

A TALE OF A LITTLE BIRD THAT SWOOPED DOWN UPON ME.

HUH?

荒井啓 Kei Arai
Presents



I'M SO
TERRIBLY
SORRY!

YOU
DON'T
HAVE
ANY
MONEY?

UM...I
WAS JUST
WALKING BY,
AND THIS
DELICIOUS
SMELL HIT
ME AND
MADE ME
WEAK AT THE
KNEES...

Sigh
...
THERE'S NO
SENSE TRYING
TO GET BLOOD
OUT OF A
STONE. JUST
GET OUT OF
HERE, GO
HOME OR
SOMETHING.

EH?

ALL RIGHT
ALREADY.





WAAH!

SHE SAID
HER NAME
WAS...AOI
KIRISHIMA.

AOI!
ORDER'S
UP...!

Not
again

I ENDED UP
GIVING HER
A JOB, BUT
SHE WAS SO
OBLIVIOUS TO
THE WAYS OF
THE WORLD
SHE WAS
WORSE THAN
USELESS.

UUUH...

OW

I-I'm
really
sorry.

Are
you all
right?

IT MADE
MANAGING
THE STORE
EVEN
HARDER...



EVEN MORE THE PITY, THEN...



WELL, WELL! I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT JINROKU WOULD HIRE A PRETTY YOUNG WAITRESS LIKE YOU!

YEAH, WELL ... THERE WERE COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES ...



SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

TINK



THE WORLD CAN BE A CRUEL PLACE, SOMETIMES...



SO YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO CLOSE THE SHOP?



YES... EVEN THOUGH WE'RE DOING ALL RIGHT, I STILL CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE LOAN PAYMENTS...



DON'T WORRY. I'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU GET PAID, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...



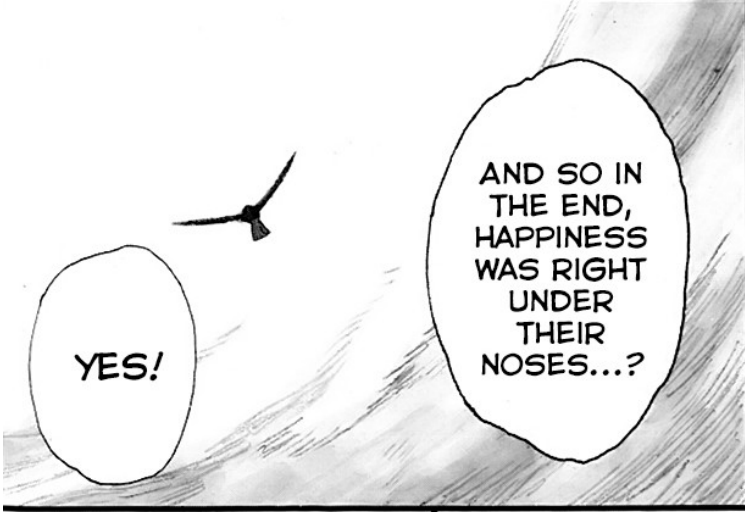
THANKS!



HM? OH!

MASTER, UM...

MAYBE I SHOULD FIRE HER EARLY...



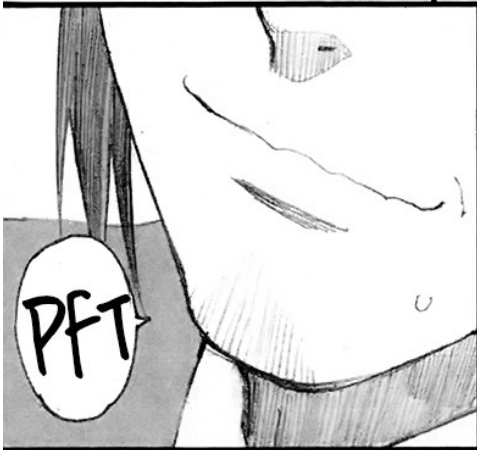
YES!

AND SO IN THE END, HAPPINESS WAS RIGHT UNDER THEIR NOSES...?



EH?

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY OF THE BLUE BIRD?



PFT



WHAT'S SO FUNNY ABOUT THAT?!



SORRY, SORRY.

SO WHEN I GET ARRESTED, IT'LL MAKE ME HAPPY?

Ha ha



AND YOU SEE...

I AM THAT BLUE BIRD!



YOU
DON'T THINK
I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO
FIND HAPPI-
NESS RIGHT
FROM THE
START?

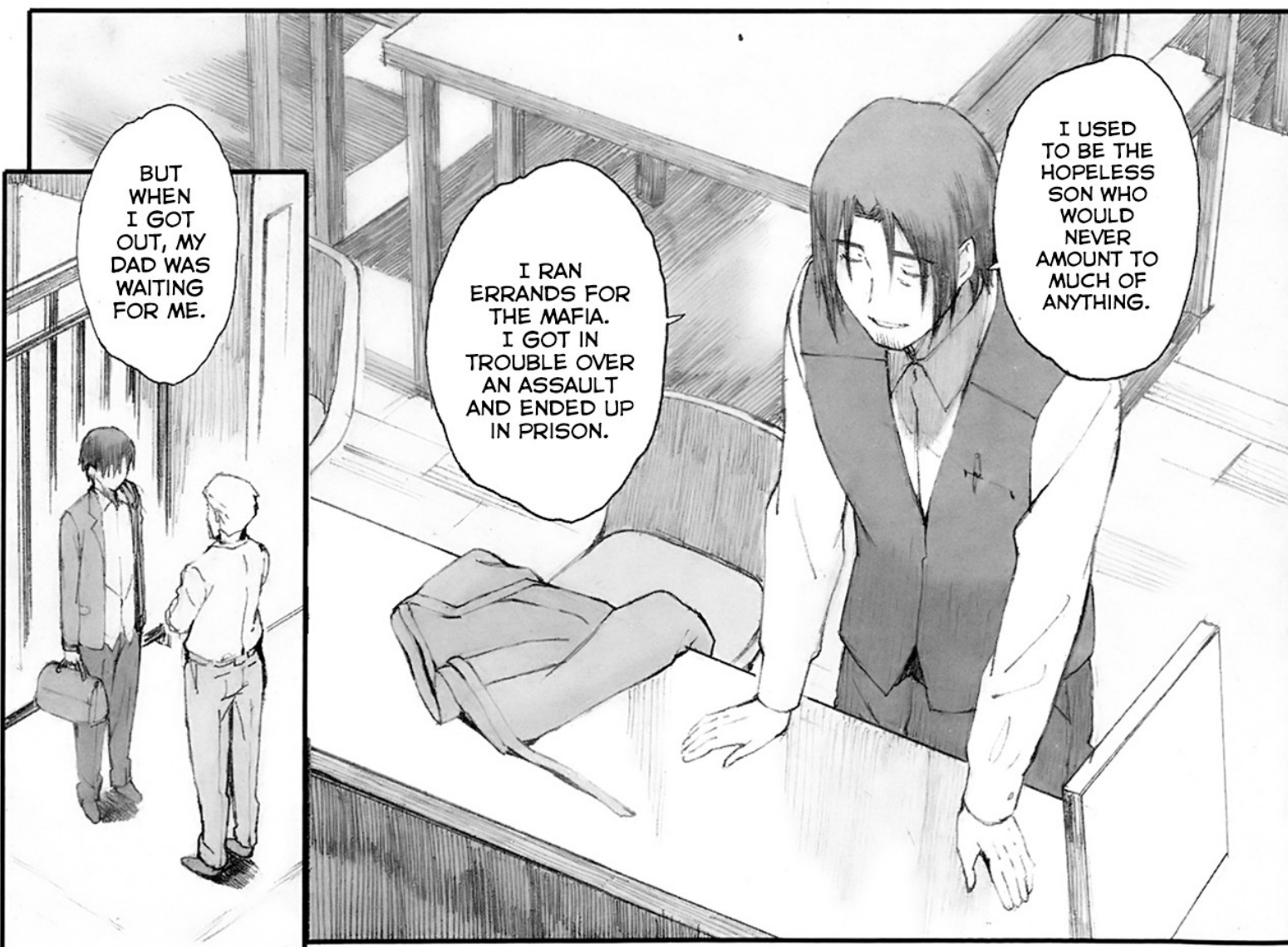


BUT MY
FATHER
BUILT THIS
STORE WITH
HIS OWN
HANDS.



WELL,
YOU
KNOW.

I'M
GRATEFUL
THAT YOU
CARE
ENOUGH
TO WORRY
ABOUT
ME.



I USED
TO BE THE
HOPELESS
SON WHO
WOULD
NEVER
AMOUNT TO
MUCH OF
ANYTHING.

I RAN
ERRANDS FOR
THE MAFIA.
I GOT IN
TROUBLE OVER
AN ASSAULT
AND ENDED UP
IN PRISON.

BUT
WHEN
I GOT
OUT, MY
DAD WAS
WAITING
FOR ME.



SO I
TOOK OVER,
AND THAT'S
HOW THINGS
ENDED UP
LIKE THIS...



AFTER
THAT HE
GOT PRETTY
SICK AND
COULDN'T
RUN THE
BUSINESS
ANYMORE...



!?

I KNOW
JUST WHAT
TO DO!



YOU'RE
NOT
DOING
THAT
AGAIN...

H...
HEY!



WHY
DON'T
YOU LET
ME HELP,
TOO?



YOU'RE
NOT THE
ONLY ONE
WHO WANTS
TO PROTECT
YOUR
FATHER'S
BUSINESS,
YOU KNOW?

BOING



AOI...

WHAT-
EVER YOU
WANT...I'M
SURE I CAN
MAKE IT
HAPPEN!



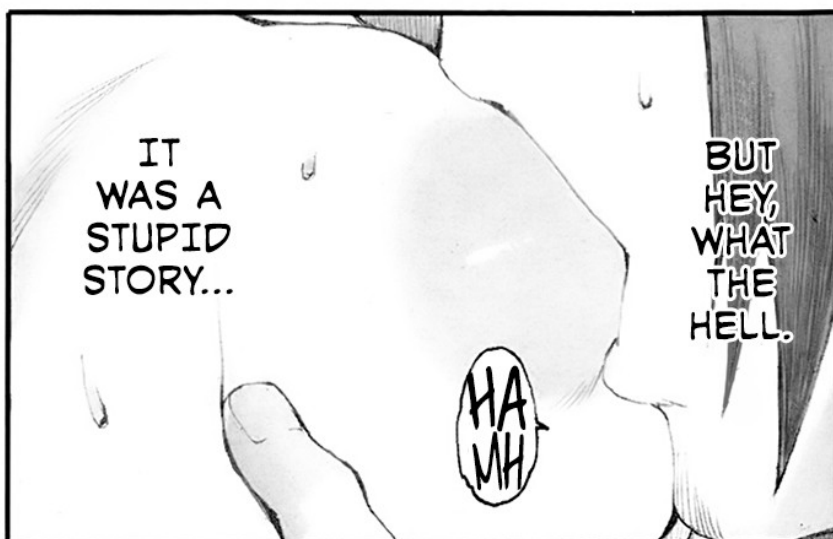
BUT I
WANT
TO BE-
LIEVE
HER.

SUCK

SUCK



SHE
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS...



IT
WAS A
STUPID
STORY...

BUT
HEY,
WHAT
THE
HELL.

HA
HA





It hap-
pened
again...



I WANT
YOU TO
DO ME A
FAVOUR.

He
drives
me
crazy.

!?

TAKE MY
PUSSY...

AND
USE IT
UNTIL YOU
CAN'T USE
IT ANY-
MORE!

Nn
♡

Nn
♡

Mnn
♡

THAT'S
NOT REALLY
SOMETHING
YOU SHOULD
BE ASKING
SOMEONE
TO DO.

UM, YOU
KNOW...

Kisses

!!



Nn
aah



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AH...

SO
GODDAMN
GOOD!

WHAT
IS
THIS?

AH



AH



SHE
FEELS
...



FUCKING
HER!

P...
PLEASE!

I
CAN'T
STOP...

HARDER!
...FUCK ME
HARDER!

AAH!

AH!

UH...
AH...
I'M
GONNA...
COME!

AH!

AH!



MAYBE SHE
REALLY IS
THE BLUE
BIRD...



THE NEXT DAY
WE STARTED
TO GET MORE
CUSTOMERS,
UNTIL WE
WERE ALMOST
ALWAYS FULL.



WEL-
COME!



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WHAT?
I CAN'T
ACCEPT
THIS!



IT'S
FINE. WE
HAD A
REALLY
GOOD
MONTH.

NO
WAY...



HUH?

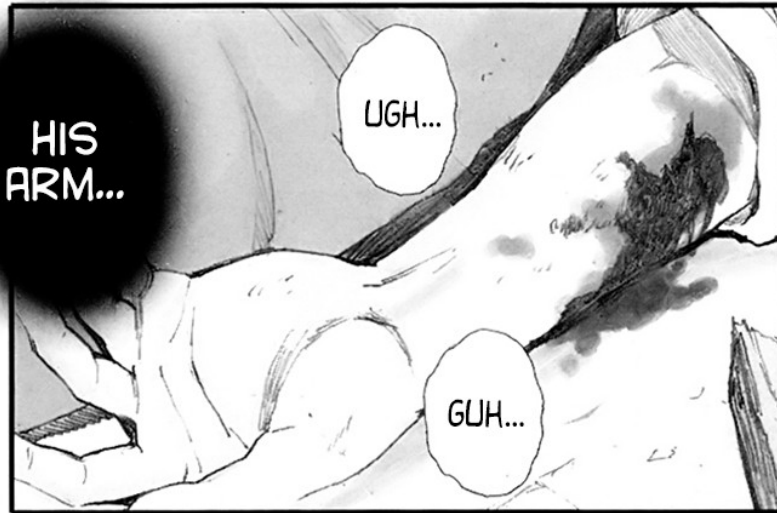


HERE
YOU
GO.

Bon
Pay
June.







ARE YOU
APOLO-
GIZING...?

WHY...

I DON'T
KNOW...

I KNEW
IT...

I
SHOULD
NEVER
HAVE
RUN
AWAY...

WHAT'S
SHE'S...

WHAT
...?

YOU SAID...
YOU SAID I
MADE YOU
HAPPY, AND
THEN
THIS...

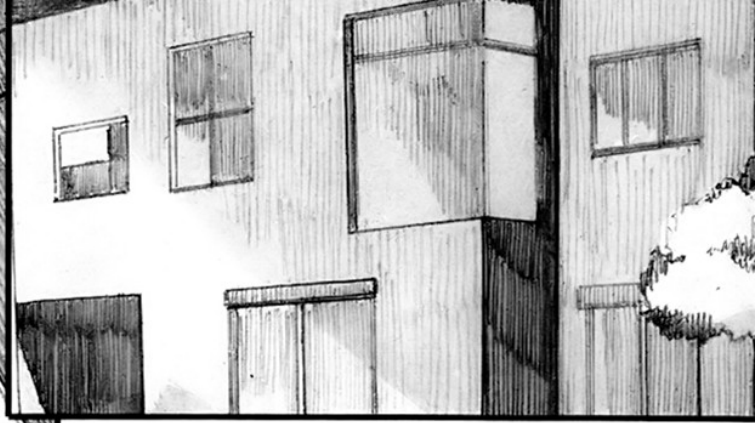
I'M SO
SORRY...

I'M
GONNA
PASS
OUT...

SHIT...



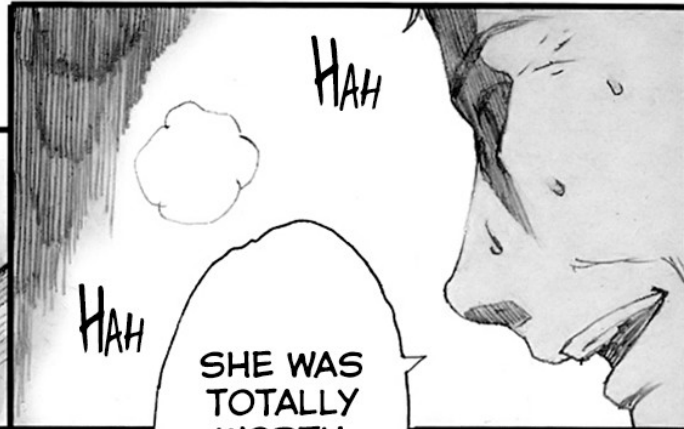
OH
SHE'S YEAH.
JUST AS
TIGHT AS
THEY SAID
SHE WAS.



SPLURT

BUT IS
IT REALLY
TRUE THAT
IF YOU
SLEEP WITH
HER, IT WILL
BRING YOU
HAPPI-
NESS...?

HELL IF
I KNOW.



HAA

HAA

SHE WAS
TOTALLY
WORTH
WAITING
FOR.



HA

HA

BWAH

BUT IN A RECESSION, PEOPLE CLING TO FAIRY TALES LIKE THAT.

EITHER WAY, ANY STORY THAT GETS YOU A CONTRACT TO FUCK A HOT GIRL LIKE THIS CAN'T BE ALL BAD.

SLIDE...

WHAT AN ASSHOLE HER FATHER IS.





MASTER...



EVEN
THOUGH
THEY'RE
NOT BLOOD
RELATIVES,
TO USE
HIS OWN
DAUGHTER
AS A TOOL TO
ADVANCE HIS
COMPANY...



HEHE...



IT
CAN'T
BE...



SO YOU'RE
FINALLY
BACK. WHERE
HAVE YOU
BEEN ALL
THIS TIME?



I'LL BE
PUTTING YOU
TO WORK
AGAIN, STARTING
TOMORROW. THE
CUSTOMERS
HAVE BEEN
WAITING FOR
YOU.

ARE YOU
THE ONE WHO
ORDERED
THAT SHOP
DESTROYED,
FATHER?



YOU KNOW
THAT IN THE
END YOU WILL
DIE AS A BLACK
BIRD, WHETHER
YOU'RE IN
CAPTIVITY OR
NOT.



YOU
KNEW THIS
WOULD
HAPPEN.
YOU ARE
NOT FREE.



I'M
VERY
HAPPY
FOR
YOU.

YES, THERE
ARE MORE AND
MORE HAPPY
CUSTOMERS
EVERY DAY, SO
IT SEEMS LIKE
A RIGHT THING
TO DO.

SO YOU'RE
KEEPING
THE SHOP
GOING?
THAT'S
EXCELLENT
NEWS!



I DON'T
REALLY
KNOW...

I SUPPOSE
I'LL NEVER
REALLY KNOW
WHETHER
THAT WAS
PART OF HER
POWERS OR
NOT...

EVEN
AFTER SHE
LEFT, THE
CUSTOMERS
KEPT
COMING.

BUT
WHERE
DID
THAT
LOVELY
GIRL GO
TO...?

BUT I
FEEL THAT
IF I KEEP
WORKING
HARD, MAYBE
I WILL MEET
HER AGAIN
SOMEDAY...

THEN I
SUPPOSE I
HAVE TO
BELIEVE...

I KNOW
I WILL!

BUT IF
THERE ARE
MIRACLES
OF HAPPY-
NESS...