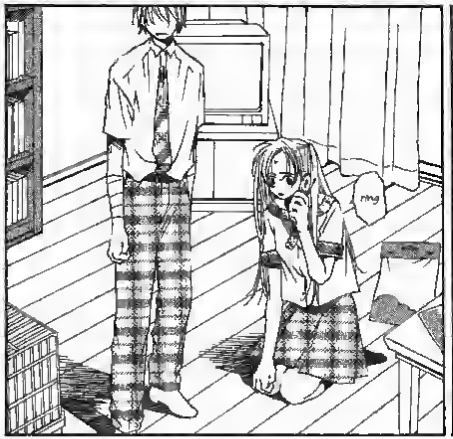
Jangalian and Polaris...

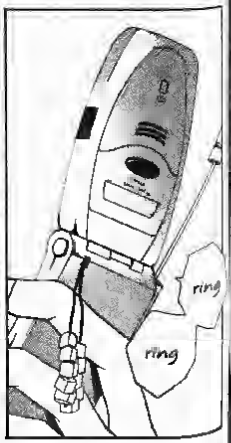

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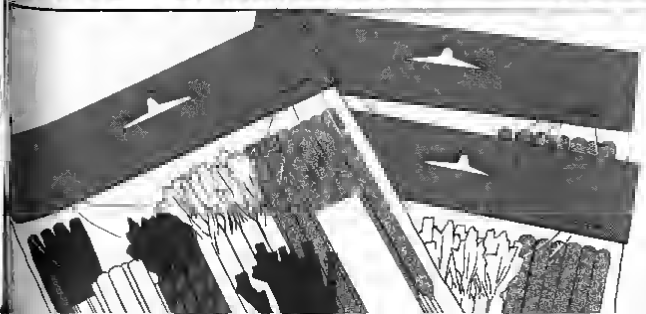

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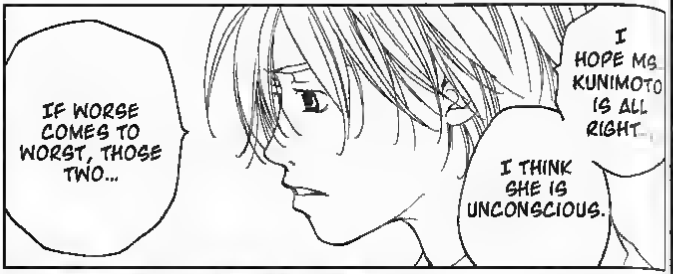

FIREWORKS!
FIREWORKS!
FIREWORKS!



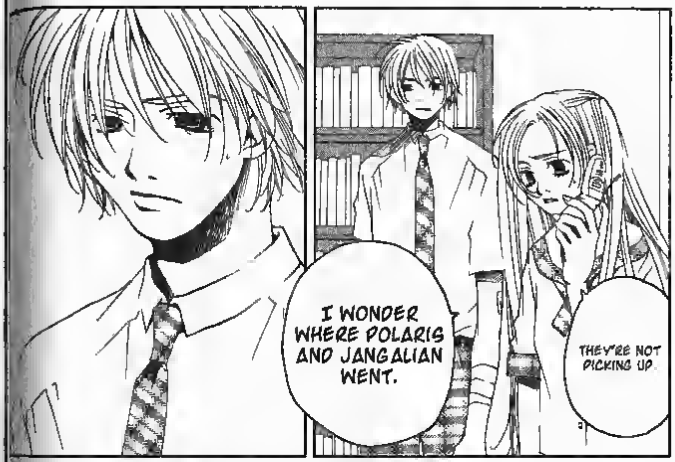

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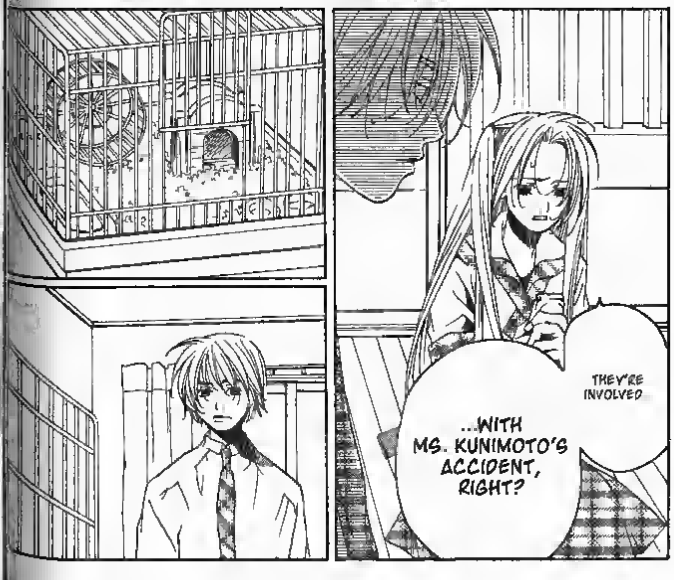

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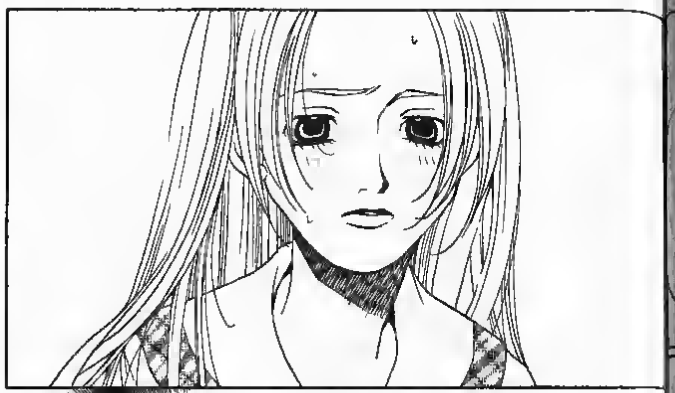



I HOPE MS. KUNIMOTO IS ALL RIGHT.
I THINK SHE IS UNCONSCIOUS.
IF WORSE COMES TO WORST, THOSE TWO...

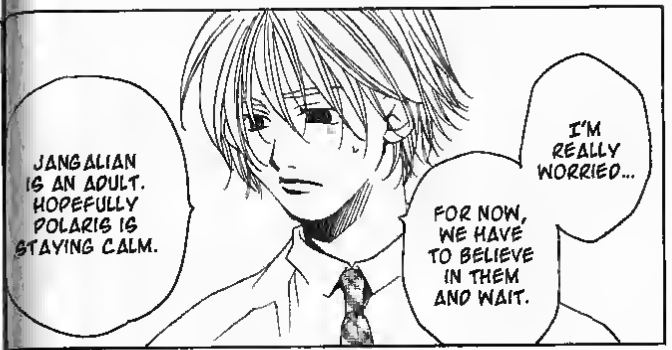

WE HAVE TO FIND THEM.
WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY WILL DO!
BUT...
...WHERE ARE THEY?!

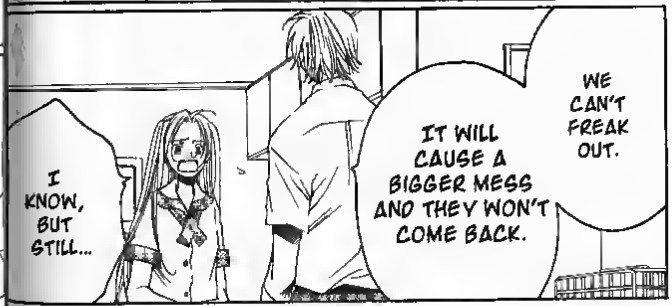

I WONDER WHERE POLARIS AND JANGALIAN WENT.
THEY'RE NOT PICKING UP.


...WITH MS. KUNIMOTO'S ACCIDENT, RIGHT?
THEY'RE INVOLVED.



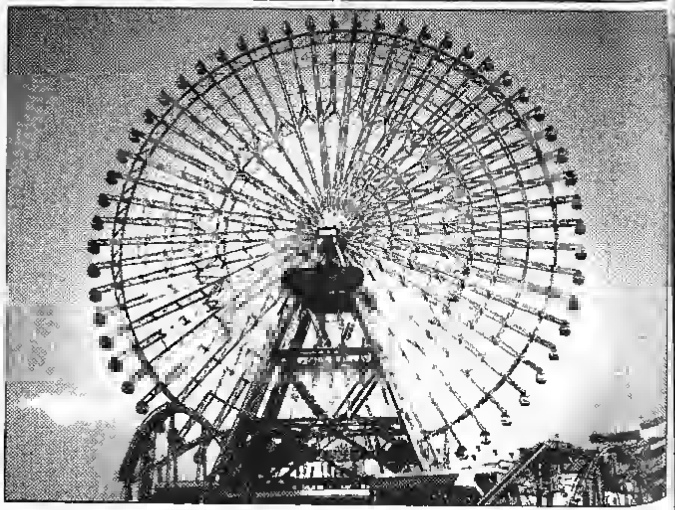

Jangalian!
Polaris!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT.

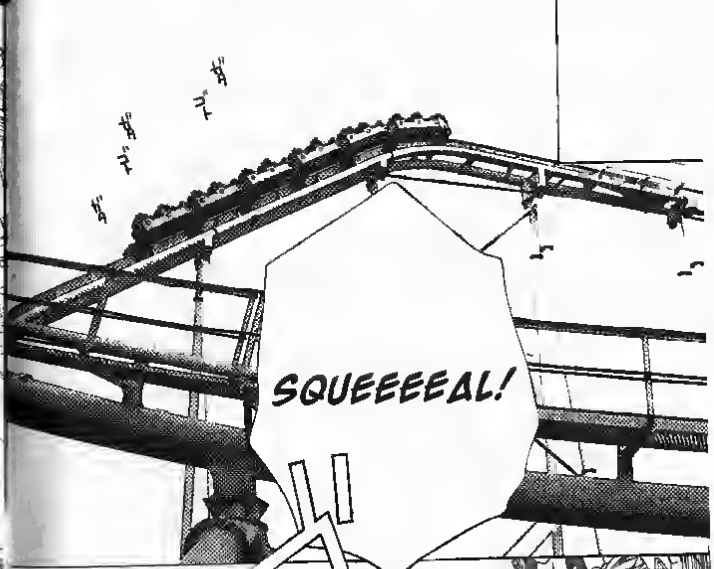

JANGALIAN IS AN ADULT. HOPEFULLY POLARIS IS STAYING CALM.
I'M REALLY WORRIED...
FOR NOW, WE HAVE TO BELIEVE IN THEM AND WAIT.


I KNOW, BUT STILL...
IT WILL CAUSE A BIGGER MESS AND THEY WON'T COME BACK.
WE CAN'T FREAK OUT.


...WE NEED TO BE STRONG AND CALM.
IF THEY ARE IN REAL TROUBLE...


WE CAN GO ON ANY RIDE WE WANT!
IT'S SO EMPTY HERE ON A WEEKDAY!




SQUEEEEAL!

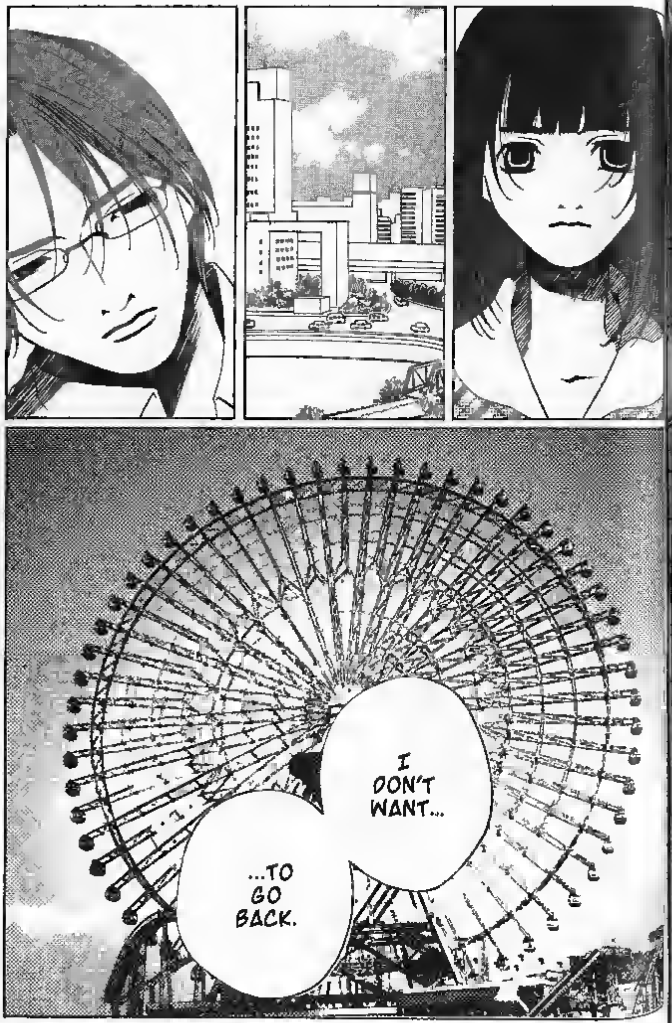

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HEY!
W-WAIT...
LET'S GO ON THAT ONE!
EEEEEEEEE!
SQUEEEEAL!


I HAVEN'T BEEN ON A FERRIS WHEEL IN AGES!
I'M SO HAPPY!
POLARIS...
YOU'RE SPEAKING NORMALLY...
EVEN WITHOUT YOUR SPECIAL CLOTHES.
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
I DON'T KNOW WHY. HOW WEIRD

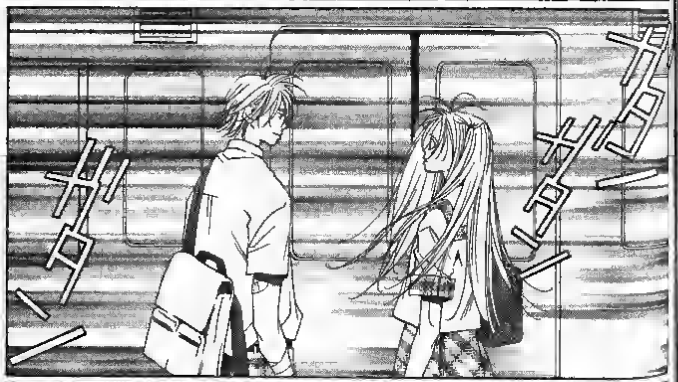



WE'LL GO RIGHT BACK DOWN...
...TO THE GROUND.

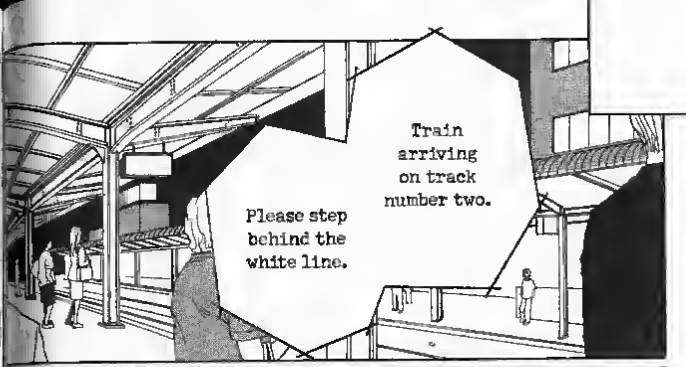

WE'RE GETTING CLOSER TO THE SKY.

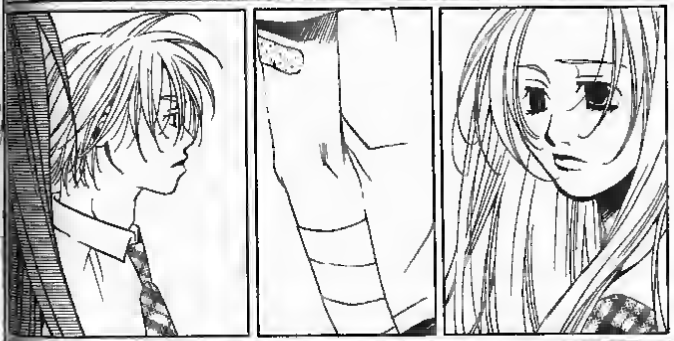

I DON'T WANT...
...TO GO BACK.


THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
MAYBE SHE'LL BE IN A GOOD MOOD TODAY.
...YOUR MOTHER HURT YOU AGAIN?
WON'T




I'LL BE OKAY.

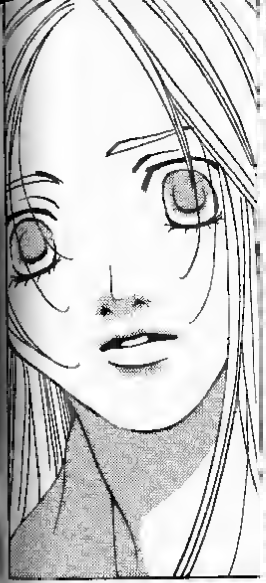

Train arriving on track number two.
Please step behind the white line.




MR. MONEY...
ARE YOU GOING HOME?
YEAH.
WHY?


MR. MONEY.
I'M TAKING THE NEXT EXPRESS TRAIN.
OKAY
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO POLARIS AND JANGALIAN
...WE HAVE TO HELP THEM.
I WANTED TO BE USEFUL.
SO I WENT TO URSA MINOR.





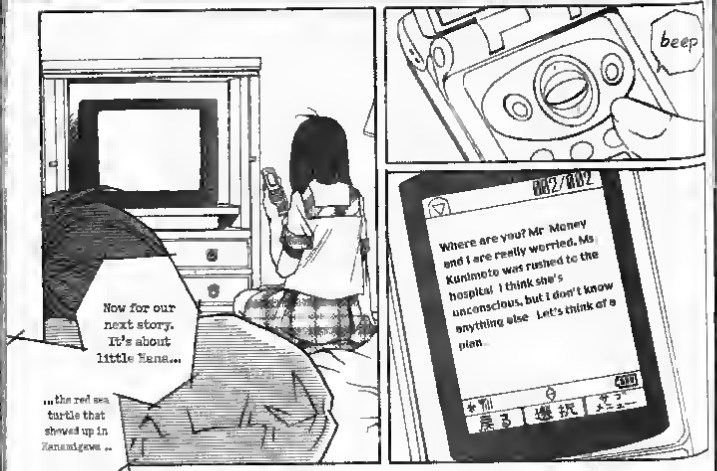


Did you...

...say something?







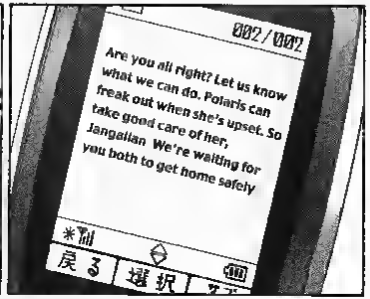

EVERYTHING IS MY FAULT.
I'M SORRY.

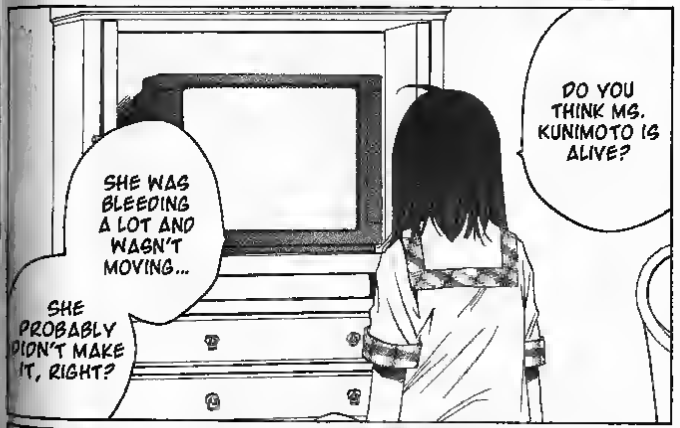

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
I...








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Are you all right? Let us know what we can do. Polaris can freak out when she's upset. So take good care of her, Jangalian We're waiting for you both to get home safely
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DO YOU THINK MS. KUNIMOTO IS ALIVE?
SHE WAS BLEEDING A LOT AND WASN'T MOVING...
SHE PROBABLY DIDN'T MAKE IT, RIGHT?


IT'S A STRETCH TO SAY WE'RE SIBLINGS...
THEY PROBABLY THINK WE'RE LOVERS...


THE GUY AT THE FRONT DESK WAS KIND OF WEIRD TOO..
MAYBE WE'RE WANTED BY THE POLICE


TODAY WAS..
...REALLY FUN.

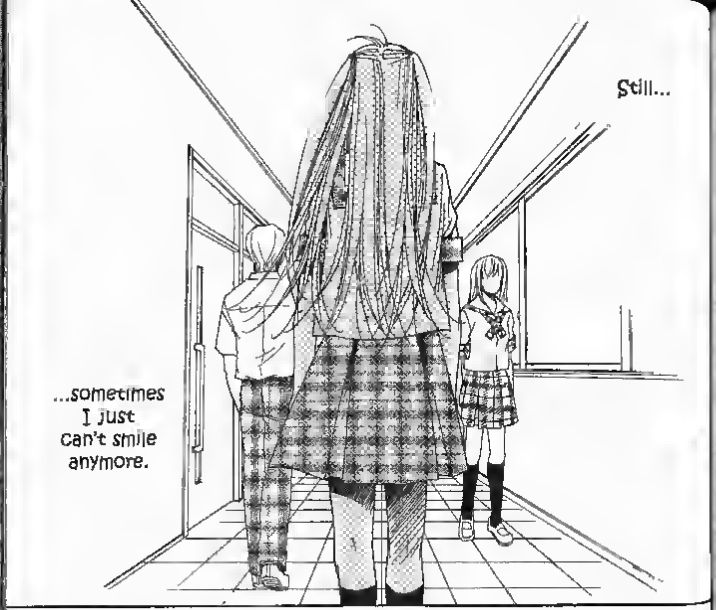

WE DID OUR BEST ..
...UNTIL NOW.

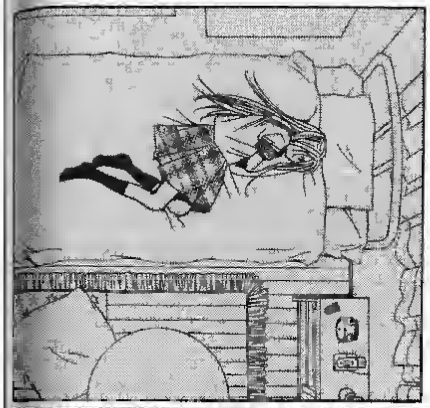

IT'S OKAY NOW, RIGHT?


I SHOULD HAVE DONE IT MYSELF.
BECAUSE I COULDN'T...


I DON'T CARE.


...I MADE YOU DO SOMETHING BAD.
I'M SORRY.

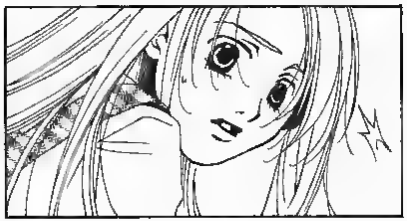

Still...
...sometimes I just can't smile anymore.



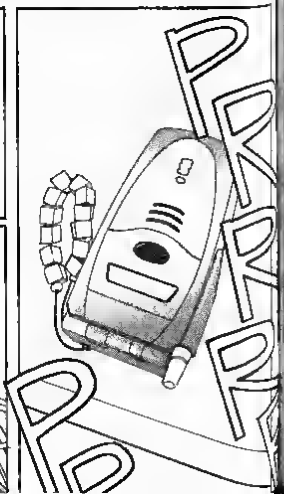


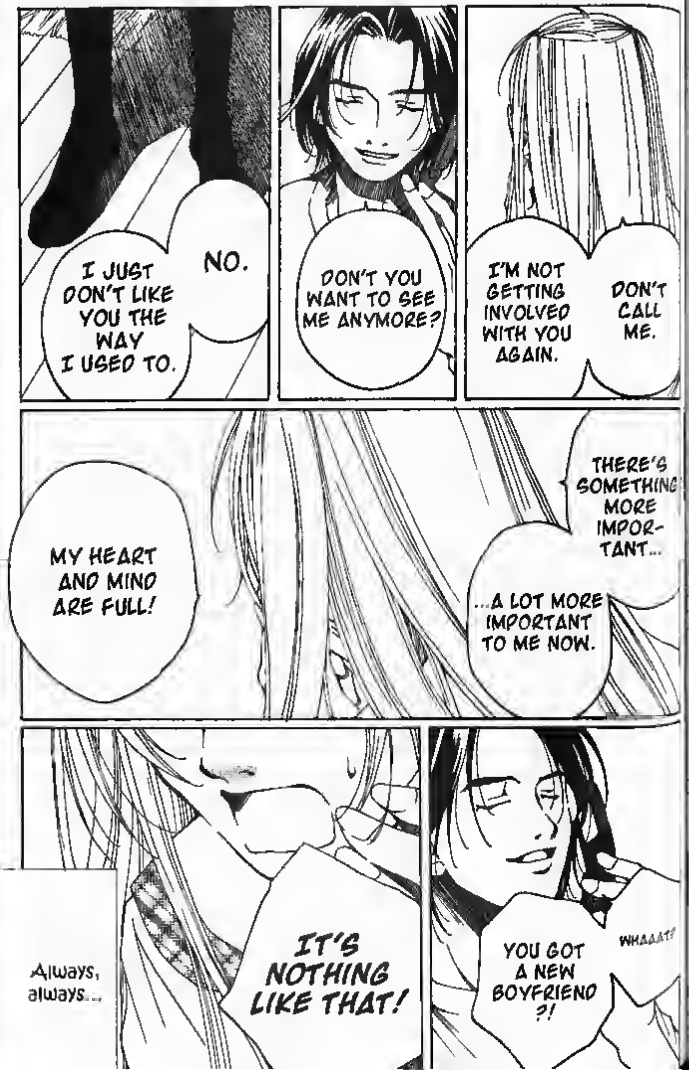

I'll be okay.

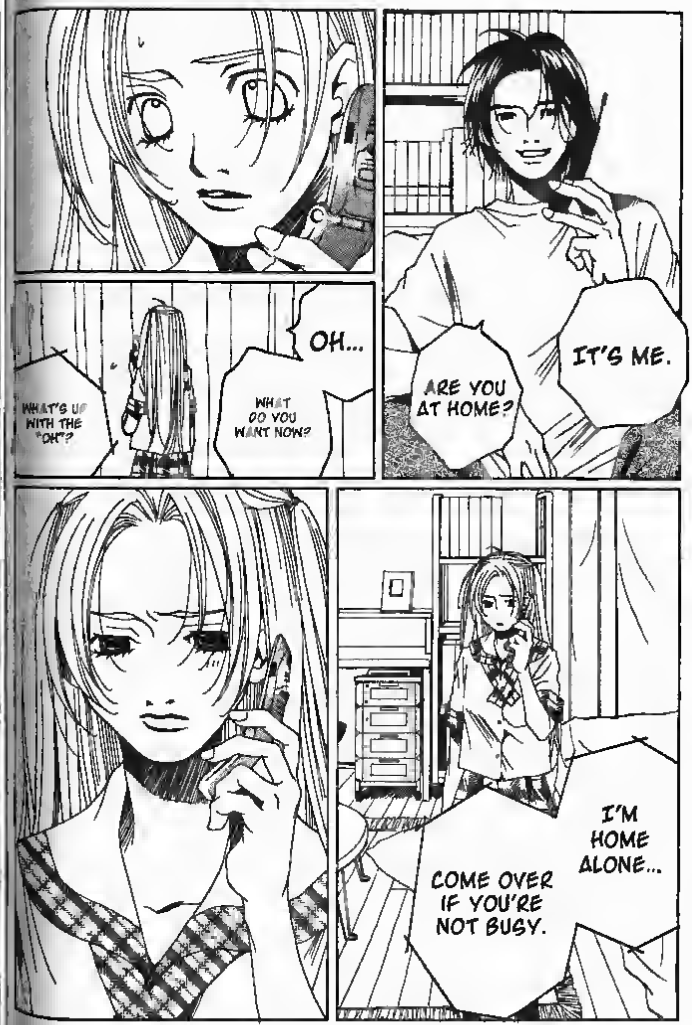

I smile to pretend that everything is fine...
...and to hide my pain from others.

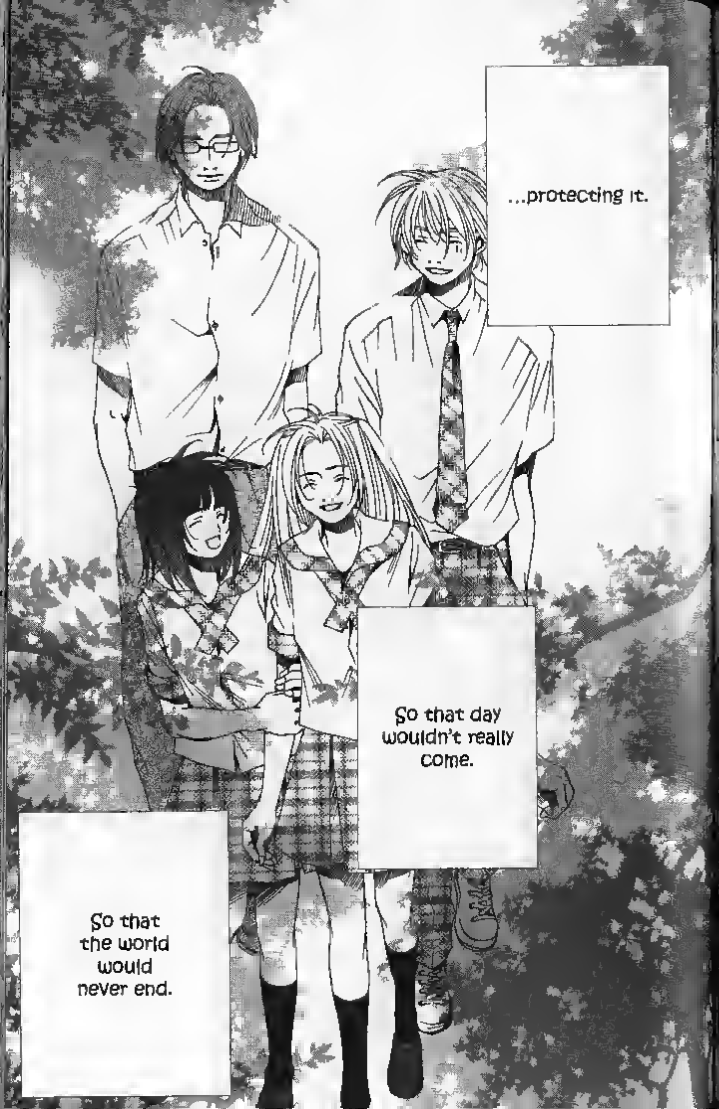


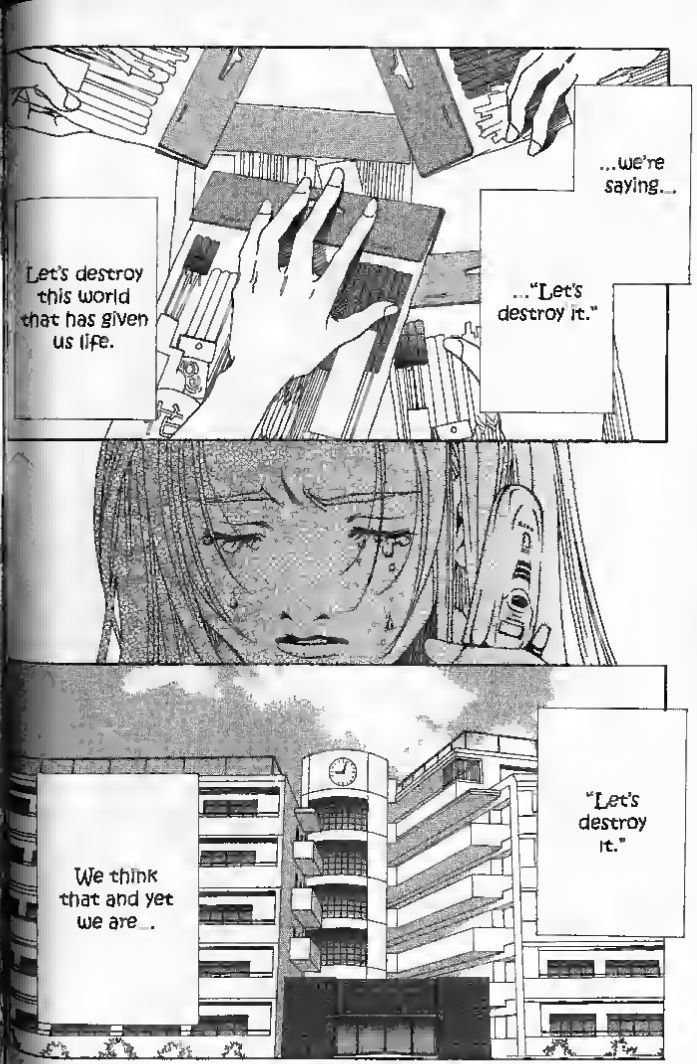

HELLO?
beep


RRRR
RR


I JUST DON'T LIKE YOU THE WAY I USED TO.
NO.
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE ME ANYMORE?
I'M NOT GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOU AGAIN.
DON'T CALL ME.
MY HEART AND MIND ARE FULL!
THERE'S SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT...
...A LOT MORE IMPORTANT TO ME NOW.
Always, always...
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT!
YOU GOT A NEW BOYFRIEND ?!
WHAAAT?


WHAT'S UP WITH THE "OH"?
OH...
WHAT DO YOU WANT NOW?
ARE YOU AT HOME?
IT'S ME.
COME OVER IF YOU'RE NOT BUSY.
I'M HOME ALONE...

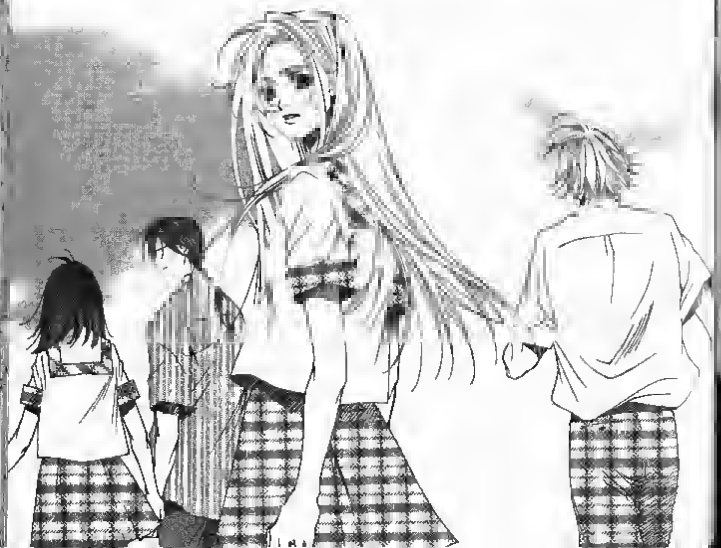

...protecting it.
So that day wouldn't really come.
So that the world would never end.


Let's destroy this world that has given us life.
...we're saying...
..."Let's destroy it."
We think that and yet we are_.
"Let's destroy it."


I TRIED SO HARD.
I RAN MY STORE...
...AND RAISED YOU.
YEAH
YOU WORKED HARD.
YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.
I WORKED HARD...
IF I HADN'T HAD YOU...
...I PROBA-BLY...
..WOULD HAVE HAD A DIFFER-ENT LIFE!
Help me!



# ex.9








There are different kinds of wars.
Everyone bleeds when they fight with themselves.
Even while...
...they smile.

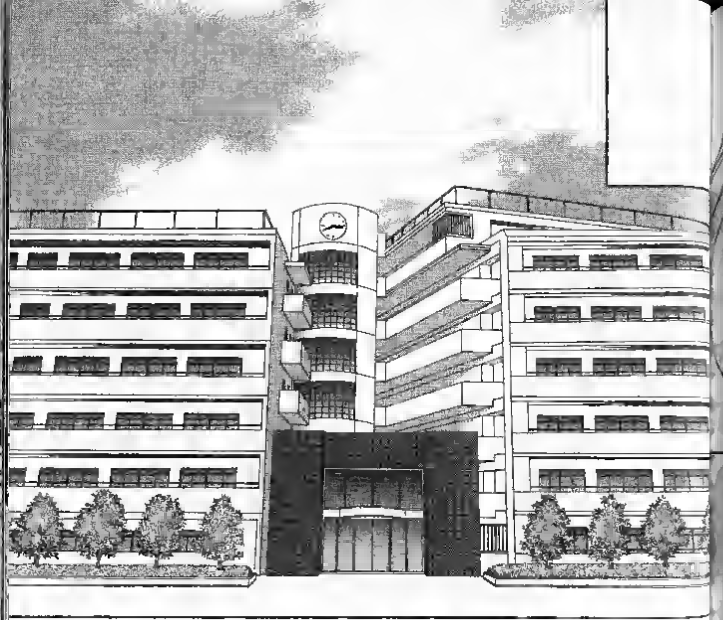

I NEED TO DO SOME-THING.
MR. MONEY'S E-MAIL SAID, "TAKE GOOD CARE OF POLARIS."
IF YOU DIED TOO, LIFE WOULD BE HOPELESS.
BUT SAPPHIRE DIED...
DO YOU WANT TO DIE?
I'M SORRY, POLARIS.
...LIKE CUTE THINGS.
I...


I shouldn't b
allowed to in
MR. MONEY!
YEAH. I WANTED TO BE USEFUL.
WHEN YOU SAID "CUTE THINGS"...
...DID YOU ALSO MEAN ME?

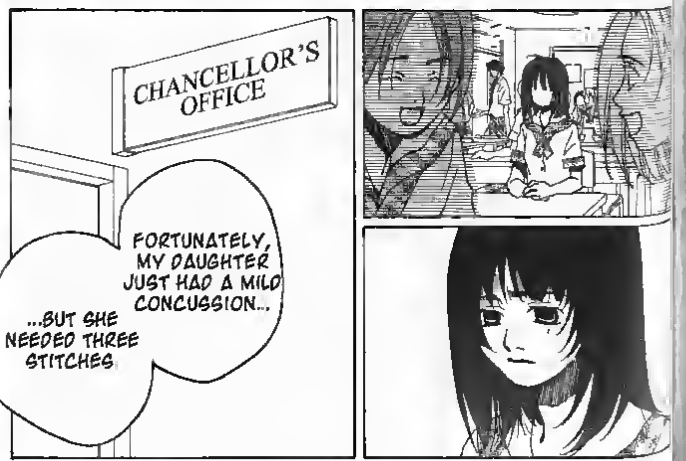

MR. M...
ARE YOU OKAY?!
MR. MONEY...
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MR. MONEY!
...and to hide my pain from others.
I smile...
...to pretend that everything is fine...

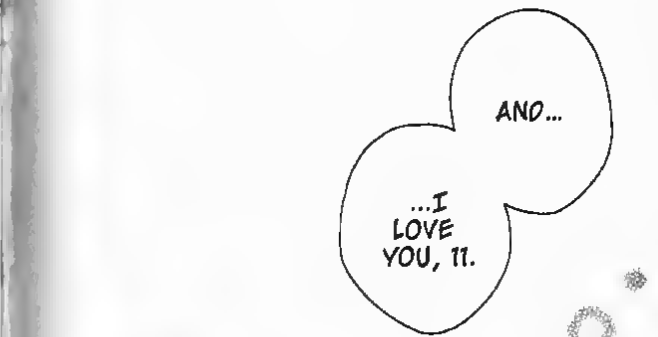

IF IT WAS ME...
...I WOULD HAVE DONE THIS A LONG TIME AGO!!!
I WOULD HAVE HIT YOU BACK TEN TIMES HARDER!!!
SOMETIMES I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF...
HE'S ALL I HAVE.
HE'S MY SON.
I LOVE HIM.
YUMIHIKO ...
...WON'T HIT YOU BACK BECAUSE...
THAT'S NOT LOVE!


IT'S OKAY.
THANKS, II...
...FOR RESCUING ME.
UNHAPPY PEOPLE DO TERRIBLE THINGS.
MY MOM IS MISERABLE.
SHE'S SOMEONE YOU FEEL SORRY FOR.
I THINK THAT IT'S PARTLY MY FAULT.
I'M REALLY OKAY NOW.



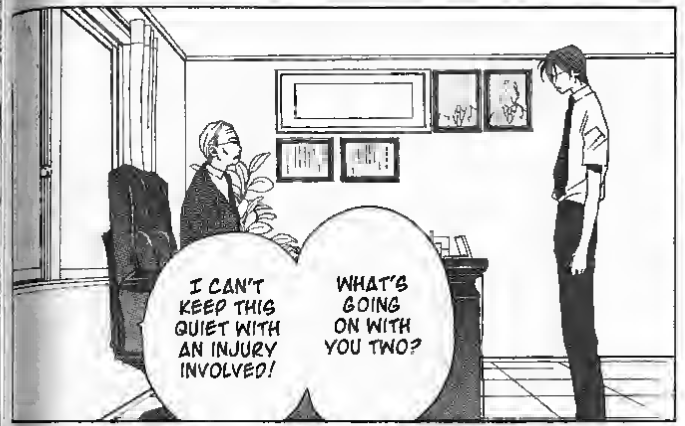

SO...
...I TRY TO MAKE HER HAPPY. I KNOW I CAN, 11.
BECAUSE I LOVE HER.


CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
FORTUNATELY, MY DAUGHTER JUST HAD A MILD CONCUSSION...
...BUT SHE NEEDED THREE STITCHES


AND...
...I LOVE YOU, 11.


SIR, WE'RE NOT HAVING A RELATION-SHIP YOU CAN LOOK INTO IT
THAT'S MY DAUGHTER!
SHE KEPT CHASING ME. IT REALLY WAS A PROBLEM.
I'LL PAY THE MEDICAL COSTS
WELL THEN...
...AND I'LL SUBMIT MY RESIGNATION
SIR, I HAVE NO FEELINGS FOR YOUR DAUGHTER.


DID YOU HAVE A FEMALE STUDENT IN YOUR DEPARTMENT?
WE'RE STILL NOT DONE YET.
MR. KATANO!


I CAN'T KEEP THIS QUIET WITH AN INJURY INVOLVED!
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU TWO?




I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WOULD GET BETTER, SO I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.
I DIDN'T WANT WORK TO BE UNCOMFORT-ABLE.
I'M SORRY.


EXCUSE ME!
WE MADE A GRAVE FOR IT TOGETHER.
MY HAMSTER DIED...




I THINK IT MADE MY FATHER LEAVE TOO.
MY MOTHER HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN BECAUSE OF IT.
I GUESS THAT HAPPENS PRETTY OFTEN...
...I DIDN'T SPEAK FOR MANY YEARS WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
YOU KNOW

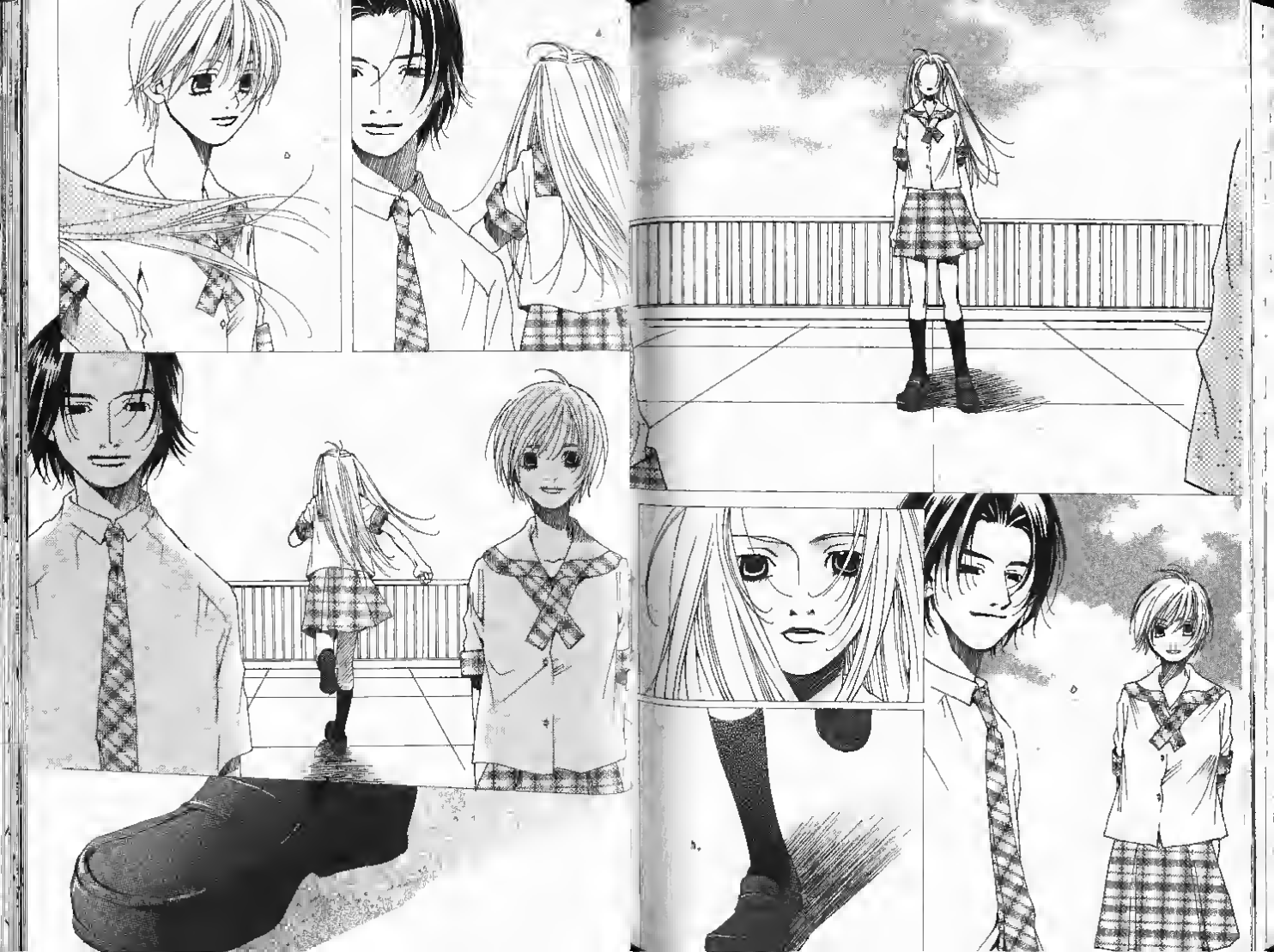

I'LL PROBABLY BE TRANSFERRED WHEN ALL THE RUMORS DIE DOWN.
MAYBE THINGS WILL BE MORE PEACEFUL.
MS. KUNIMOTO IS TAKING A LEAVE FROM SCHOOL...
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY!
WE'VE ONLY OPENED TWO PACKS.
HEY, WHAT ABOUT THE FIREWORKS?
THEY DIDN'T WANT THE ACCIDENT TO BECOME PUBLIC, SO I WASN'T PUNISHED.
THE SCHOOL WANTED TO KEEP IT QUIET...
THE WORLD HASN'T CHANGED.
WE HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING.
RIGHT?

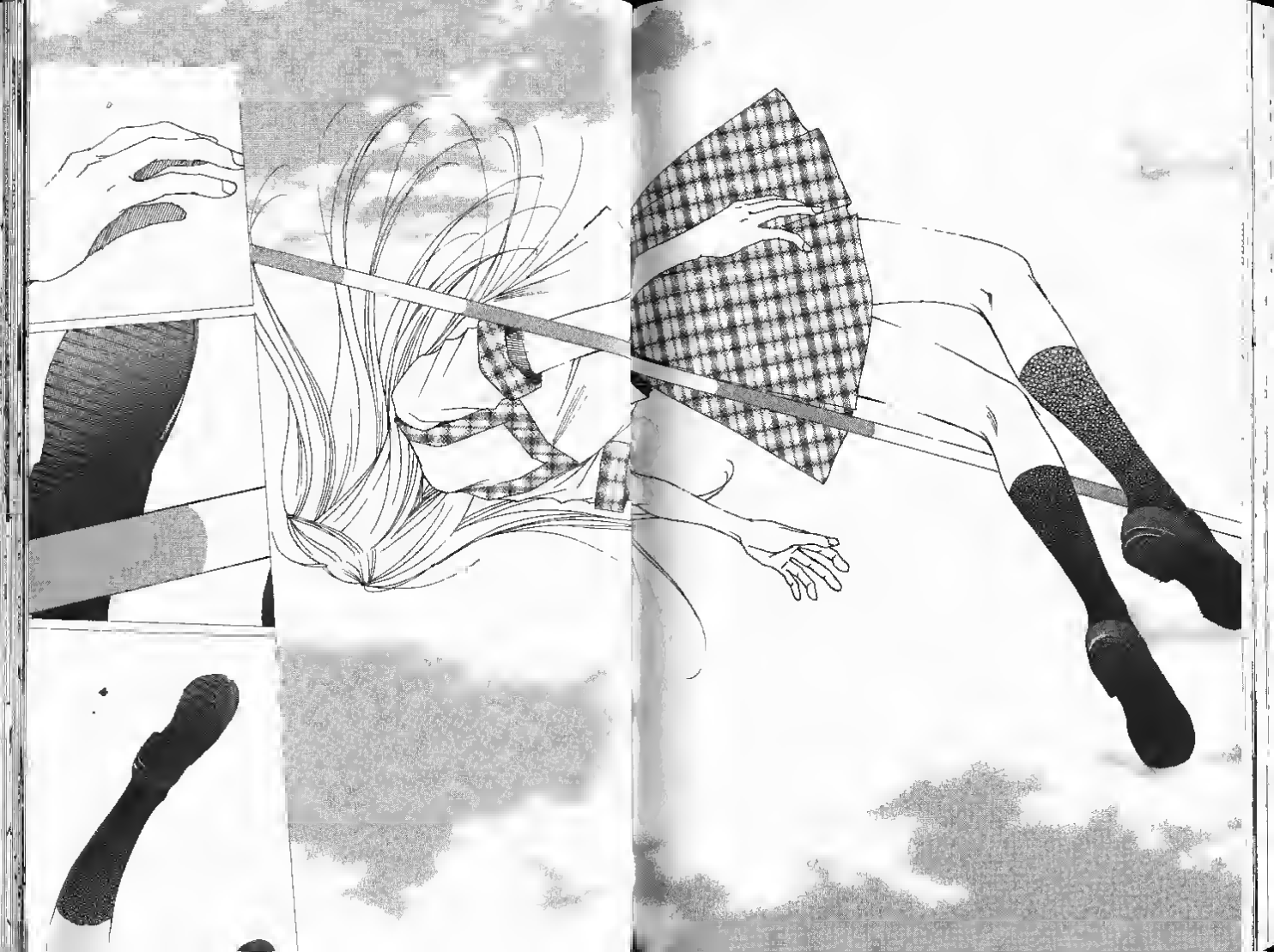

YEAH.
I'LL...
...TRY TO REMEMBER THAT
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
WHY ARE YOU CREATING YOUR OWN LITTLE WORLD?! GOD!
NO, I'M NOT...
EVERYTHING IS GOOD NOW...
I KNOW.
AND JANGALIAN DIDN'T HAVE TO QUIT HIS JOB.
I REALLY WANTED TO QUIT...
NOTHING TURNED INTO A BIG DEAL.


X-Day will be...
...delayed a little more.
YES.
BUT.
...POLARIS AND II WILL PROBABLY GRADUATE BEFORE WE MAKE A BOMB.
YEAH, RIGHT.
NO, THAT CAN'T HAPPEN!
I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE SWIMMING COMPETITION!




...BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY NOW.
I'M STILL SCARED...



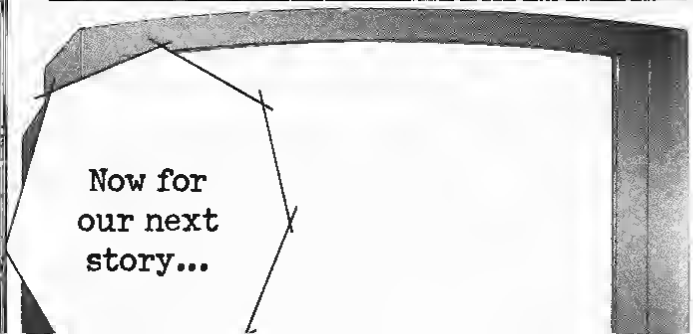



Our lives were probably...
meaningless to most people
But for us, those moments were special.
We laughed and had so much fun together.


YOU'RE OVER-SLEEPING A LOT LATELY.
I'M STUDYING FOR EXAMS
MAYBE SOMETHING ELSE IS GOING ON


RIKA...
HURRY UP AND EAT YOUR BREAKFAST!


The cause is still unknown and they continue to search for an answer.


Now for our next story...


Still, at any moment, one of us could commit an X-Day.


THE LAST SUPPER

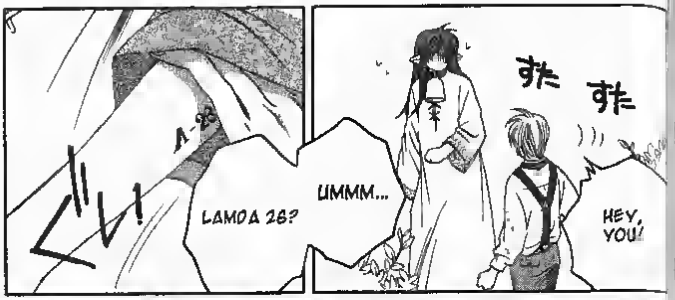


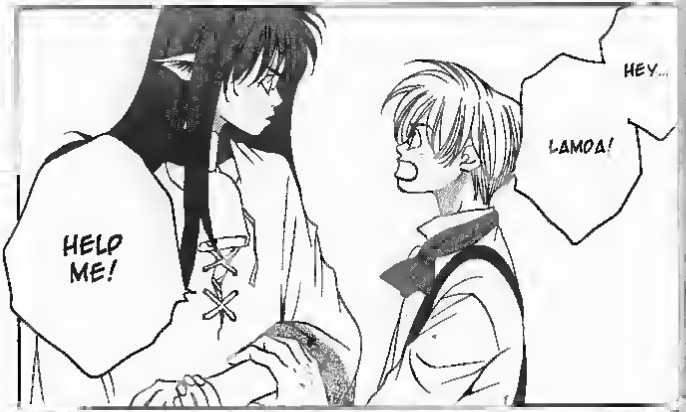

Father said that

...than people truly enjoying beef.

Nothing pleases me more...


That morning, Father was slaughtered...
...and served for the rancher family's special dinner.
It was to celebrate their son's first day of school.
I'm going to run away...
...from this awful ranch.
I can't smile and wait to be killed
Cling Clang
ハァ
ハァ
ハァ
ハァ
ガチャ
よろ よろ


LAMDA 28?
UMMM...
すた すた
HEY, YOU!


HELP ME!
HEY...
LAMDA!


SO I DON'T FALL OVER! DON'T LET GO!
HOLD ON TO THE BACK OF THE BIKE!
WHAT?
HELP?


WHO'S THERE?!


Jingle
THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY OUT.
DAMN.


I DON'T CARE IF A COW SEES ME.
AOH, IT'S JUST A COW.




Father's flesh!!!
LET'S GO!
HEY, WAIT!
HANG ON TIGHT.
He's the one that...
This is the rancher's son?
Him?
DON'T LET GO!
WAIT!
HEY!


I'M RIDING!!!
I DID IT!
I DID IT, LAMDA!
I BETTER TRY TO GET AWAY.
DAMN...
WAIT UP, LAMDA!

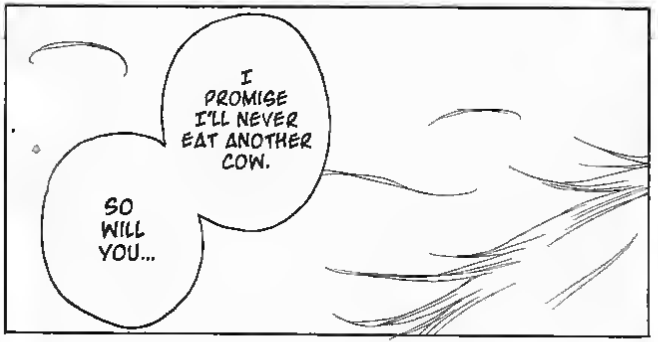



YOU WANT HIM TO BE YOUR SERVANT?
THIS COW?
I WANT LAMDA!
I CAN'T PLAY WITH A GIRL!
KIRARA LOOKS AFTER YOU JUST FINE.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MITSUHIKO?
GOT CAUGHT
HE'LL PROTECT ME AND PLAY WITH ME
HE'LL BE MY SERVANT
IT'S OKAY, GRANDPA

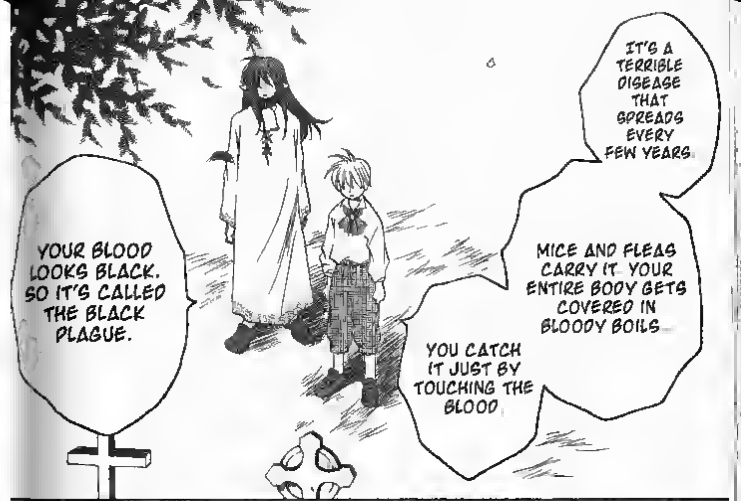

DID THEY TASTE GOOD?
DID YOU SUCK ON HIS BONES TOO?
IF YOU BECOME MY SERVANT, YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE
IT'S OKAY, LAMDA.
SINCE HE ESCAPED FROM THE CATTLE SHED, HE WILL NEVER OBEY YOU.
THAT COW WILL BE SOLD AS MEAT.
MITSUHIKO
I WON'T FORGIVE ANY OF YOU!
ALL OF YOU ATE MY FATHER!
I WON'T LISTEN TO ANYTHING YOU SAY!
THEN WHAT ABOUT HUMANS?!
WHO LIVES BY KILLING HUMANS?!
.....
YOU EAT GRASS, DON'T YOU? COWS LIVE BY KILLING GRASS.


WHAT VALUE DO HUMANS HAVE?!
HUMAN FLESH TASTES HORRIBLE.
I'LL NEVER ACCEPT SUCH INJUSTICE!
NEVER!
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE BLACK PLAGUE?

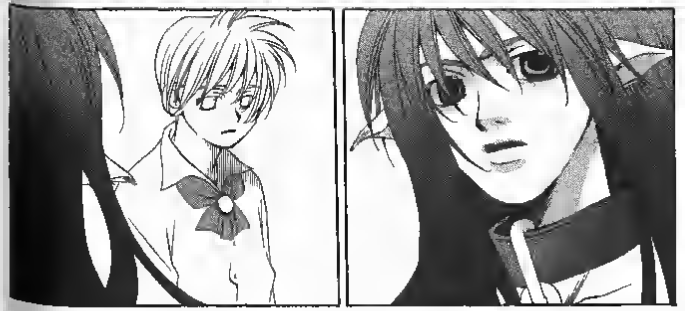

GOD KILLS HUMANS.
WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?


I PROMISE I'LL NEVER EAT ANOTHER COW.
SO WILL YOU...




IT'S A TERRIBLE DISEASE THAT SPREADS EVERY FEW YEARS.
MICE AND FLEAS CARRY IT. YOUR ENTIRE BODY GETS COVERED IN BLOODY BOILS.
YOU CATCH IT JUST BY TOUCHING THE BLOOD.
YOUR BLOOD LOOKS BLACK. SO IT'S CALLED THE BLACK PLAGUE.


MANY, MANY PEOPLE DIED FROM THAT DISEASE.
AGO, IT KILLED MY PARENTS.




OH, HERE...
I WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS JOURNAL
MY FATHER GAVE IT TO ME A LONG TIME AGO, BUT I DON'T WRITE IN IT.
You must find a valuable way of living.
LAMDA...
THIS IS YOUR ROOM STARTING TODAY.
...BE MY FRIEND NOW?
YOU CAN'T READ OR WRITE?
LIVING LIKE US MEANS DOING SOME STUFF THAT'S NOT FUN.
MY FIRST ABCS
THEN MAYBE...
...YOU CAN FIND SOMETHING.

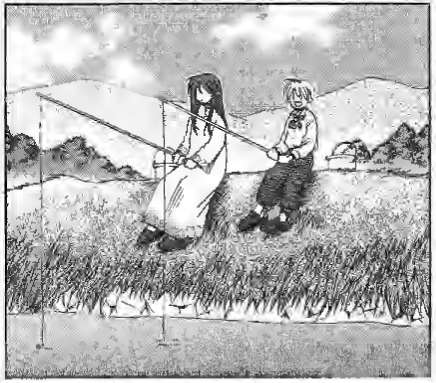

...SO YOUR WISHES WILL COME TRUE
IT'S A GOOD-LUCK CHARM...
IT'S A SPECIAL SIGN.
YOU CAN'T EAT IT?

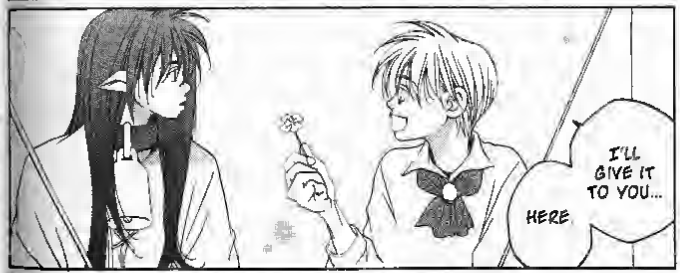

...IF YOU EVER WISH FOR SOME-THING.


ONE DAY...




HEY...
A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER.




I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU...
HERE


DON'T EAT IT!




LAMDA.
HEY...
YOU WERE WRITING IN YOUR JOURNAL.
1 PICK
WHAT DID YOU WRITE? I WANT TO SEE.
NOTHING. I DIDN'T WRITE ANY-THING.
THEN IT DOESN'T MATTER. WHY ARE YOU LOCKING IT?
DON'T!
NO-O-O-O!




I WON'T EAT IT!
MITSUHIKO! YOU DIDN'T EAT YOUR MEAT AGAIN!
I WONDER WHO MADE IT RAIN?
LONG AGO, IT RAINED NATURALLY AMAZING!
THAT'S MAN-MADE RAIN.
LONG AGO, THERE WAS A NATURAL ONE.
THAT'S A MAN-MADE GUN.
NOW THEY MAKE COWS WITH HUMAN DNA.
...BEFORE THEY DIED OFF FROM WAR AND DISEASE.
COWS USED TO LOOK LIKE THIS...
SEE.
I'm glad I look like this.
Otherwise, I couldn't have helped Mitsuhiko on his bike
COW (USHI) DOMESTICATED FOR FOOD

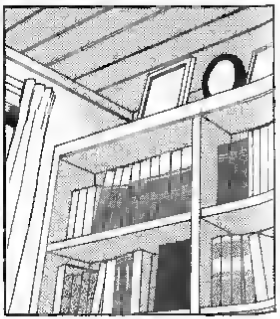

Seven years later...


HEEEEEY, YOU SWALLOWED IT!


Gulp


SHUT UP! STOP CALLING ME A COW!
YOU COW!
YOU CAN'T EAT EVERY-THING!

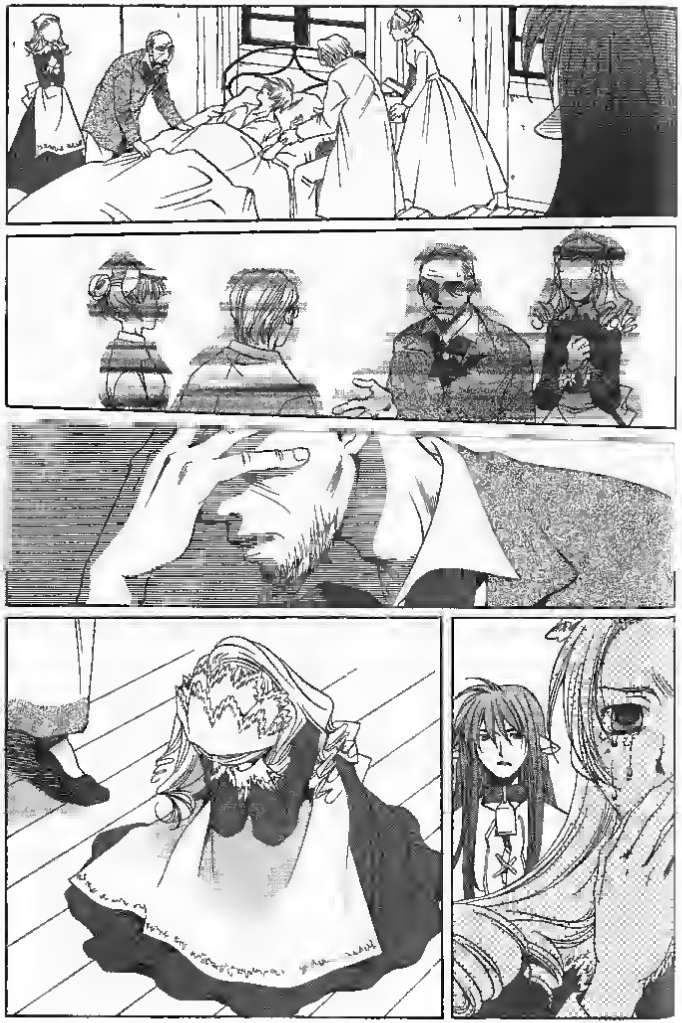

UMMM...
LAMDA, COULD YOU GET ME THE RED BOOK ON THE TOP SHELF?






I BEG YOU!
I BEG YOU, MR. KUJO!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?!
THERE ARE NO MORE HEALTHY COWS!
STOP IT. THAT'S ENOUGH!
YOU STILL HAVE THAT COW! THAT SER-VANT!
MY FATHER IS DYING AT MY HOME.
MY WIFE DIED! DO I HAVE TO WATCH MY DAUGHTER DIE?!
LAMBDA CAN'T GO OUTSIDE. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
EVERYONE IS FIGHTING OVER COWS.
THE BEST REMEDIES ARE FROM THE ORGANS OF A HEALTHY COW.
AFTER THE SUMMER, THE BLACK PLAGUE SPREAD ALL OVER...

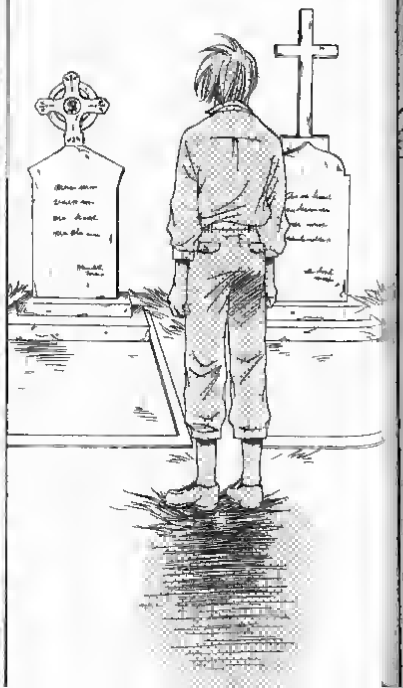

THIS ONE?
YEAH...
THANKS.
LOOK OUTSIDE... TODAY TOO.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
I CAN'T BREATHE WELL.
STAYING INSIDE FOR SO MANY DAYS ISN'T GOOD.


MITSUHIKO
HOW DID YOU GET THIS BRUISE?
I JUST BUMPED INTO SOMETHING.
I-IT'S NOTHING.
AND THIS ONE...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE IT YESTERDAY...
MITSUHIKO!
I'M TELLING YOU, I'M FINE.
I'M FINE...
DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILLS OR NAUSEA?
I DON'T THINK SO...

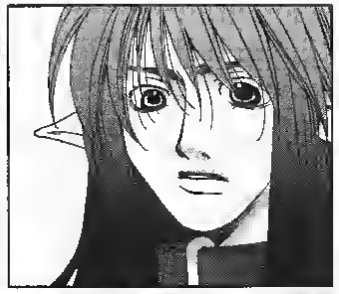





Please don't kill Mitsuhiko.



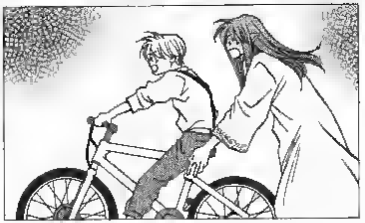






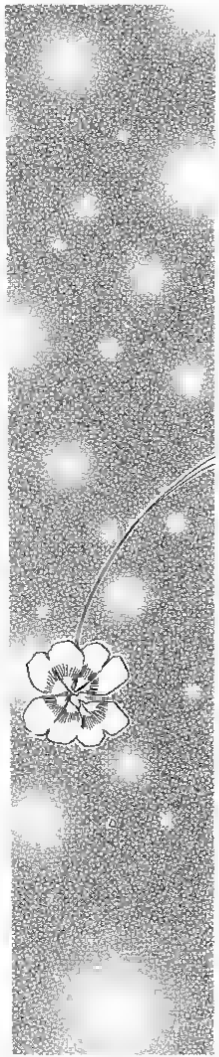
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God...





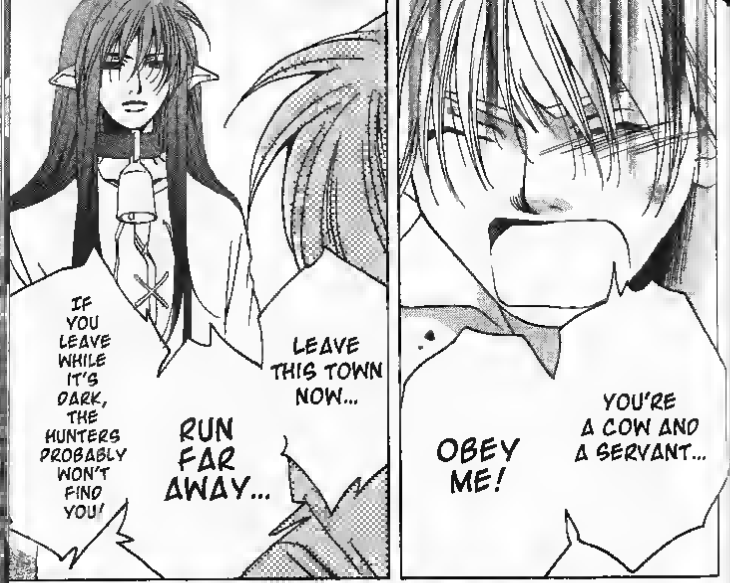


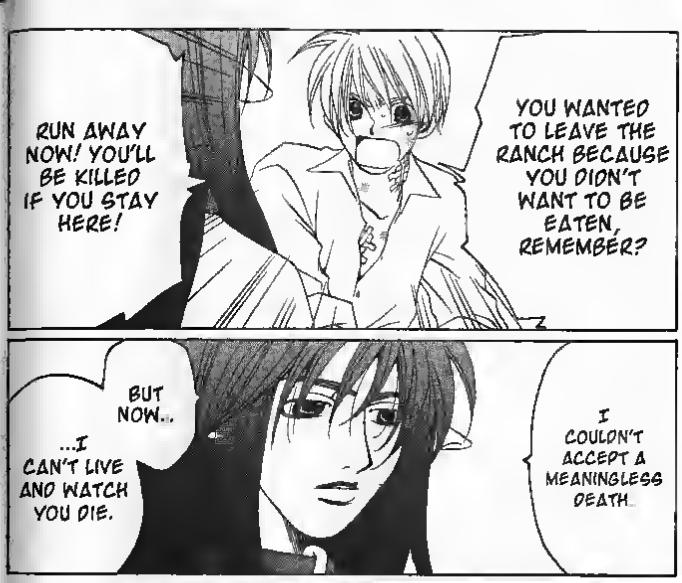



IF YOU DON'T EAT ME...
...SOMEONE ELSE WILL EAT ME LATER.

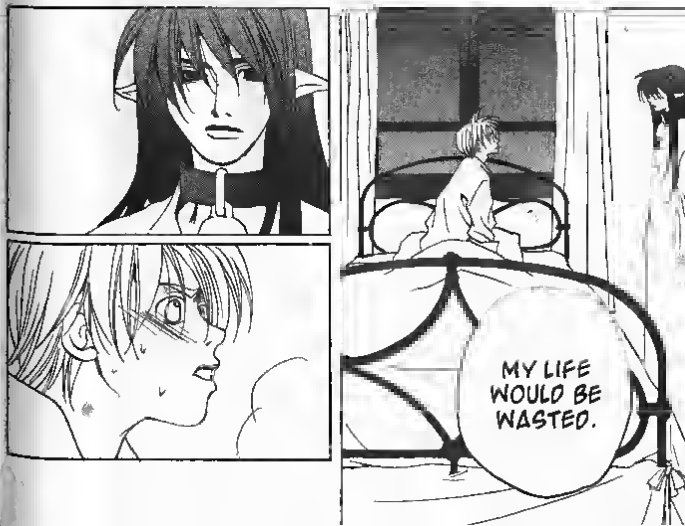



I'D RATHER DIE.
ESPECIALLY YOU, LAMDA..
...EATING A COW.
I'M NEVER...
...GRANDPA DIDN'T SELL YOU.
THAT'S PROBA-BLY WHY...
A COW LIKE YOU WOULDN'T TASTE GOOD.
YOU GREW TALLER AND DIDN'T PUT ON ANY WEIGHT...


IF YOU LEAVE WHILE IT'S DARK, THE HUNTERS PROBABLY WON'T FIND YOU!
RUN FAR AWAY...
LEAVE THIS TOWN NOW...
OBEY ME!
YOU'RE A COW AND A SERVANT...


RUN AWAY NOW! YOU'LL BE KILLED IF YOU STAY HERE!
YOU WANTED TO LEAVE THE RANCH BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE EATEN, REMEMBER?
...I CAN'T LIVE AND WATCH YOU DIE.
BUT NOW...
I COULDN'T ACCEPT A MEANINGLESS DEATH.


LAMDA!
MITSU...
YES!
AND GET WATER AND MONEY FOR FOOD TOO.
BRING A CAPE FOR LAMDA!
KIRARA! KIRARA!
YES?


MY LIFE WOULD BE WASTED.


...AND YOU'LL LOOK FOR ME.
...THAT YOU'LL GET BETTER...
PROMISE ME...


PLEASE
PLEASE PROMISE ME!


I'LL GO TO THE FRONT DOOR AND DIVERT THEIR ATTENTION.
YOU CAN LEAVE FROM THE BACK.
YOUR COWBELL WON'T RING THIS WAY.


PROMISE ME...
...THAT YOU'LL LOOK FOR ME.
MITSUHIKO!
MITSUHIKO...
GO QUICKLY!


MR. KUJO!
MR. KUJO!
MR. KUJO!
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE
QUICK! BE CAREFUL OF THE HUNTERS.
SOME-HOW...
SOMEHOW LET MITSUHIKO LIVE.


I PROMISE.


I PROMISE YOU.




MITSUHIKO!
IT WAS BECAUSE OF HIM...



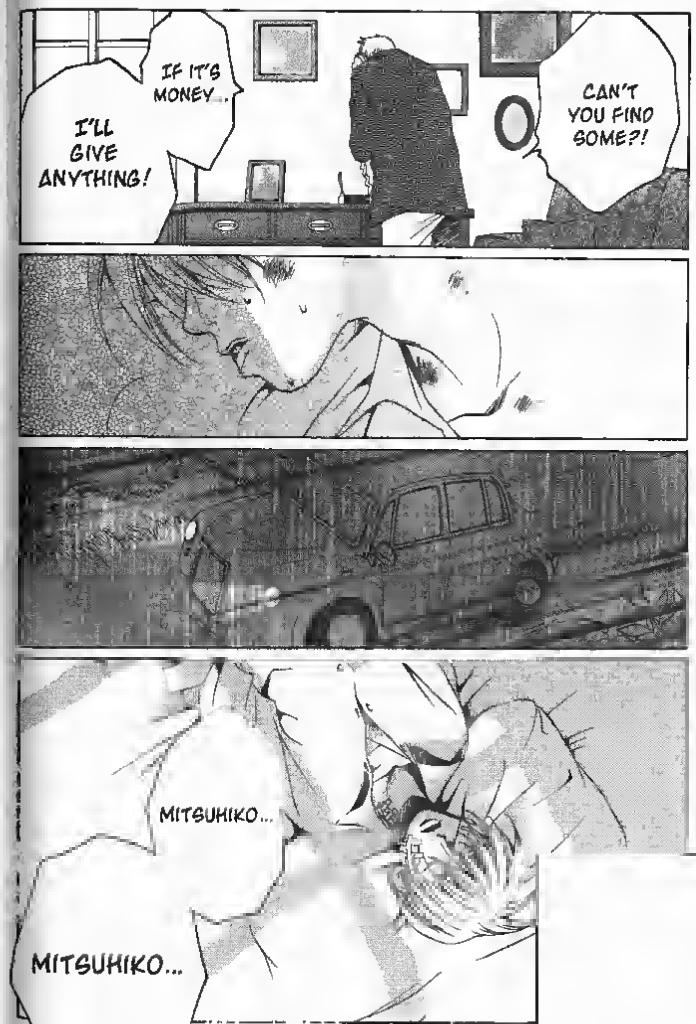



GOOD LUCK!


I'LL MAKE SURE HE KEEPS HIS PROMISE. DON'T WORRY.
I KNOW...

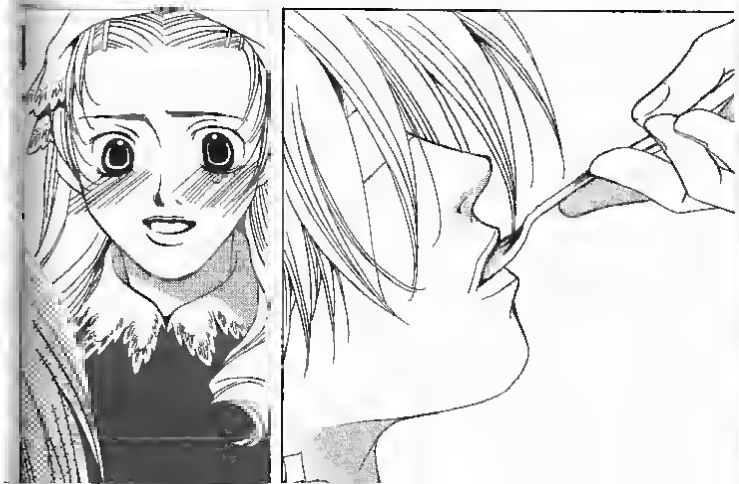

YOUR GRANDFATHER BOUGHT THEM ON THE BLACK MARKET.
MITSUHIKO, WE WERE ABLE TO GET SOME...
...SOME COW ORGANS.
YOU WON'T GET BETTER IF YOU DON'T EAT THE MEAT..
MITSUHIKO!
...AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP YOUR PROMISE TO LAMDA!
THIS IS MEDICINAL SOUP MADE WITH THE COW ORGANS...
MITSUHIKO, PLEASE!

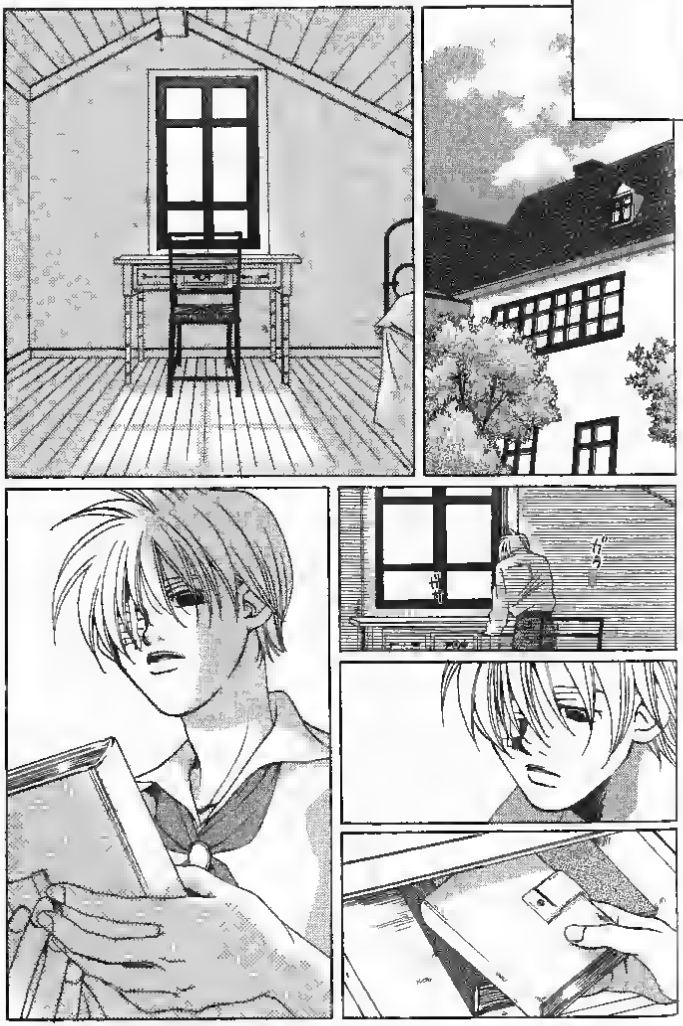



I'LL GIVE ANYTHING!
IF IT'S MONEY...
CAN'T YOU FIND SOME?!
MITSUHIKO...
MITSUHIKO...

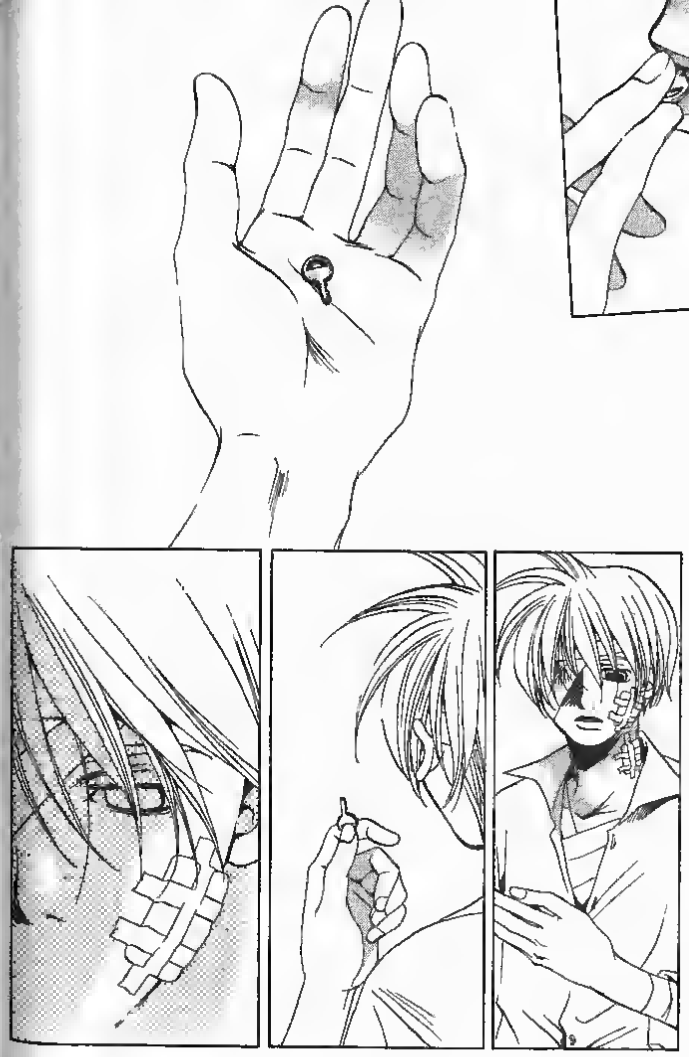

HMMM...
.....
IT'S GOOD...
REALLY GOOD.
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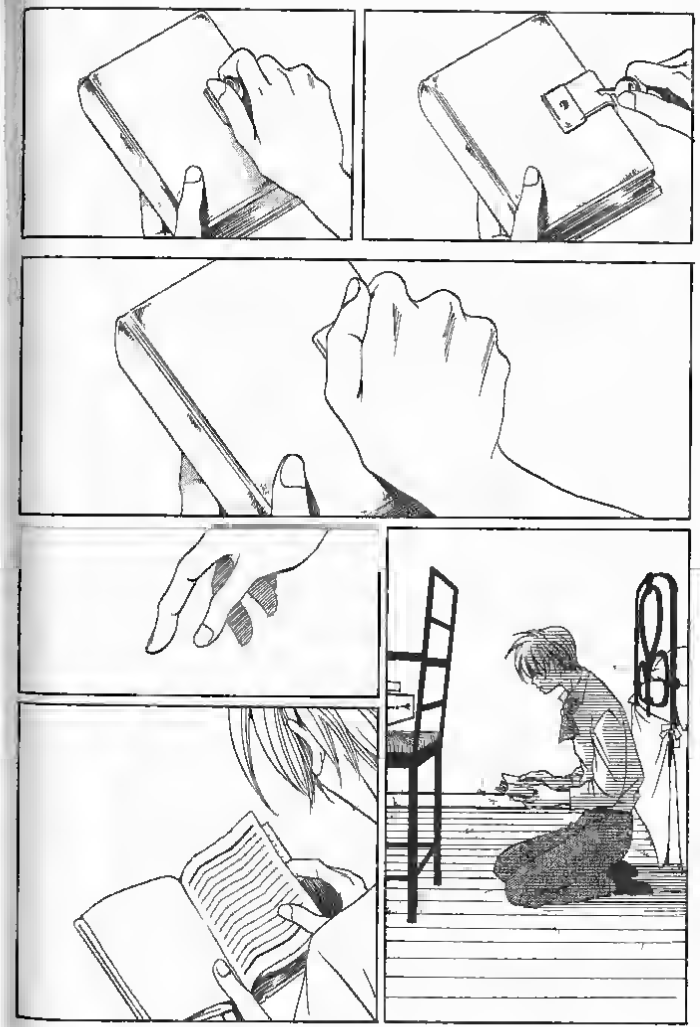







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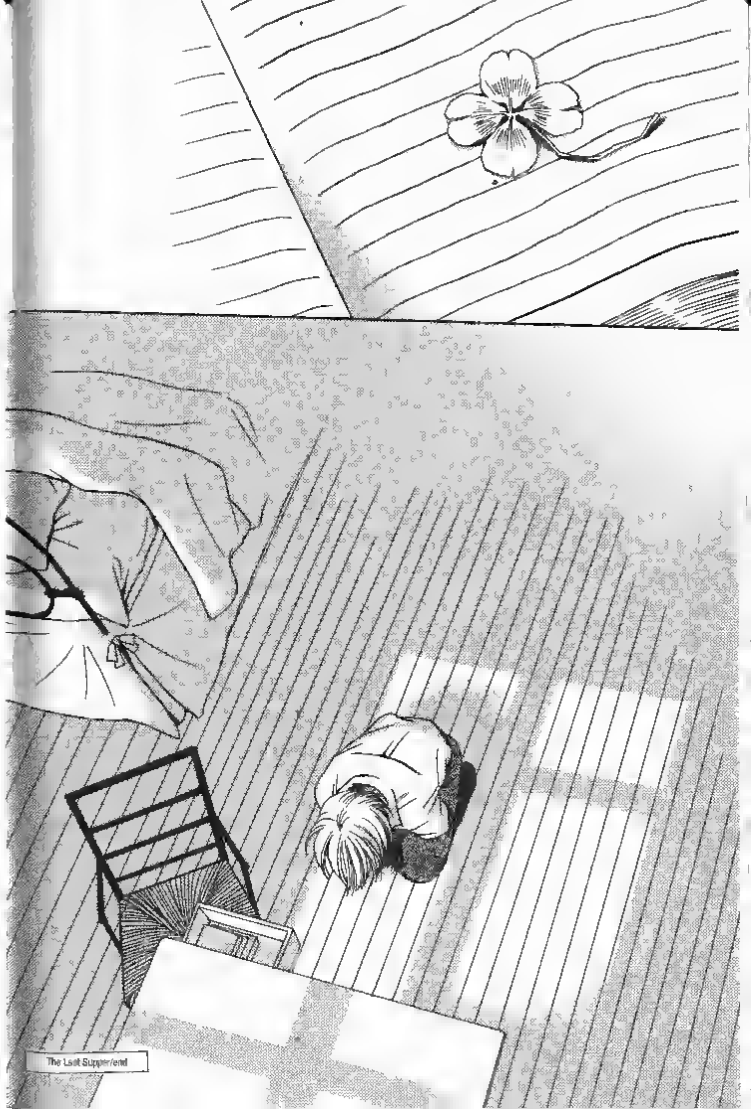




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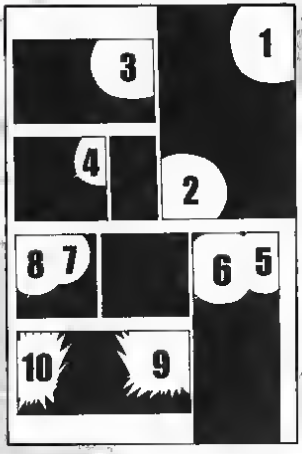
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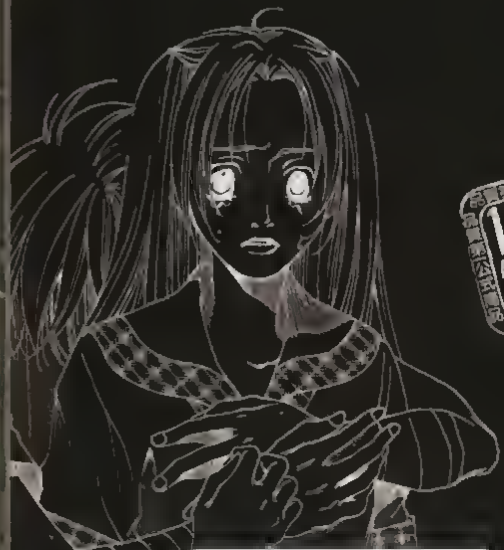
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