









EACH
TIME WE
HAD THAT
EVENT, OUR
RELATION-
SHIP
DEEPENED.

1
YEAR...
THEN
2
YEARS.

SINCE
THEN, WE
BECAME
CLOSE
FRIENDS...



I-I
WONDER
IF I CAN
CATCH
IT-...?

IT LOOKS
LIKE YOU CAN
CATCH IT WHEN
IT'S COMING
FROM THE
OTHER SIDE,
DOESN'T IT?

AND AS OF
THIS YEAR,
WE'RE HIGH
SCHOOL
SENIORS,

SO OF
COURSE WE
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
SEE EACH
OTHER
NEXT YEAR.



.....WHEN I
THINK ABOUT
IT, IT WAS
A PRETTY
WEIRD WAY
FOR US TO
HAVE MET...



THIS
IS OUR
BEST
CHANCE.
♡

FOR US
GIRLS
WHO HAVE
"TARGETS"

SIMPLY
PUT...

SENSEI
SAID,
AS LONG AS
WE AREN'T
OUT TOO
LATE, WE
CAN GO...

—TO
PUT IT
SIMPLY.

THIS
YEAR IS
SPECIAL
IN THAT
WE'RE
TAKING
PART IN
THE LOCAL
FESTIVAL.

LISTEN
UP

WHAT
DOOOO
WE DO?
WHAT
DOOOO
WE DO?

"TARGETS",
HUH...

OOOOH!

SERIOUS-
LY?!



WE'LL BE
ABLE TO SEE
BLOOMING
FLOWERS
OF LIGHT
OF VARIOUS
COLORS IN THE
MIDSUMMER
NIGHT SKY.

WELL,
LET'S JOIN
THE OTHERS
NIGHTGAZING.

THEY'RE
GOING TO
START
LAUNCHING
THEM REAL-
LY SOON.



OOH!

THE
"MATCHING
PAIR" I
WANTED...

Ehe~

I FINALLY
CAUGHT
IT...
♪



I GET IT
NOW... THIS
WILL BE
REALLY
FUN... TH-

THE FIRE-
WORKS...



Y-
YEAH...



EEH...

EVEN
THOUGH
WE JUST
GOT OFF
THE MAIN
STREET
A LITTLE
BIT...

THERE'S
NO ONE
HERE
AT ALL.

WE CAN
EVEN
WATCH THE
FIREWORKS
FROM
REALLY
CLOSE UP
HERE.

IT'S A
REALLY
GOOD
SECRET
SPOT...

...I-IS
WHAT MY
FRIENDS
TOLD ME.

WAS JUST FILLED WITH ALL THE VARIOUS THOUGHTS THAT I FELT I JUST HAD TO TELL HER ABOUT.

MY MIND

EVEN THOUGH THE FIREWORKS HAD STARTED, AS I SAID THE WORD "FUN" I DIDN'T REALLY NOTICE THEM... ALL THAT MUCH—

I'll some-how...

Well, this is gonna end in who knows how many minutes

so, I've got until then...

.....

BUT THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US SLOWLY BUT SURELY DISAPPEARED...

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TENS OF SECONDS PASSED,

BOTH ME AND TSUBAME-CHAN COMPLETELY STOPPED WATCHING THE FIREWORKS...

...MY HEART SKIPPED A BEAT.

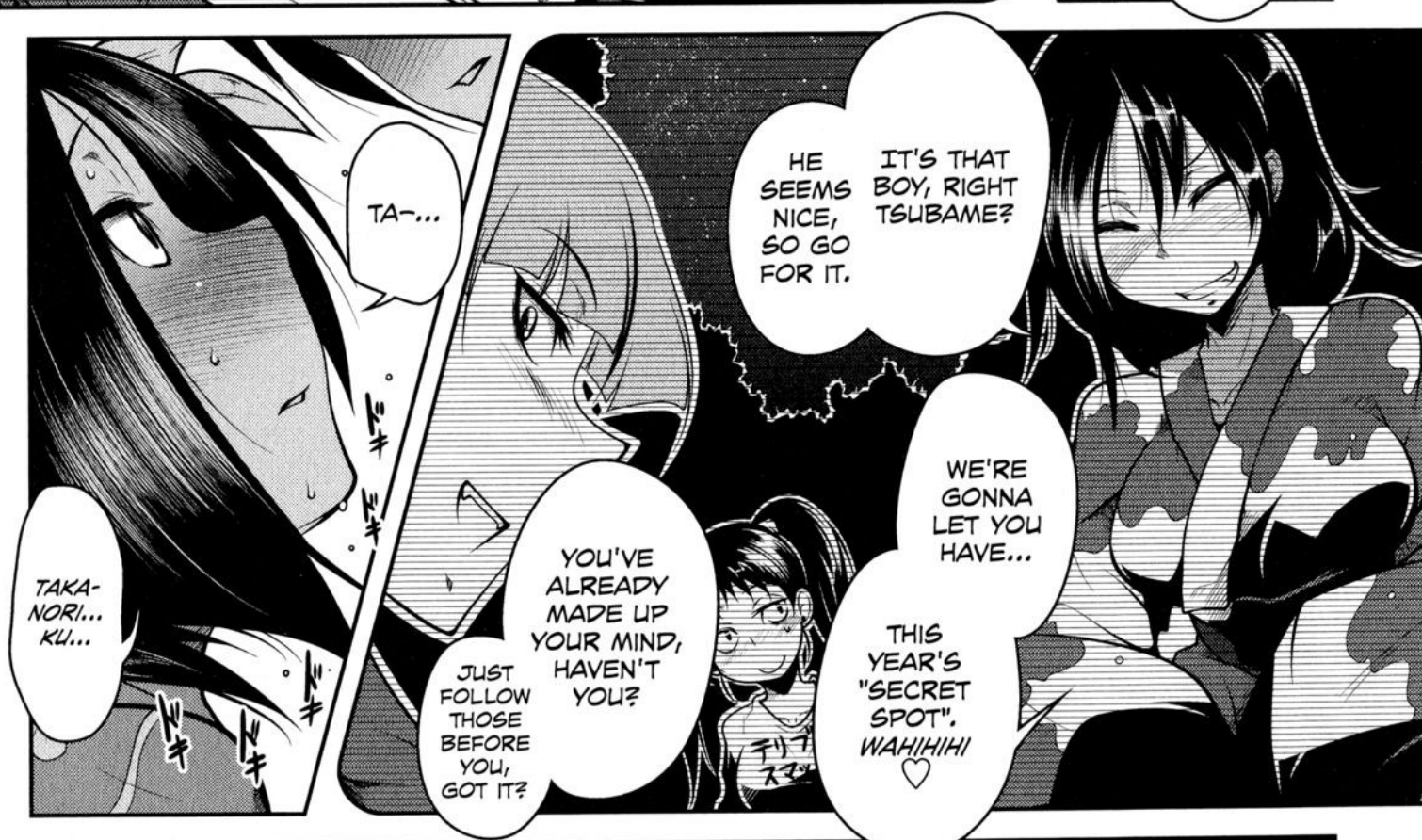
THE PLACE WHERE OUR BODIES WERE CONNECTED

BECAME DAMP WITH SWEAT.

...AND OUR EYES MET.

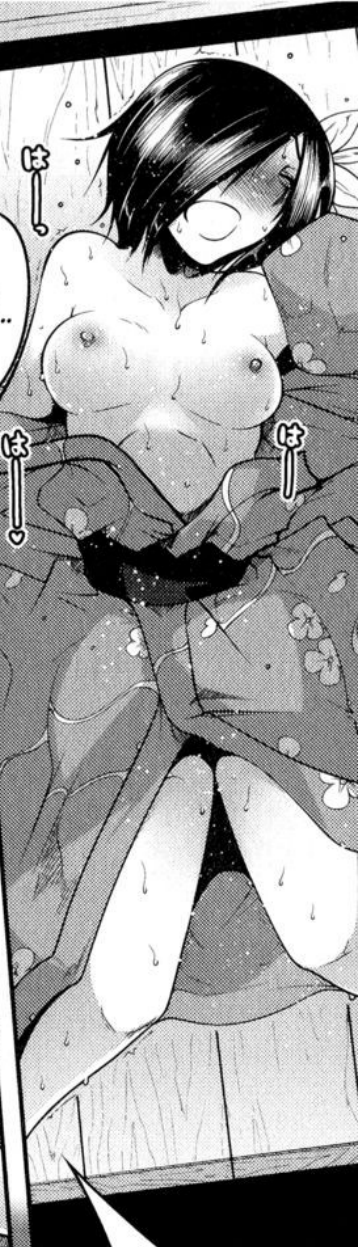
I COULDN'T BREAK FREE FROM HER EYES.

.....













.....The...
n-next
time...?

WE CAN
DO IT
THE NEXT
TIME WE
HAVE A
CHANCE...

I-IF IT
HURTS,
SHOULDN'T
WE
STOP...?

IT'S
MY...
FIRST
TIME AS
WELL.

SORRY...
I WAS...
PLANNING
ON DOING
IT SLOWLY
BUT...

THIS MUCH
BLOOD...

Uu...uh...

wanted
to... let you
know how
I feel...

I've...

I
d-
I don't
want
tha...at.

Since 1 year
ago. 2 years
ago... Always.

I just
didn't
have the
courage...
so I kept
putting
it off...

ふふふ
ふふふ
ふふふ



That's why
it has to be...
today...

I
regretted...
not telling
you those
times...

.....I
WAS
SO
HAPPY
...

I don't
want it
to be...
next
time...



I-IT'S...
ALL IN
NOW...

YEAH...
JUST A BIT
MORE AND...
IT'LL BE
ALL...

Taka...nori-
kun... i-is
it in?

BUT EVEN
MORE THAN
THAT,
TSUBAME-
CHAN...

THESE
WORDS
SHE SAID
TO ME JUST
NOW WERE
CLEARLY A
CONFESSION.

OF COURSE,
I WAS SO
HAPPY I DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT
TO DO WITH
MYSELF.

R-Really...?

Y-Yeah,
I think...

AND WAS
TROUBLED
FOR MY
SAKE
MADE ME...

SHE'S
ALWAYS
HAD THE
SAME
FEELINGS
AS MYSELF

THE
FACT
THAT

THEN...
CAN I
MOVE...?
IS THAT
FINE?

W-We
did it...
♡

it's like...
something
weird is
getting
mixed in.
...that
sort of
feeling...

Nh

Y-Yeah...
It still
hurts a
little
but

W-WHAT
SHOULD I
DO... DOES
IT STILL
HURT...?

HOW
ABOUT
YOU TRY
OUT
MOVING
AS YOU
LIKE...?

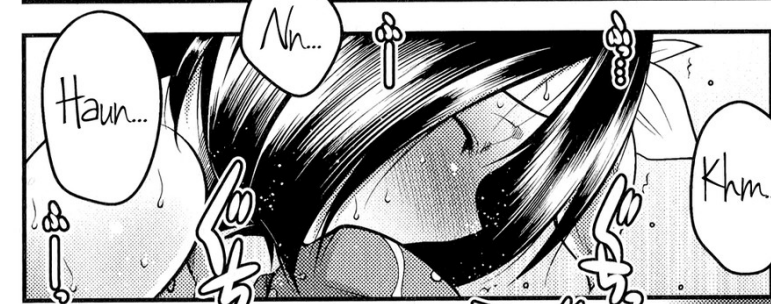
THEN...
TSUBAME-
CHAN,

Fueh...?

Nnh...I...
I don't
know...

Haaa...
♡

IS IT...
STARTING
TO FEEL
BETTER
NOW?





Eh...

T-TSUBAME-CHAN...

Nh

Nh

I-
I'M
THE
SAME
AS
YOU.

Nhu

Eeh...

Ah...

WHAT
TSUBAME-
CHAN
TOLD ME
BEFORE...
I FEEL THE
SAME WAY.

I DON'T
EVER WANT
TO BE APART
FROM YOU,
TSUBAME-
CHAN.



EVEN AFTER GRADUATION... I WANT TO BE

WHEN I GRADUATE... I'LL COME TO SEE YOU.

AND E-MAIL YOU ALL THE TIME, AND...

I'LL CALL YOU

WITH YOU... FOREVER...!

Ha!
♡

Ah!



Kuh... Ah...!

Definitely...!

Y-YES...!

Me... too...we'll always... be together...!

So that's why...wait for me... I'll definitely...!





End

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