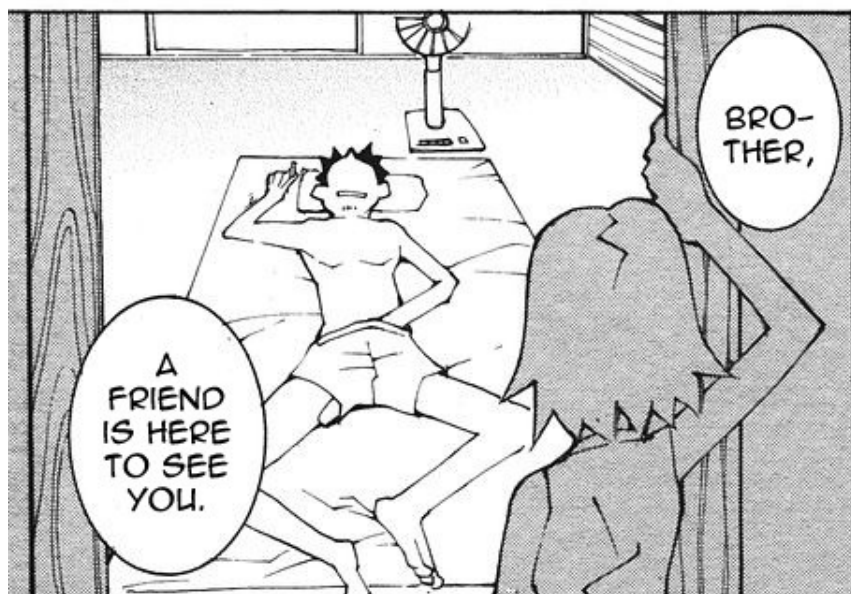
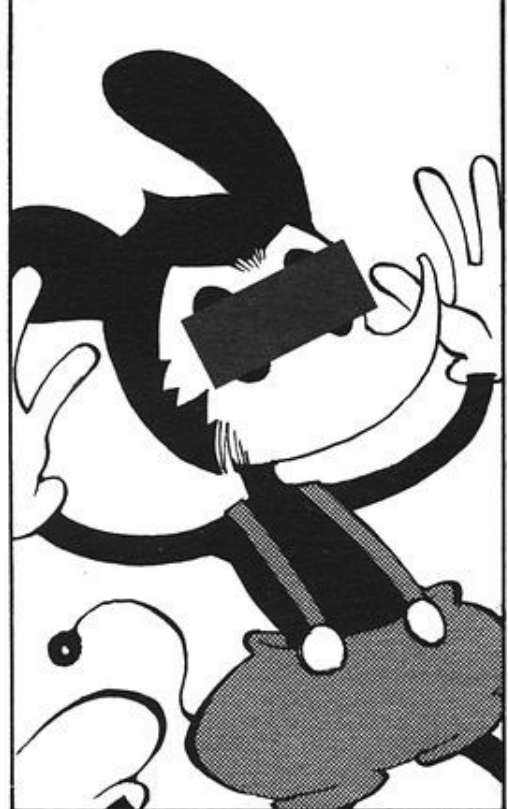


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...TO  
TELL YOU  
THE TRUTH,  
I NEVER  
REALLY  
UNDER-  
STOOD  
HER.

I DATED  
MIKO BACK  
IN HIGH  
SCHOOL.  
BUT...

I  
DRANK  
A BOTTLE  
OF YOUR  
MILK.

SHOICHI,  
IT'S BEEN  
A WHILE.





HEY,  
I'LL GIVE  
YOU A BLOW  
JOB.



SORRY,  
BUT WE  
DON'T HAVE  
ANY AIR-  
CONDIT-  
IONING.

BUT HEY,  
YOU'RE THE  
ONE WHO  
SAID WE  
SHOULD  
COME  
HERE.



IT  
DOESN'T  
HELP THAT  
IT'S SO  
HOT IN  
HERE!



I MEAN, IF  
I DID, SHE  
MIGHT'VE  
STOPPED.

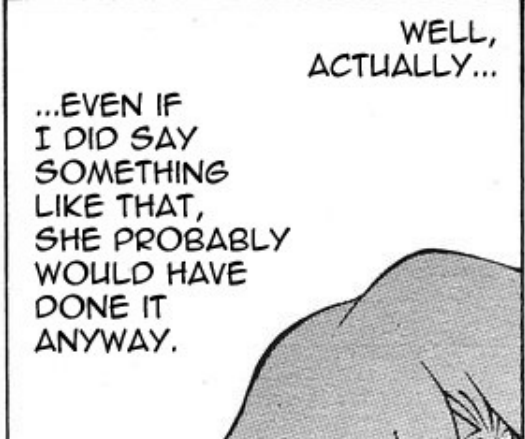


'OI, WHY  
ALL OF THE  
SUDDEN!?'  
IS WHAT I  
THOUGHT ABOUT  
SAYING, BUT  
I DECIDED  
NOT TO.



AND THAT  
SHE WAS  
GOING  
TO DATE  
26 GUYS  
IN ALPHA-  
BETICAL  
ORDER.

THERE  
WAS A RUMOR  
THAT MIKO WAS  
THE LOOSEST  
GIRL IN  
SCHOOL.



WELL,  
ACTUALLY...

...EVEN IF  
I DID SAY  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT,  
SHE PROBABLY  
WOULD HAVE  
DONE IT  
ANYWAY.



...SO  
I WAS  
PROBABLY  
LAST.

MY  
LAST  
NAME IS  
'WATANABE'





AFTER DATING FOR A WHILE, WE BROKE UP. I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE DATED AFTER ME, BUT I DON'T KNOW OF TOO MANY PEOPLE WITH A LAST NAME THAT STARTS WITH 'X,' SO...

THOUGH I  
GUESS IF SHE  
REALLY DID  
MANAGE TO FIND  
A GUY NAMED 'MR. X'  
TO DATE, I'D BE  
PRETTY IMPRESSED.



TIME  
CAPSULE  
?

I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
THAT AT  
ALL.

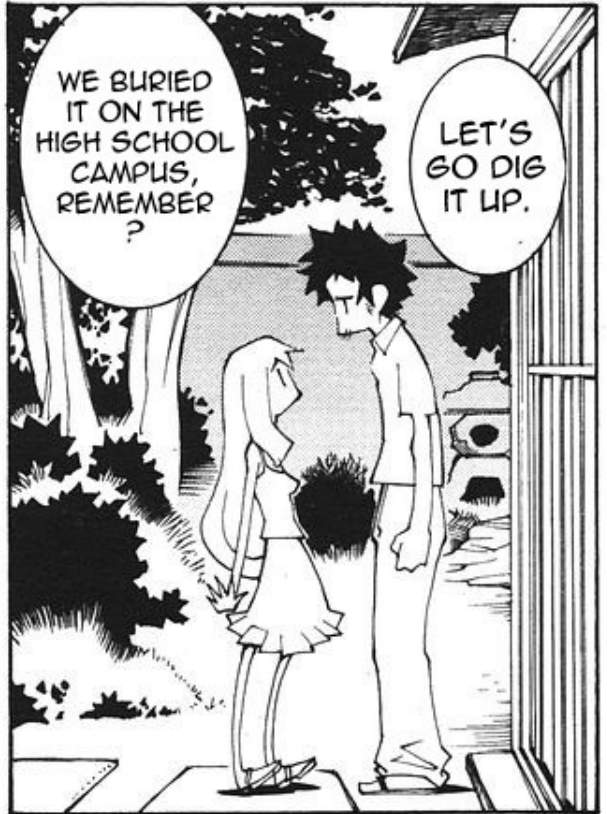
OHH,  
YEAH, UH,  
WE DID,  
DIDN'T  
WE...

WE BURIED  
IT ON THE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
CAMPUS,  
REMEMBER  
?

LET'S  
GO DIG  
IT UP.

...THAT  
WHEN YOU  
CAME BACK  
HERE, WE'D  
DIG IT UP.

I HAD  
DECIDED  
...



SHOICHI.

WELCOME  
BACK,

...THE MAP AND DIRECTIONS THAT MIKO HAD WRITTEN TO FIND IT WAS MADE UP OF NOTHING BUT OBTUSE RIDDLES. NOT EVEN SOMEONE WITH AN IQ OF 200 COULD HAVE FIGURED THEM OUT.

...LOOK AHEAD OF THE BLOOD-STAINED STATUE ON 7, 6, AND 5...

WHERE THE CAT'S EYES TWINKLE 7 TIMES ...



THE POPLAR TREES THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO MARK THE WAY HAD BEEN CUT DOWN, AND ON TOP OF THAT...

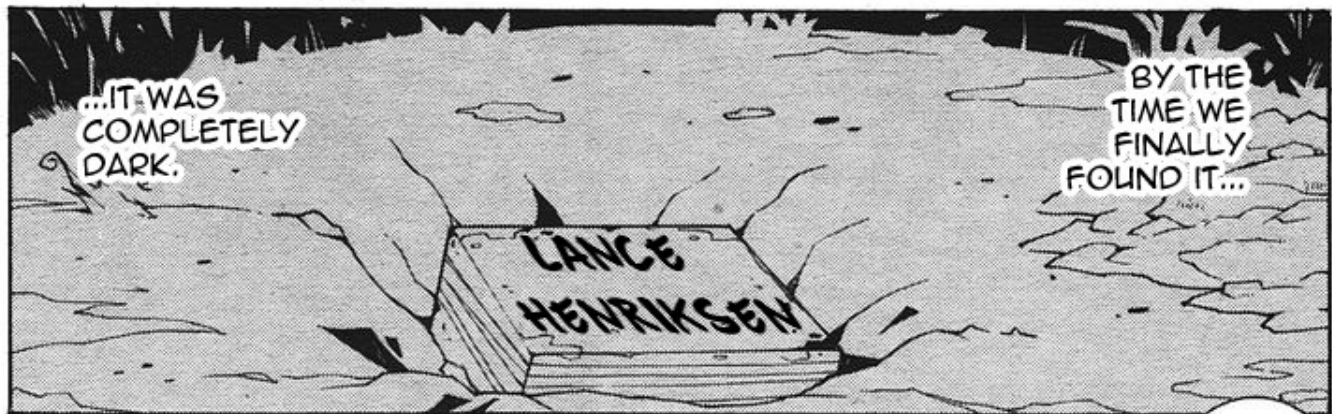


DIGGING UP THE CAPSULE TURNED INTO A HUGE MESS.

...IT WAS COMPLETELY DARK.

BY THE TIME WE FINALLY FOUND IT...

LANCE HENRIKSEN



WHAT-EVER.

LET'S OPEN IT.



IT WASN'T ME.

WELL IT WASN'T ME.



I DON'T KNOW.

DIDN'T YOU WRITE THAT?

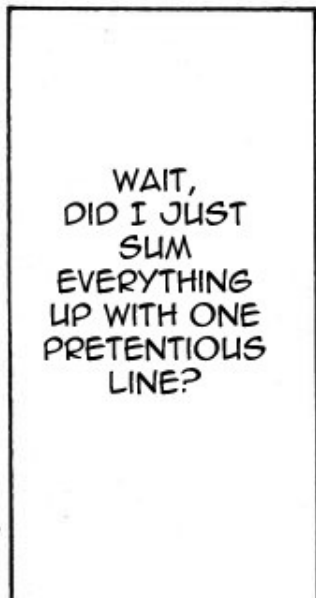
WHO'S LANCE HENRIKSEN ??





I MEAN, I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER BURYING A TIME CAPSULE IN THE FIRST PLACE...

MAYBE THE ONE SHE BURIED THIS WITH WAS 'MR. X...'





I'LL GIVE YOU A BLOW JOB.

I LIVE ALONE NOW.

WANT TO COME TO MY PLACE?

IT'S GOTTEN DARK, HASN'T IT?

YEAH.



MAYBE I COULD JUST BORROW YOUR SHOWER...

M-...



YEAH, IT HAS.

SINCE WE'VE SPENT TIME TOGETHER.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE,

I WANTED TO RUN BACK AND DIG UP THAT CAPSULE ONE MORE TIME, BUT...



ARE YOU SERIOUS?

EH

...I'VE NEVER DATED ANYONE BUT YOU, SHOICHI.

YOU KNOW, I...

...I KNEW THERE WAS NO WAY I'D BE ABLE TO DECIPHER MIKO'S MAP AGAIN.



YEAH.

IT'S THE TRUTH.

MIKO'S CAPSULE ● END