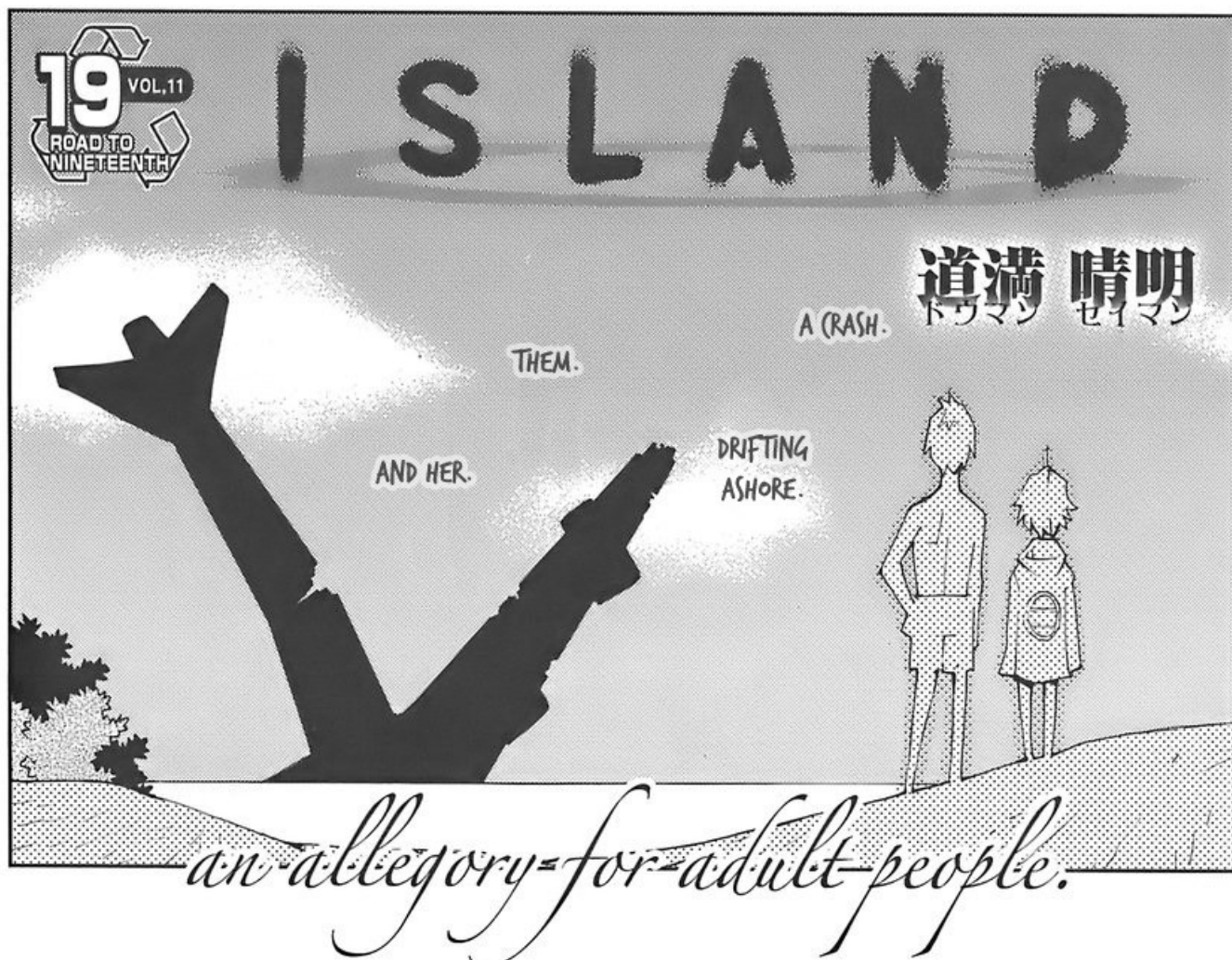


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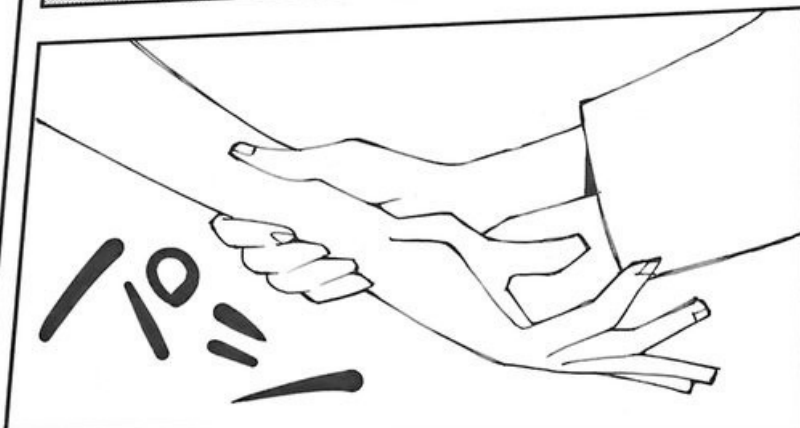


THE
BOAT IS
ALREADY
GONE.

THERE'S
NO HURRY,
IS THERE?



I GUESS
I SHOULD
GO TELL THE
OTHERS.



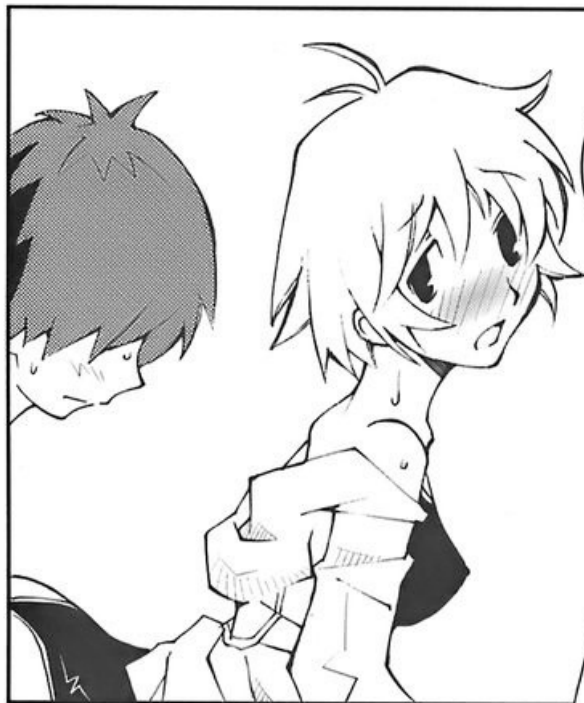
ON THE
BEACH.

OKAY?

FIRST
LET'S
REST,



...OKAY.





NO...

AH



THE
OTHERS
WILL FIND
OUT.

IF YOU
LEAVE A
MARK,



YOU'RE
BACK.

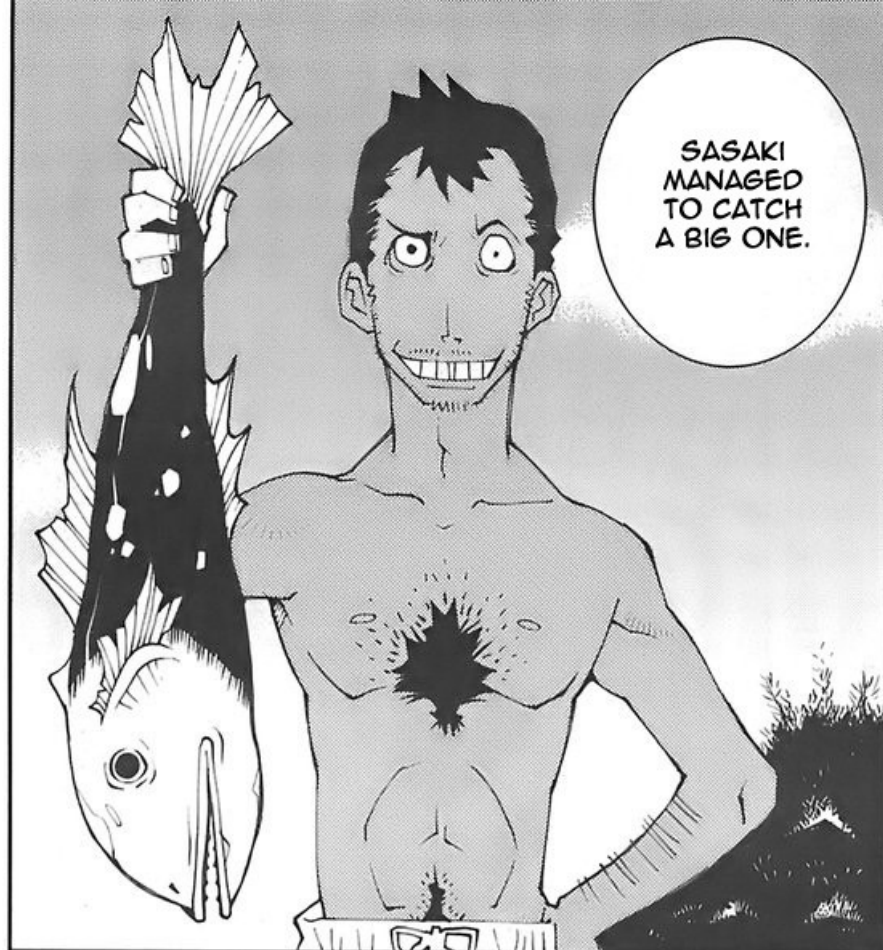
OH,



LET'S
KEEP OUR
RELATIONSHIP
A SECRET FOR
JUST A BIT
LONGER,

OKAY?

Y-YEAH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT...



SASAKI
MANAGED
TO CATCH
A BIG ONE.



OH,
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

SORRY
INOUE,
I KIND OF
LOST TRACK
OF TIME.



HE IS
A FREE DIVER,
AFTER ALL.

WHOA!



I KNOW
IT'S A LOT
TO ASK FOR
NOW, BUT,



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
'WHO
KNOWS'
...?

WHO
KNOWS
?

CAN
WE EAT
THAT?



AND
WE'VE HAD
NOTHING
BUT FISH
THE WHOLE
TIME.

IT'S
BEEN
THREE
WEEKS
SINCE WE
CAME
HERE,

I COULD
REALLY GO
FOR SOME
ACTUAL MEAT.
EVEN IF JUST
ONCE IN A
WHILE.

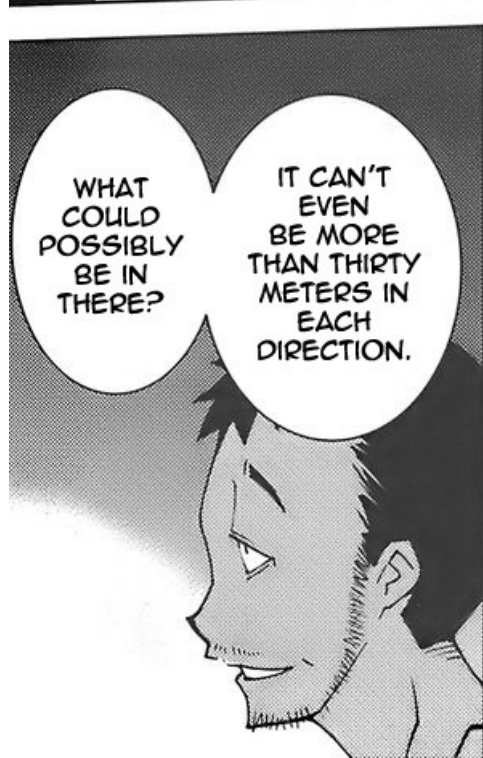


NO,
YOU
CAN'T!



MAYBE
WE SHOULD
CHECK OUT
THAT SMALL
THICKET
THEN?

MAYBE
THERE'S
SOME RATS
IN THERE OR
SOMETHING.



WHAT
COULD
POSSIBLY
BE IN
THERE?

IT CAN'T
EVEN
BE MORE
THAN THIRTY
METERS IN
EACH
DIRECTION.



THAT
THICKET
GIVES ME
A BAD
FEELING...

WHAT
I MEAN
IS...

ISLAND

OF A
LABYRINTH?

HAVE
YOU EVER
HEARD...

BOTH
KAKUTA AND
FUKUYAMA
HAVEN'T
COME
BACK...

WELL,

THERE'S
NO WAY A
TENGLU OR
MASAKADO
COULD
BE ON THIS
ISLAND
THOUGH,
RIGHT?

EH,

IT'S
FORBIDDEN TO
ENTER, AND
ANYONE WHO
DOES IS
NEVER SEEN
AGAIN.

THERE'S A
SMALL THICKET
IN CHIBA,
ICHIKAWA.
BUT,

THEY SAY
IT HAS
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
THE CURSE OF
TAIRA MASAKADO,
OR PERHAPS
TENGLU...

...

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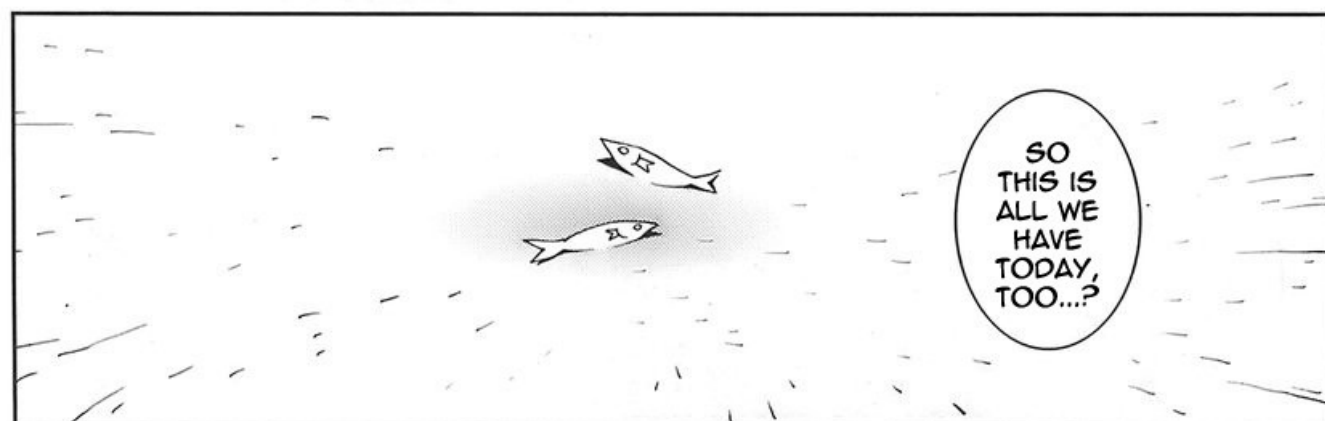
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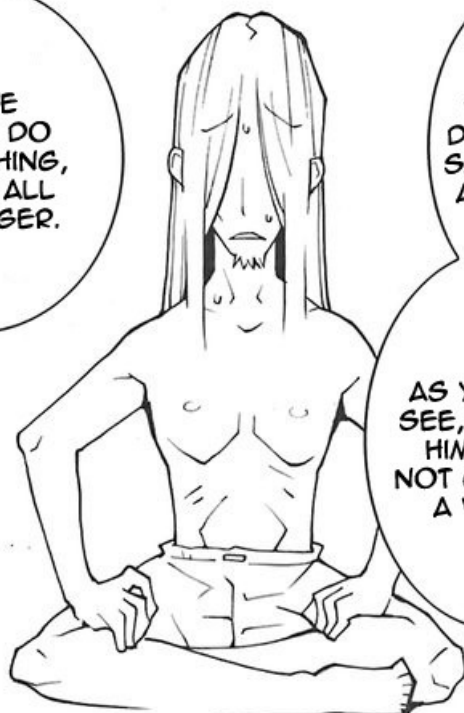
THAT DAY,
SASAKI
DISAPPEARED.





I THINK
WE SHOULD
CHECK OUT
THAT THICKET
AFTER ALL.

IF WE
DON'T DO
SOMETHING,
WE'RE ALL
IN DANGER.



IT'S
BEEN TEN
DAYS SINCE
SASAKI DIS-
APPEARED.

AS YOU CAN
SEE, WITHOUT
HIM WE'RE
NOT CATCHING
A WHOLE
LOT.

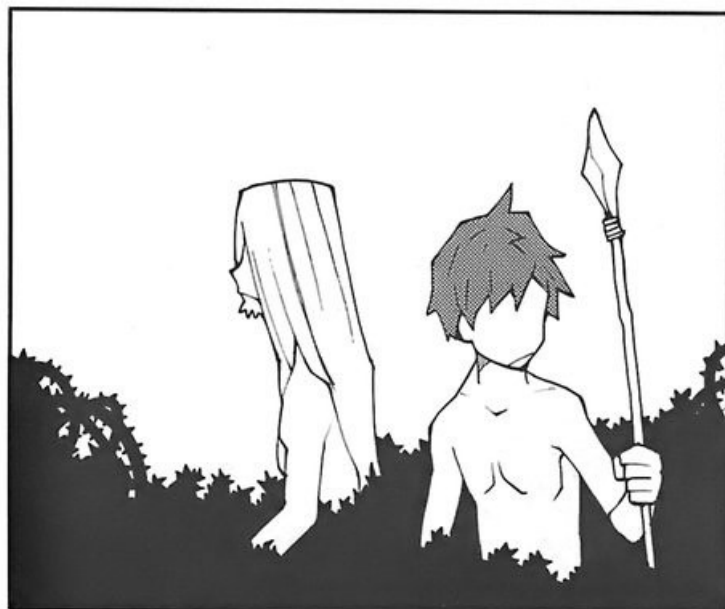


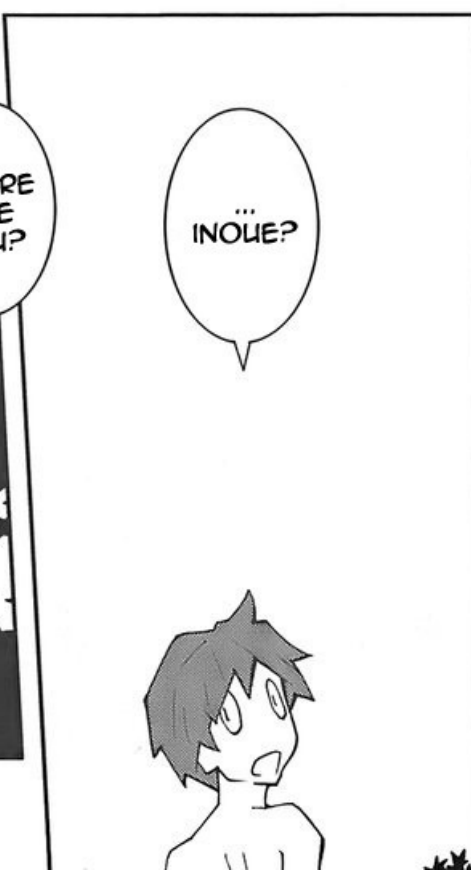
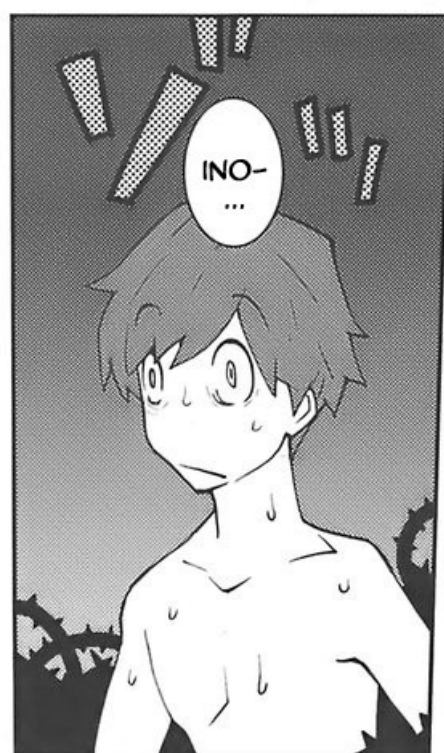
BE
CAREFUL.

OKAY.



JUST IN
CASE, YOU
WAIT HERE.





YEAH,
JUST US.

WHAT A
DISASTER...

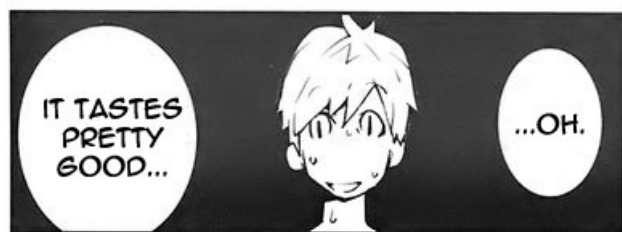
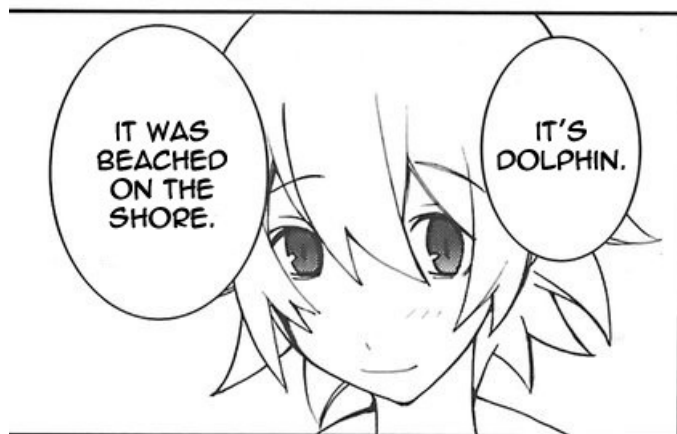
IS THIS
ALL THE
SURVIVORS?

JUST FIVE
PEOPLE...

THANK
GOODNESS.

OH,
YOU'RE
AWAKE.





ISLAND

