

The Moon Upon The Water

*I've been trying to grasp
something out of my reach,
ever since that summer...*

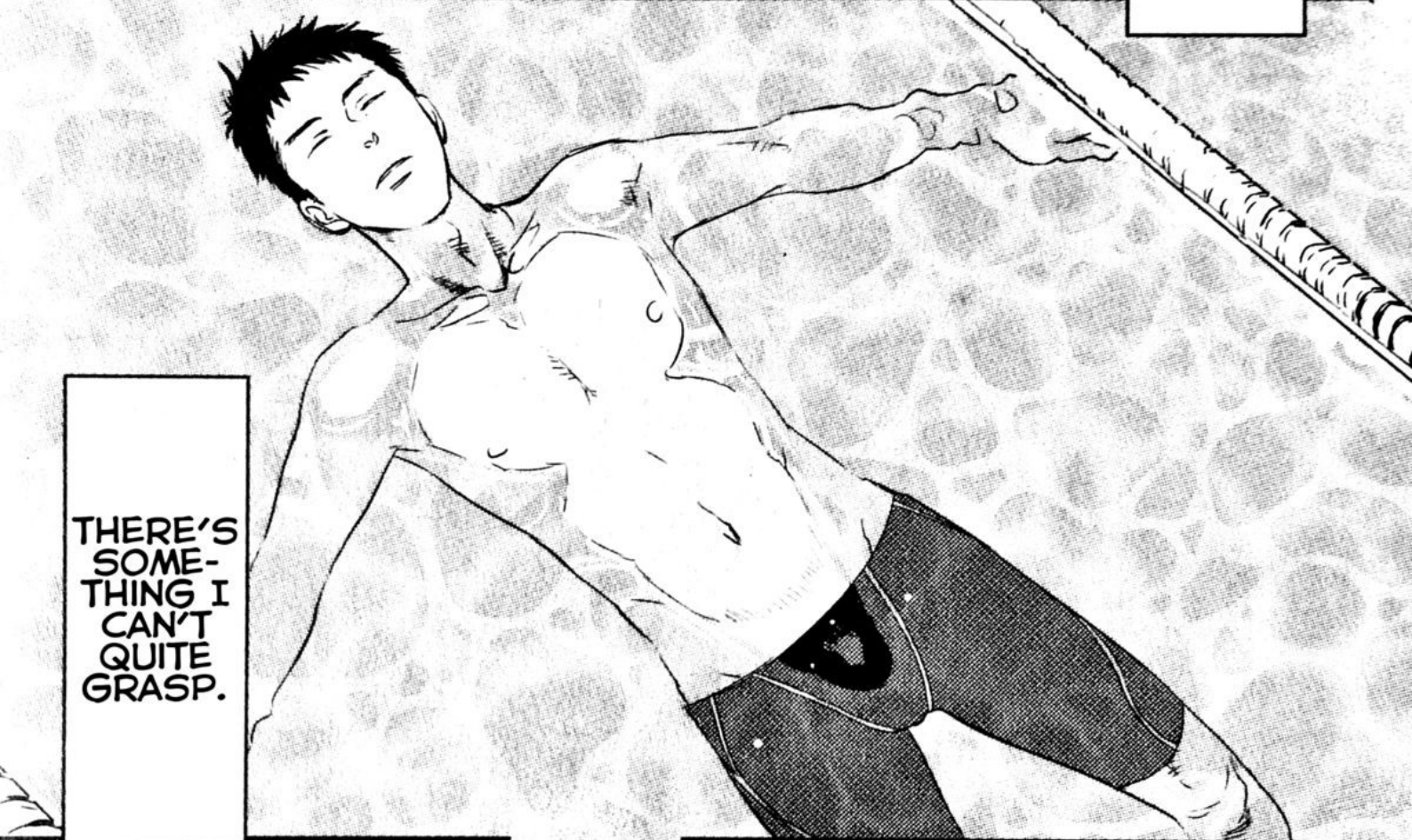
HOT SUMMER

The popular online author who's been
introduced in "Kono BL ga Yabai! 2015"
finally debuts in Ciel!

Tsukumo Gou



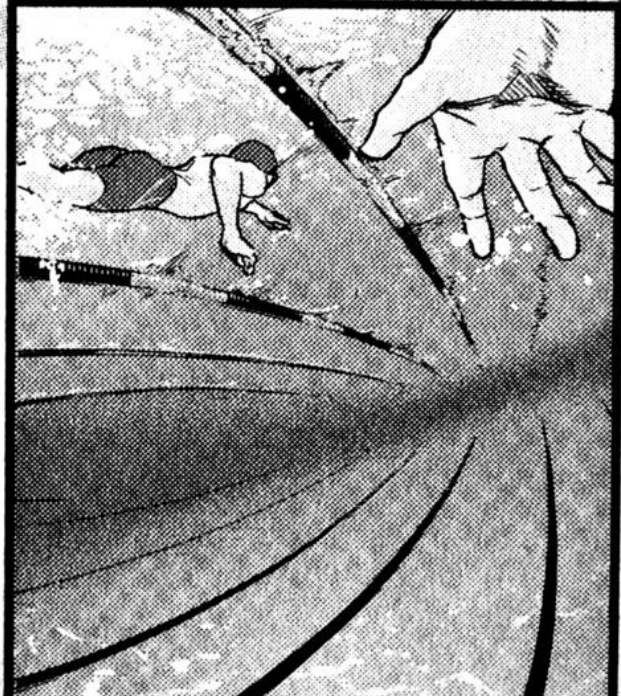
NO
MATTER
HOW
MUCH I
TRY,



THERE'S
SOME-
THING I
CAN'T
QUITE
GRASP.



I CAN'T
REACH
HIM.



I CAN'T
CATCH
UP.



I WIN!

HEHE!

SHIRASE...

IS ALWAYS FAR
AHEAD



DON'T PEEK...

THERE'S MY FORM TOO...

I WISH SOMEONE COULD WATCH IT PROPERLY.



IT'S HARD TO GET A PRECISE TIME WITH JUST THE TWO OF US.

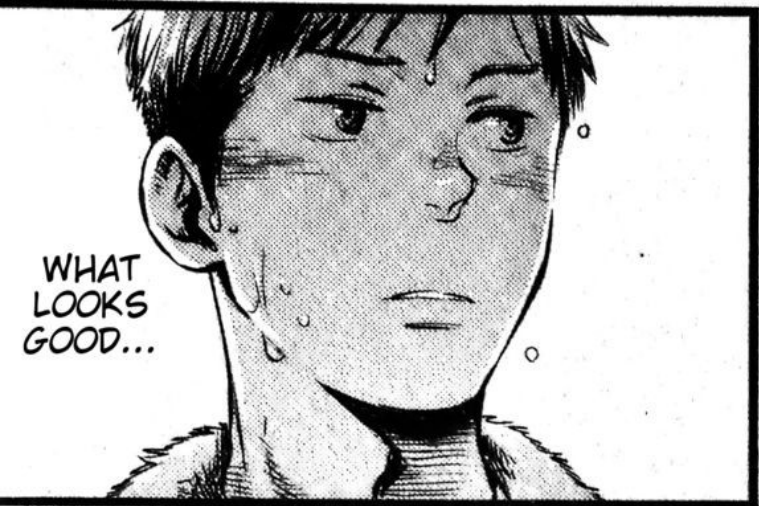
I WISH THE OTHERS WOULD STICK AROUND FOR PRACTICE ...

NOT MUCH WE CAN DO MUCH ABOUT IT.



SURE ...

CAN YOU LOOK AT MY CATCH NEXT TIME?



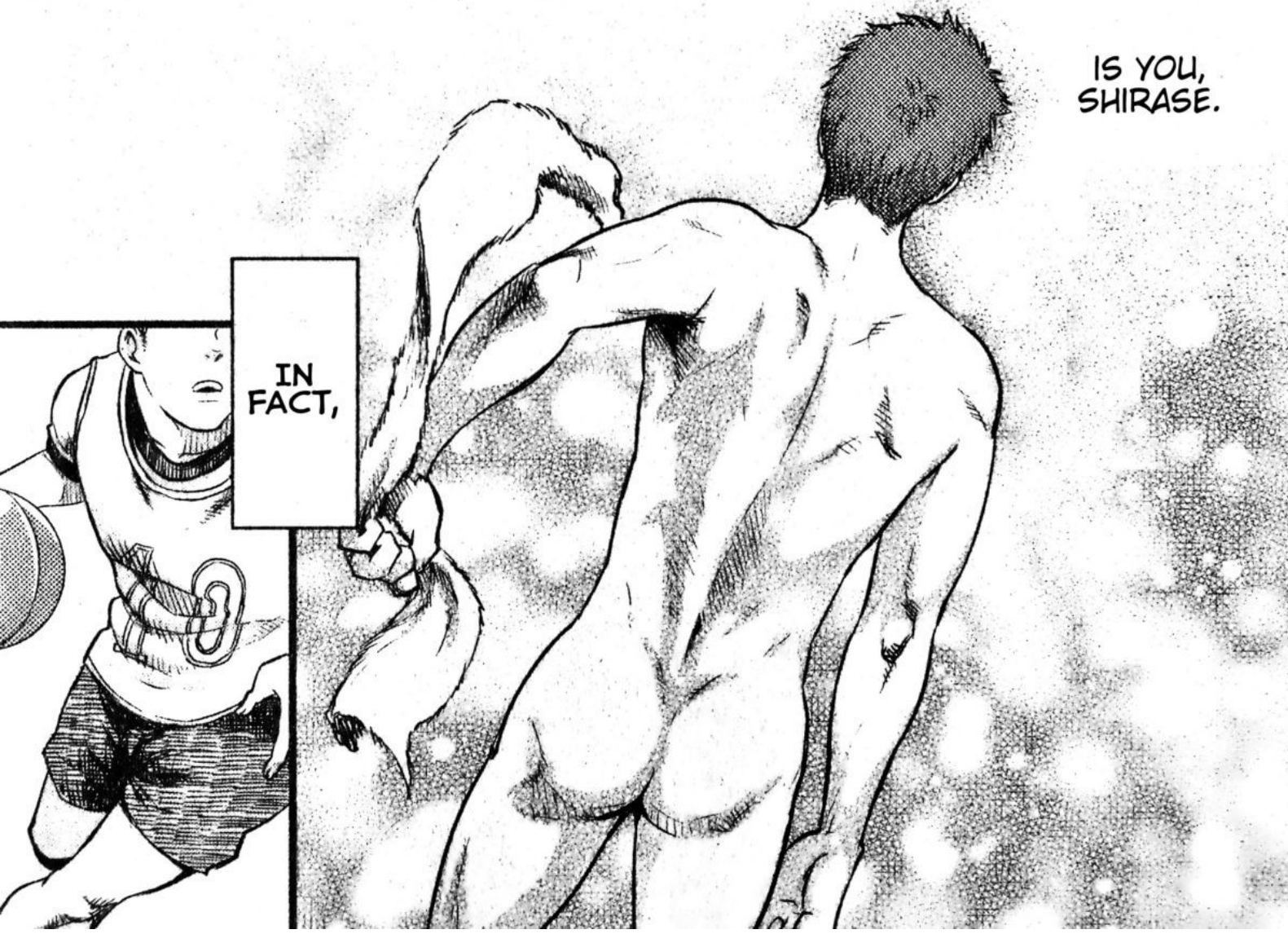
WHAT LOOKS GOOD...



IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOUR TIME'S ALWAYS BETTER, SHIRASE.

YOURS LOOKS SO GOOD, KUBO. I ENVY YOU.

YOU KNOW, I FEEL LIKE MY CATCH TECHNIQUE COULD USE SOME IMPROVEMENT ...



IN FACT,

IS YOU, SHIRASE.

- 005 和田 兼
- 006 真瀬 はるか
- 007 貴田 英輔
- 008 井出 久美子
- 009 Shirase Kousuke 白瀬 浩輔
- 010 阿山 哲
- 011 黒岩 美佐子
- 012 長谷川 律
- 013 長瀬 真一

EVEN HIS GRADES ARE AMAZING.

SHIRASE EXCELS AT ANY SPORTS HE DOES, NOT JUST SWIMMING.

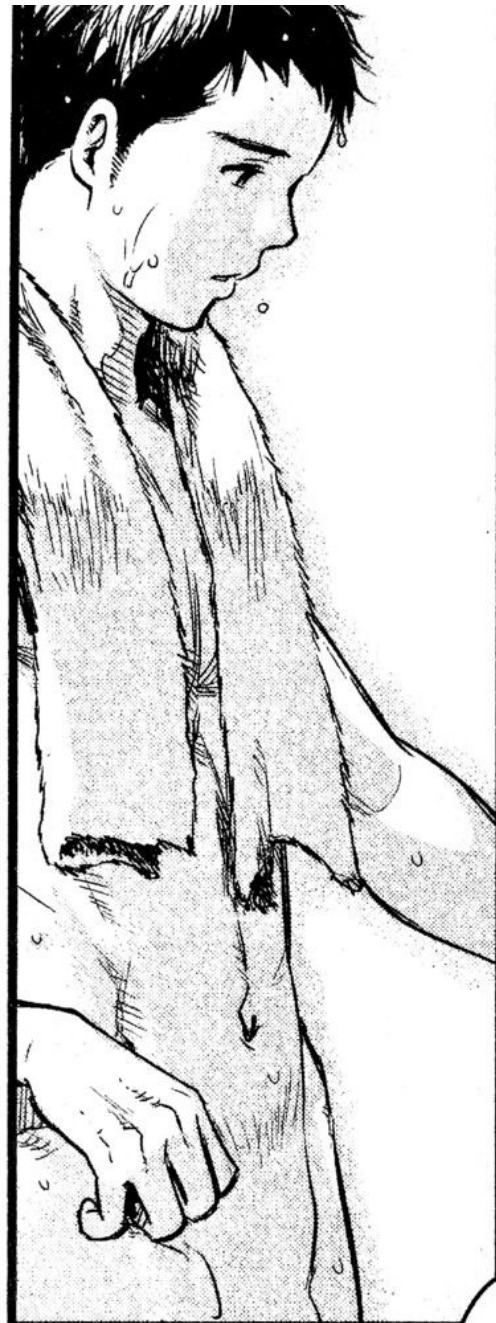


HE GETS ALONG WITH BOTH GUYS AND GIRLS.



BASICALLY,

HE'S GOT EVERYTHING I'M MISSING.



UH,
NOTHING
...



WHAT'S
UP?

IT'S HARD
TO
DESCRIBE
MY
FEELINGS
TOWARDS
HIM.

THEY'RE
CLOSER TO
WORSHIPPING
THAN SIMPLE
ENVY...



THAT'S
NO
CONTEST.

YOU'RE
ALWAYS
AT LEAST
TWO
SECONDS
AHEAD OF
ME.



WANNA
COMPETE
FOR WHO
GETS THE
BETTER
TIME?



HEY.

THE
TOURNA-
MENT'S
CLOSE,
RIGHT?

YEAH!



YEAH, SURE.
HURRY UP AND
DRESS.


MAYBE THE
OLYMPICS
NEXT, TOO!

AND THEN
AIM FOR A
WIN IN THE
NATIONALS!

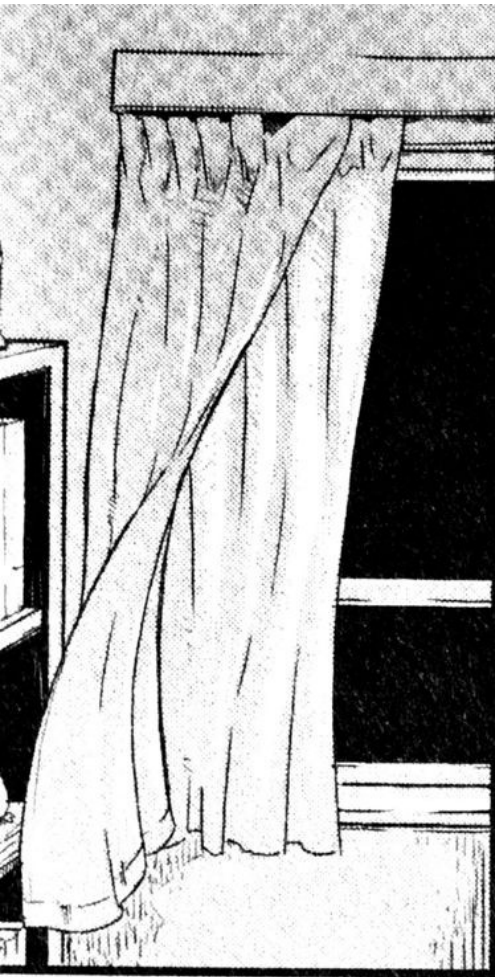
BESIDES,
WE COULD
BOTH RANK
FIRST AND
SECOND,



NOT
ALWAYS,
YOU'VE
BEATEN ME
PLENTY OF
TIMES TOO.



NO MATTER
HOW
ABSURD
AND PRETEN-
TIOUS HIS
WORDS
SOUNDED,

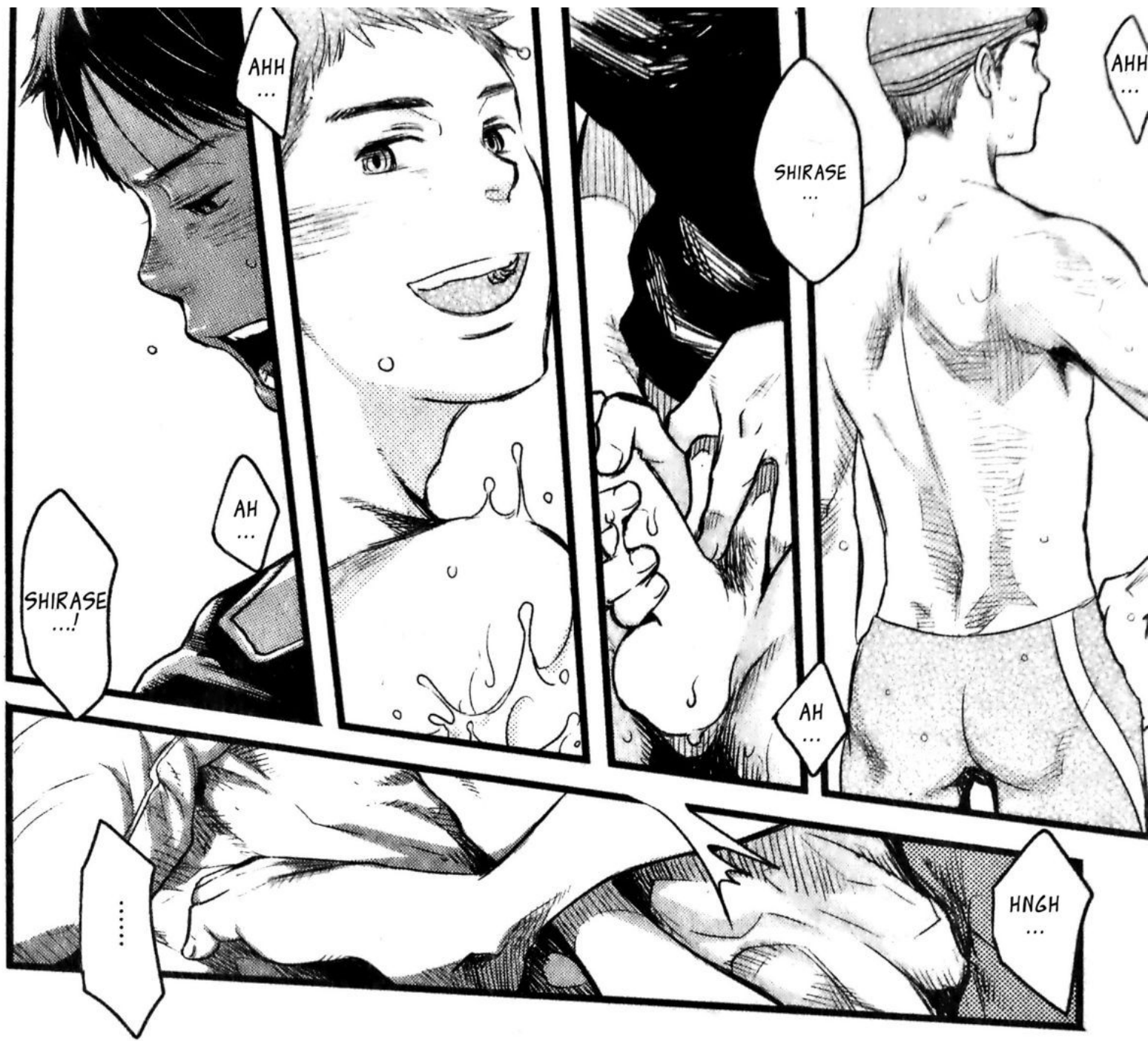


COMING
OUT OF
HIS
MOUTH,

I'D
ALWAYS
BE
TEMPTED
TO
BELIEVE
THEM.

THAT'S WHY...



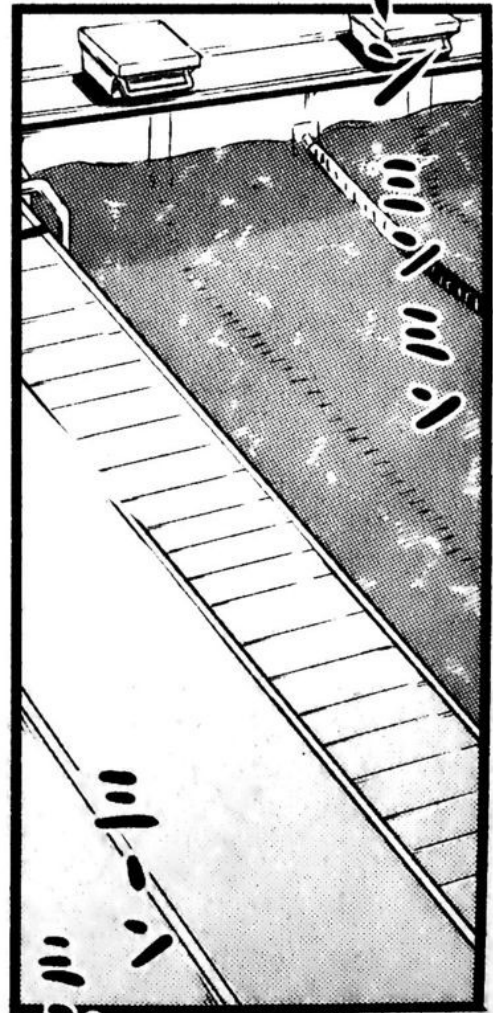
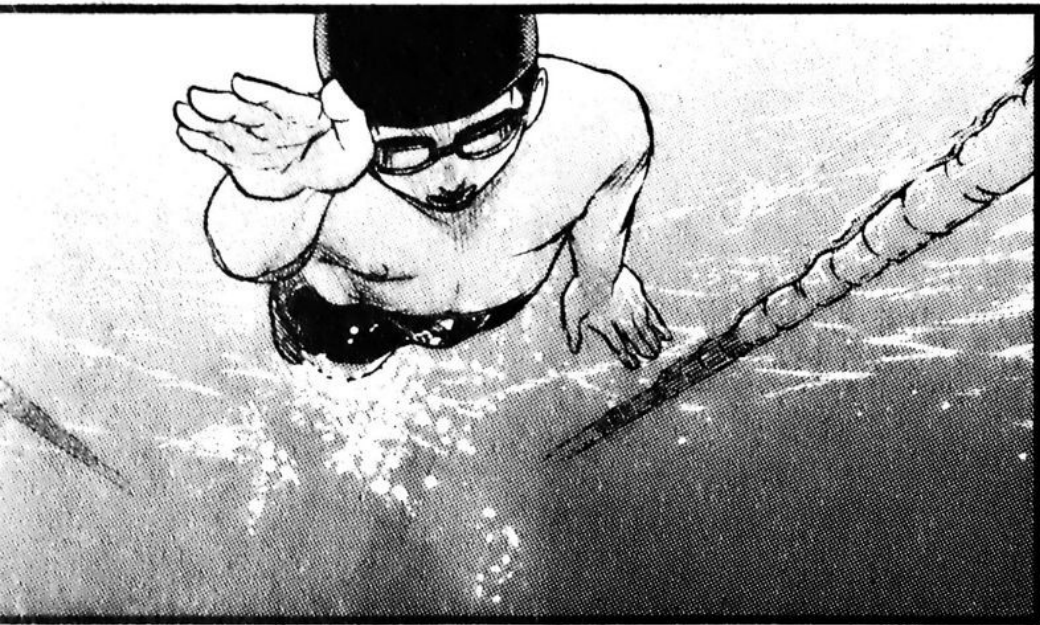


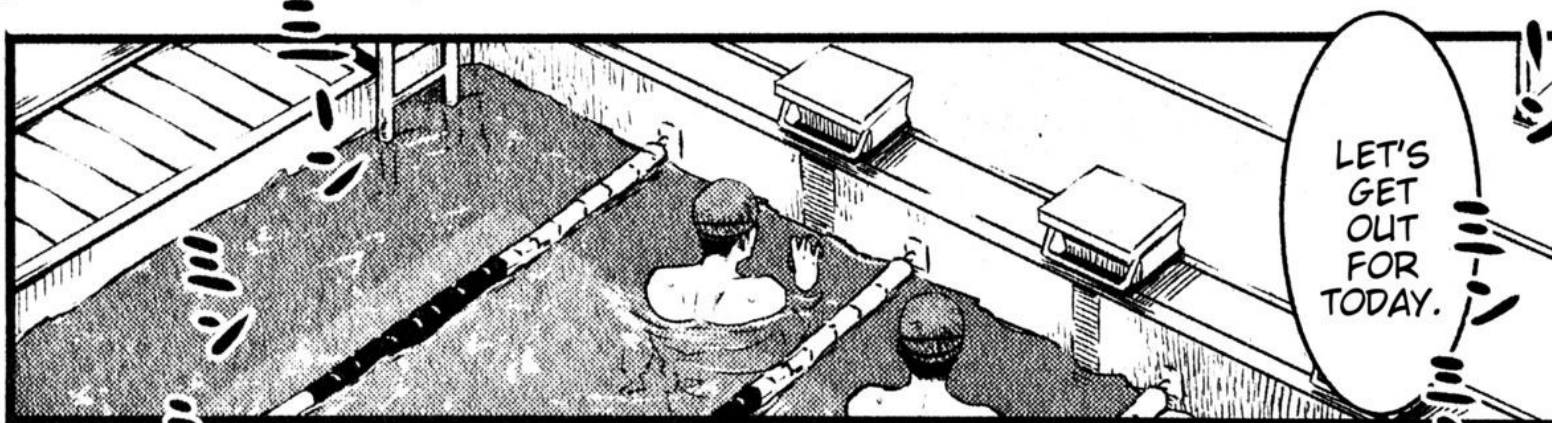


I CAN'T
LET
SHIRASE
KNOW
...

ABOUT
THE
DIRTY
FEELINGS

I HOLD
FOR HIM.



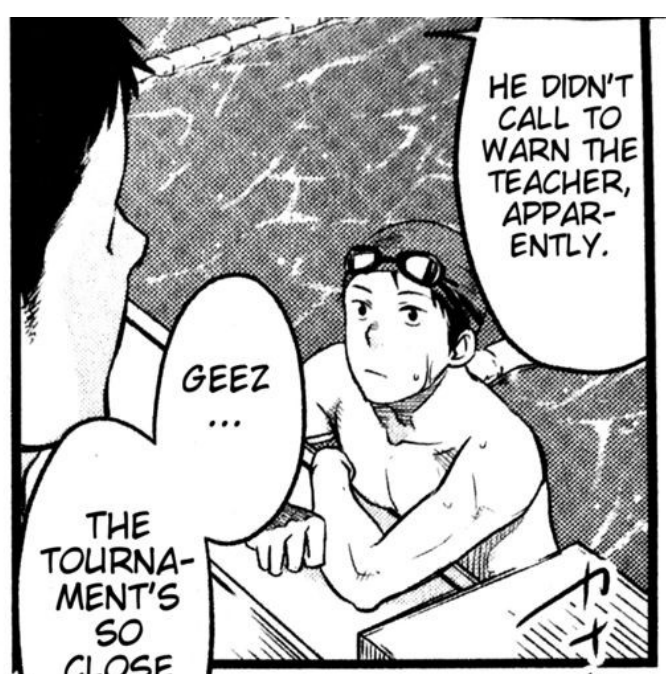
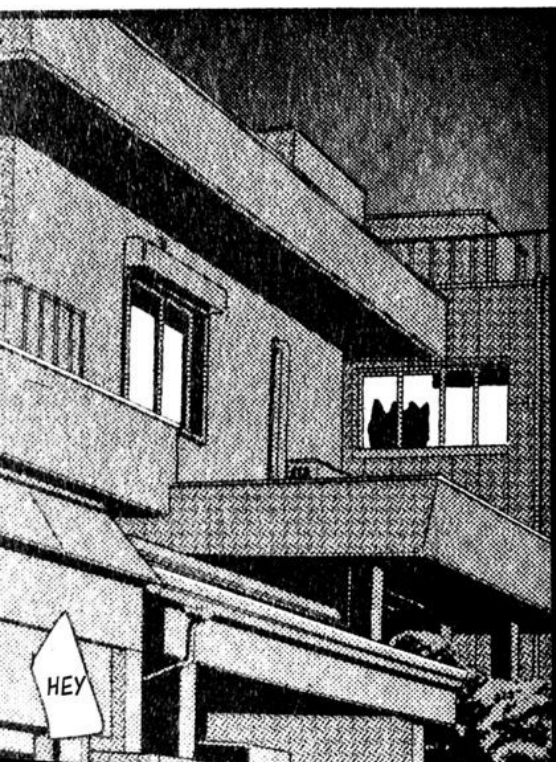






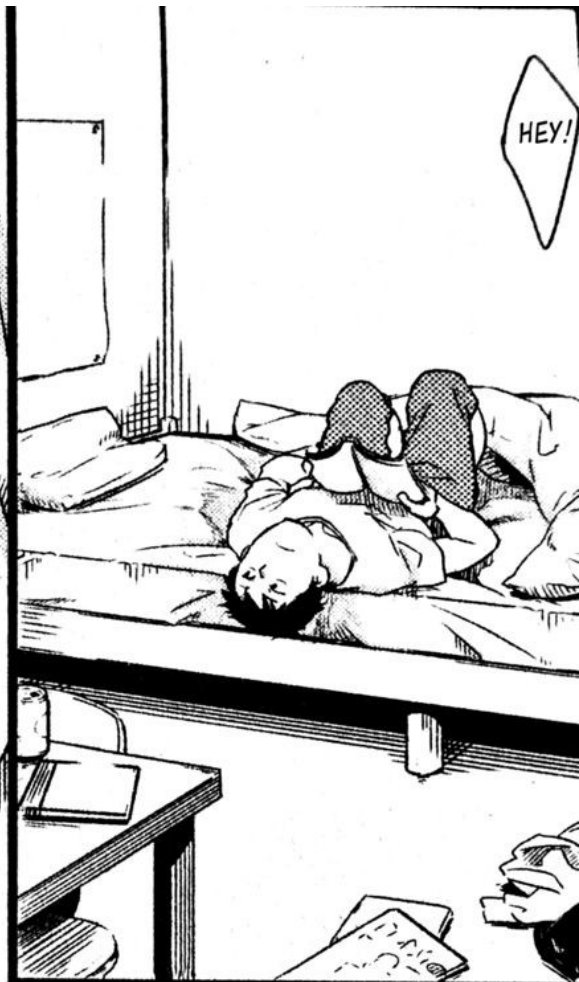
EVENTUALLY,

THE SEMESTER ENDED
WITHOUT SHIRASE EVER
SHOWING UP AGAIN.

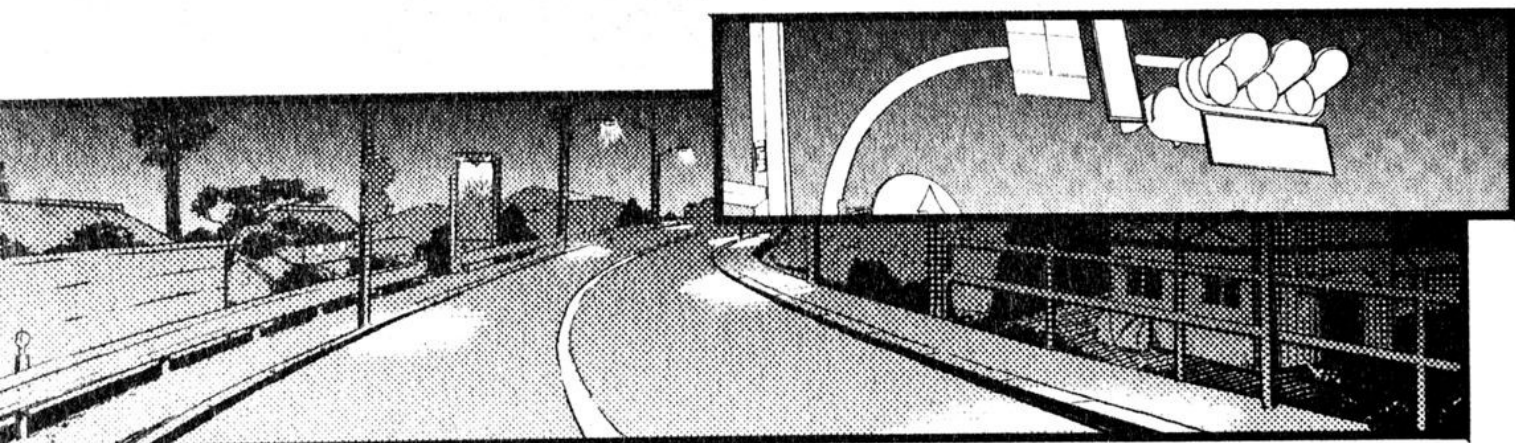


HE DIDN'T CALL TO WARN THE TEACHER, APPARENTLY.





LET'S GO TO THE BEACH,
KUBO.





THE
COACH
TOO.

AND SO
WAS I...



SHIRASE,

YOU
KNOW THE
TOURNA-
MENT'S
SOON,
RIGHT?

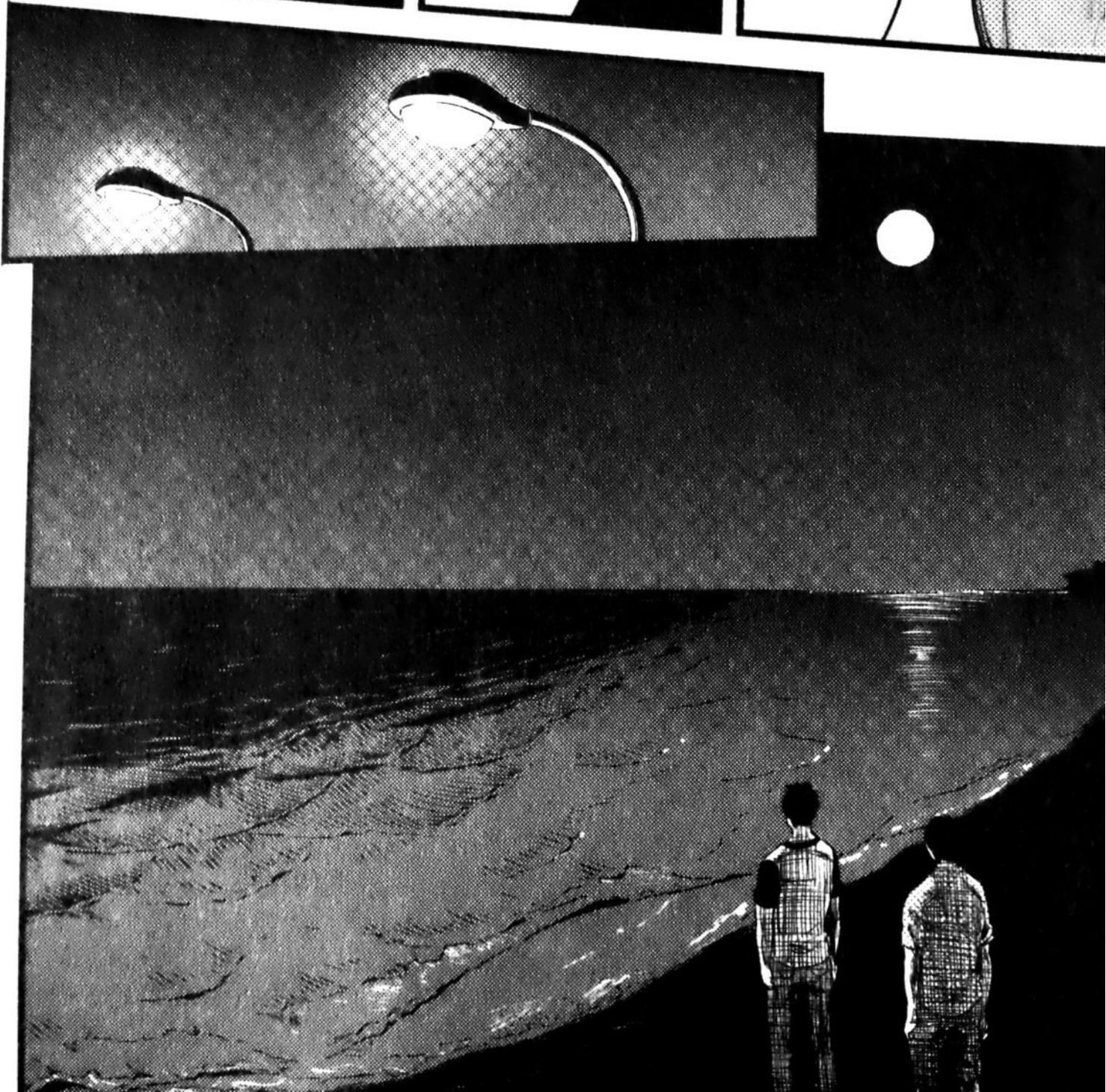
WHY DID
YOU STOP
COMING TO
SCHOOL?



EVERYONE
IN OUR
CLASS
WAS
WORRIED.



HAVE YOU
BEEN
DRINKING
BOOZE?





LET'S SWIM,

KUBO.



SHIRASE,



WHY DID YOU WANNA COME HERE...



HUH?

WAI-

YOU ...

DUMB-ASS!

THAT'S DANGEROUS!



YEAH
...
SORRY
...



DID YOU FORGET YOUR WORDS?

YOU SAID WE'D WIN AND REACH THE NATIONALS!

AND THEN WE HAD TO WIN THERE TOO! AND THEN...

HUH?

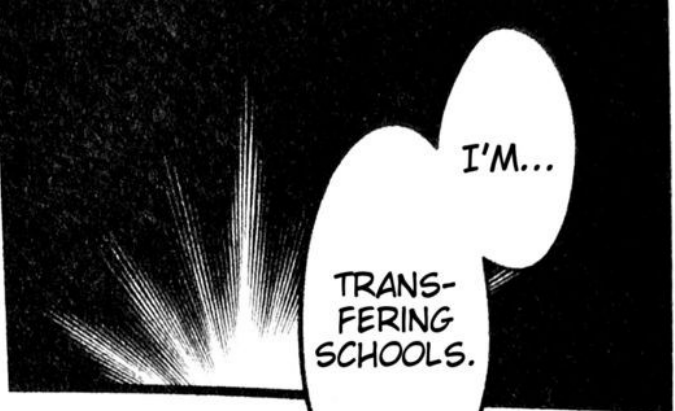
WHAT THE HELL?

ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT ANYMORE.

I DON'T CARE...



...
WHAT?



I'M...
TRANS-
FERING
SCHOOLS.



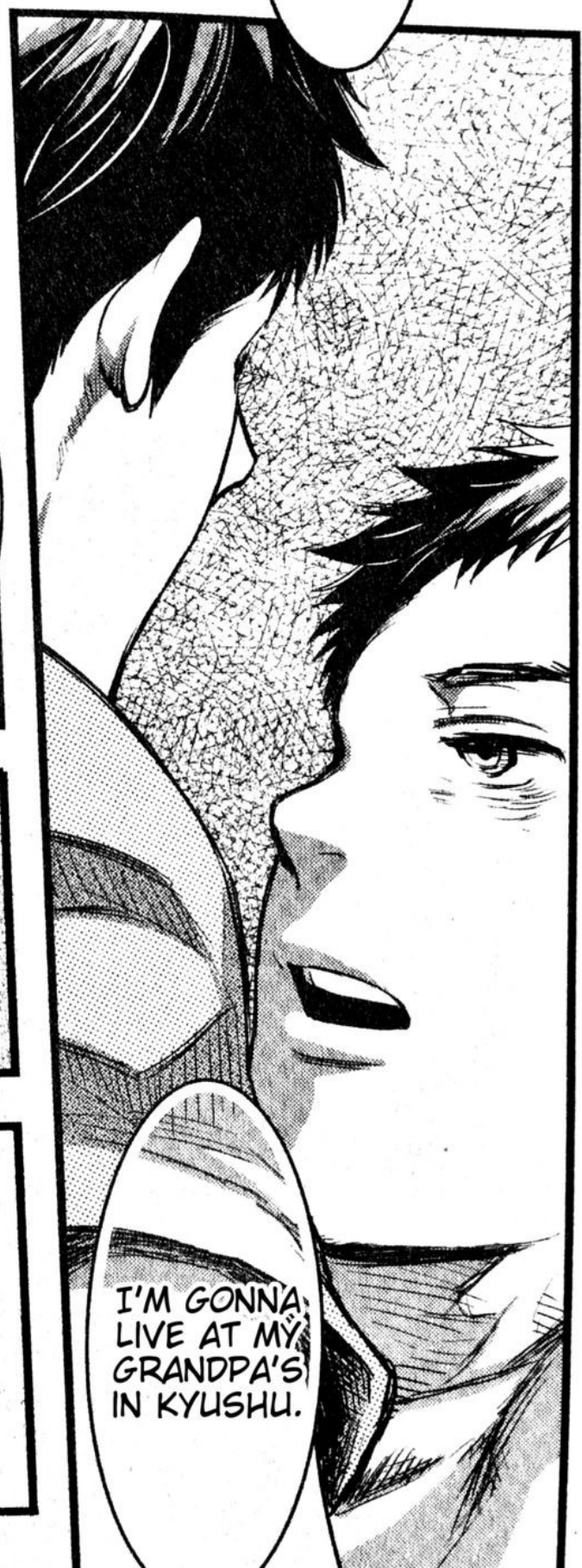
MY PARENTS
HAVE BEEN
ON BAD
TERMS FOR
A WHILE...



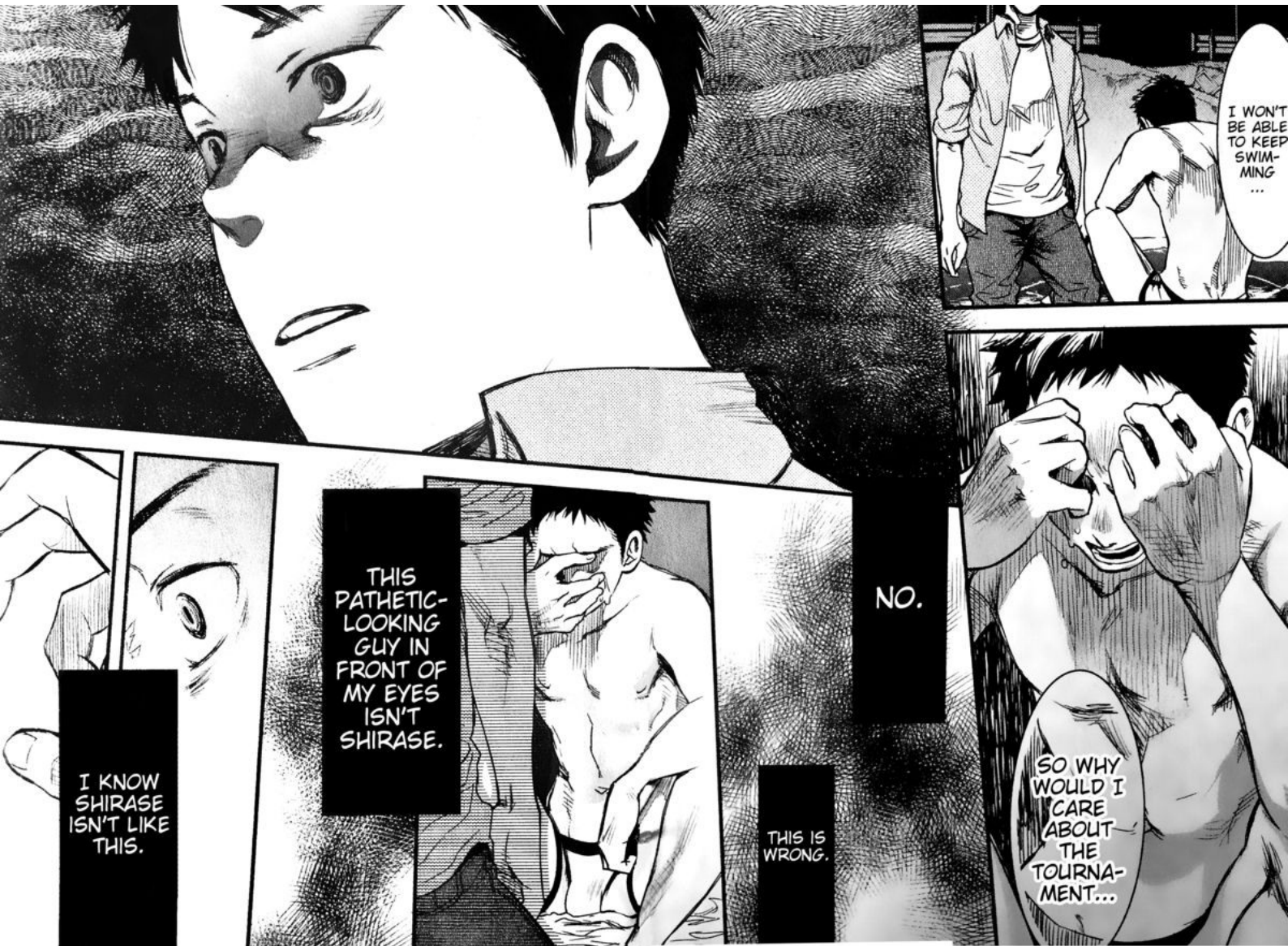
BUT THINGS
WERE
HOLDING
TOGETHER
WHILE MY DAD
WAS BUSY
WITH WORK.

THE MOMENT
HE GOT FIRED,
MY MOM
STARTED
SEEING
ANOTHER GUY.

MY DAD'S
MOVING
AND I'VE
GOTTA
FOLLOW
HIM.



I'M GONNA
LIVE AT MY
GRANDPA'S
IN KYUSHU.



I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP SWIMMING ...

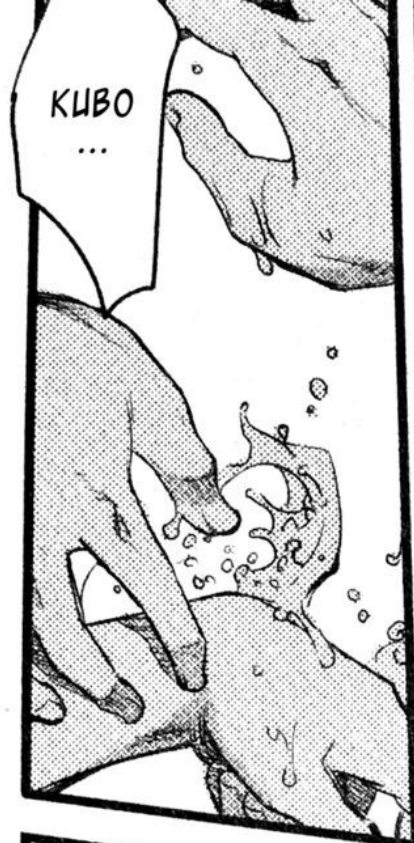
THIS PATHETIC-LOOKING GUY IN FRONT OF MY EYES ISN'T SHIRASE.

I KNOW SHIRASE ISN'T LIKE THIS.

NO.

THIS IS WRONG.

SO WHY WOULD I CARE ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT...





KUBO
...!

...

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HNN
...

HAA
...



AH
...



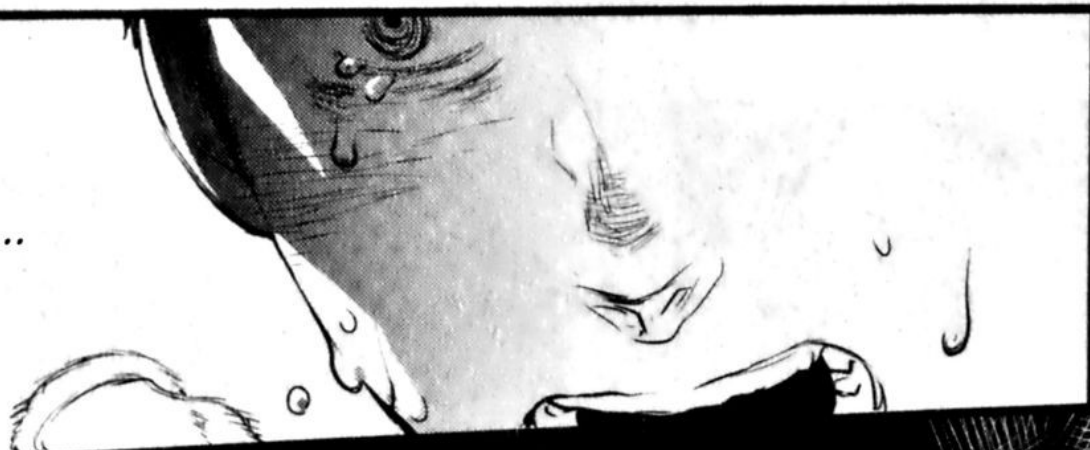
AH

AH





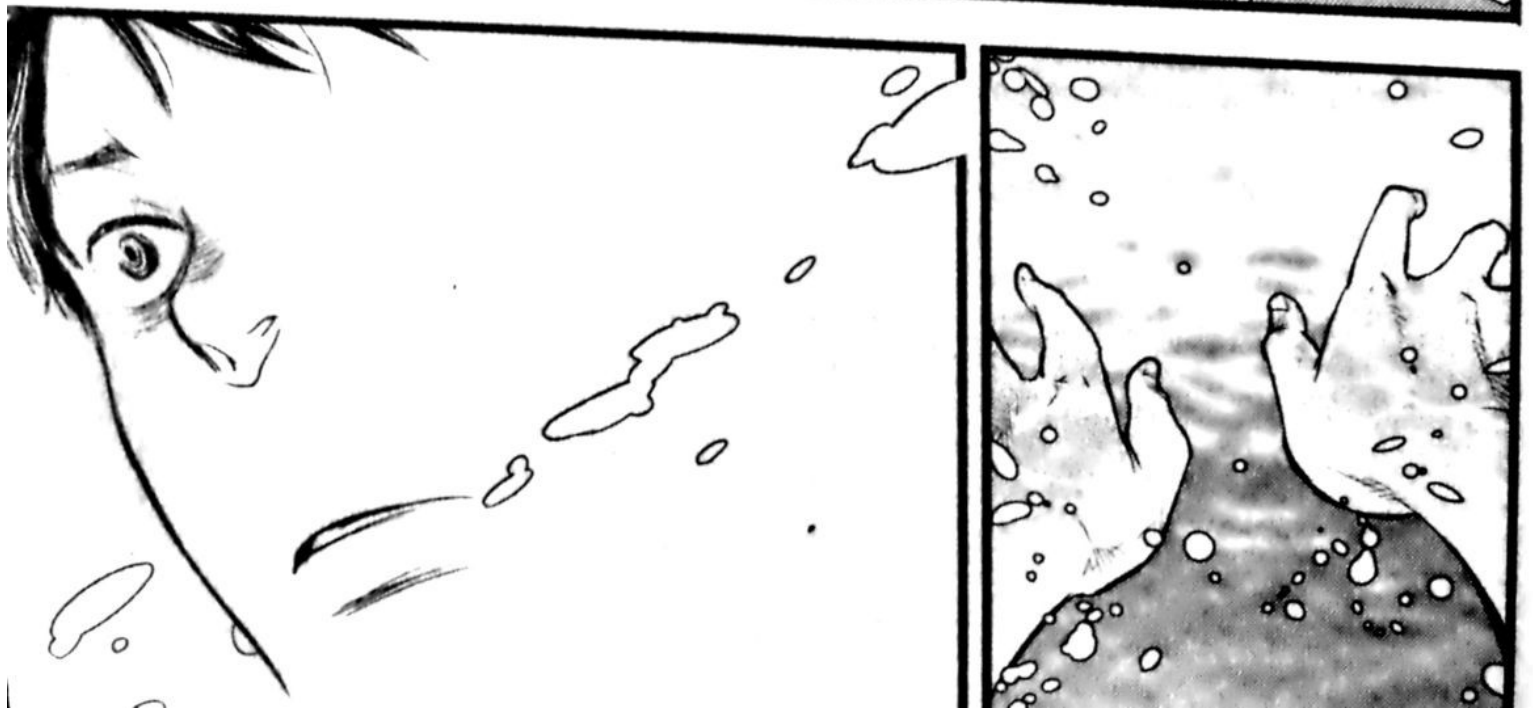
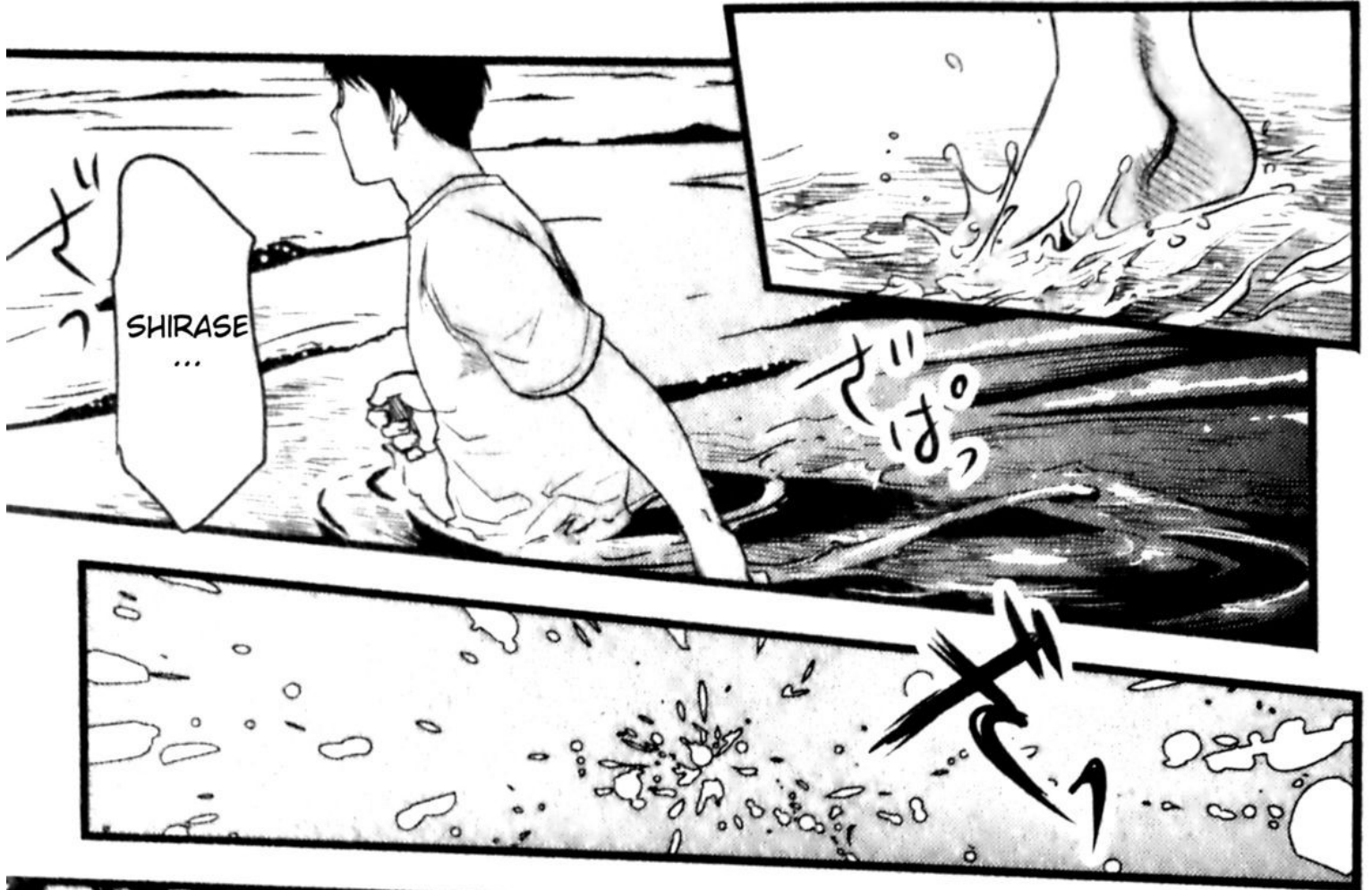
FOR SOME REASON,
SEEING SHIRASE'S
PAINFUL EXPRESSION...



ACTUALLY RELIEVED ME.

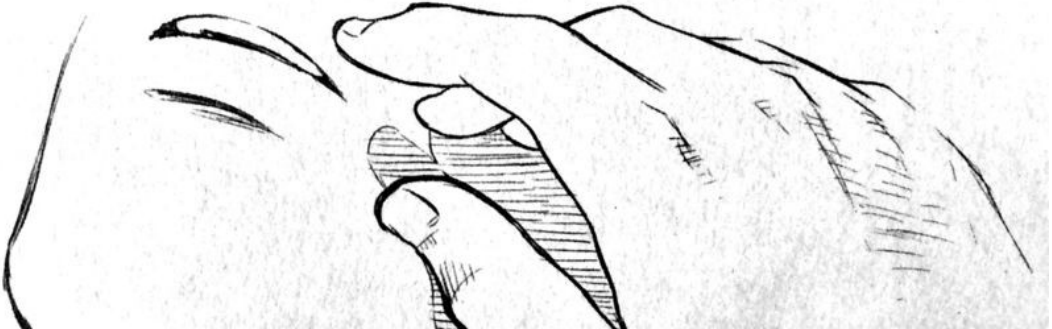


SHIRASE?



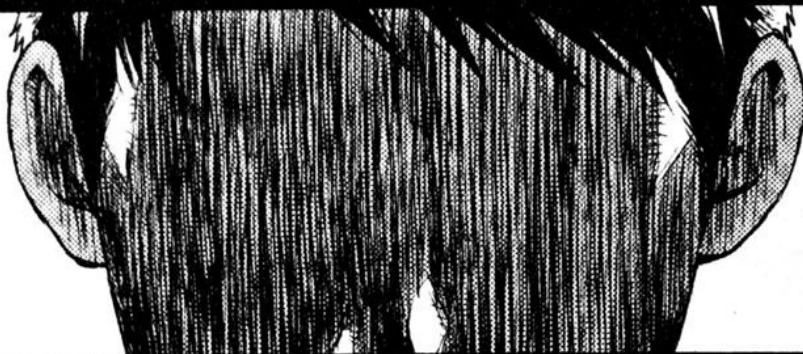
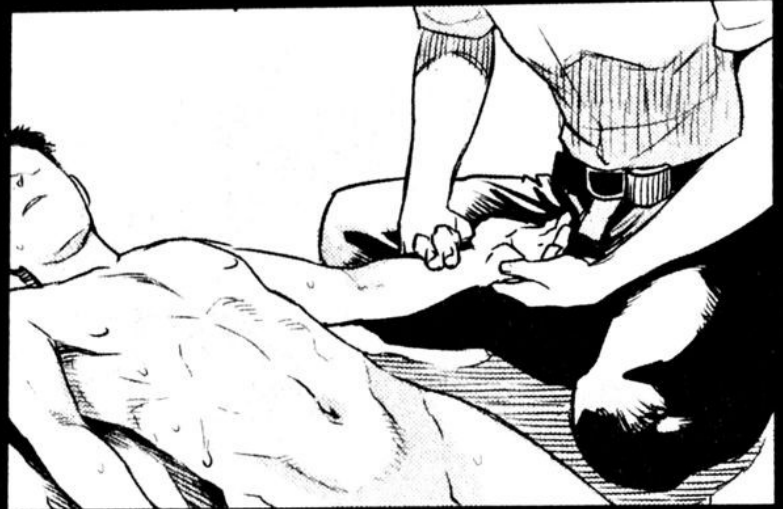
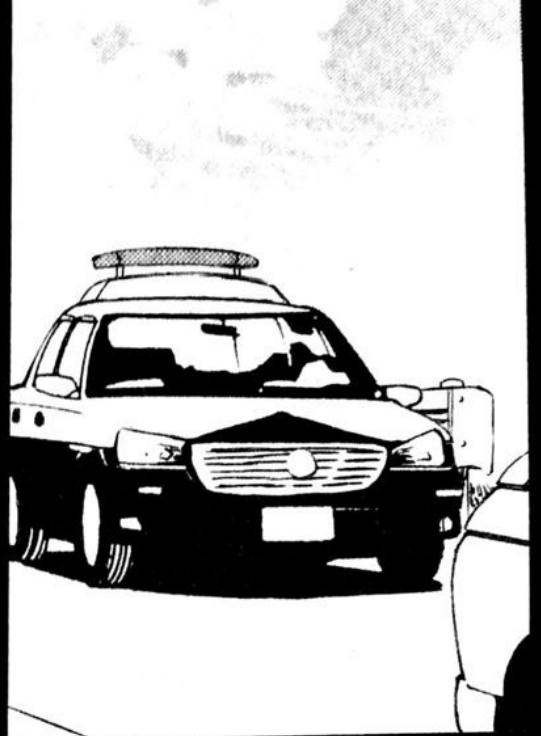


THE CAUSE
OF
SHIRASE'S
DEATH
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WAS
DETER-
MINED TO
BE
DROWNING
CAUSED
BY
ALCOHOL.

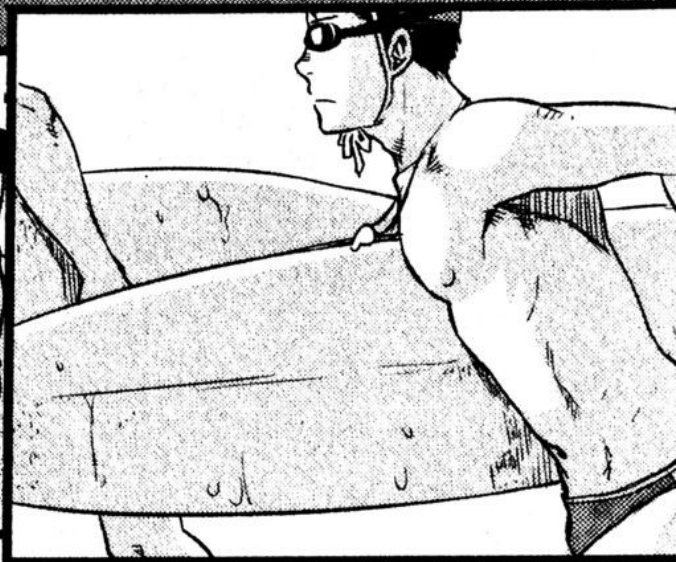
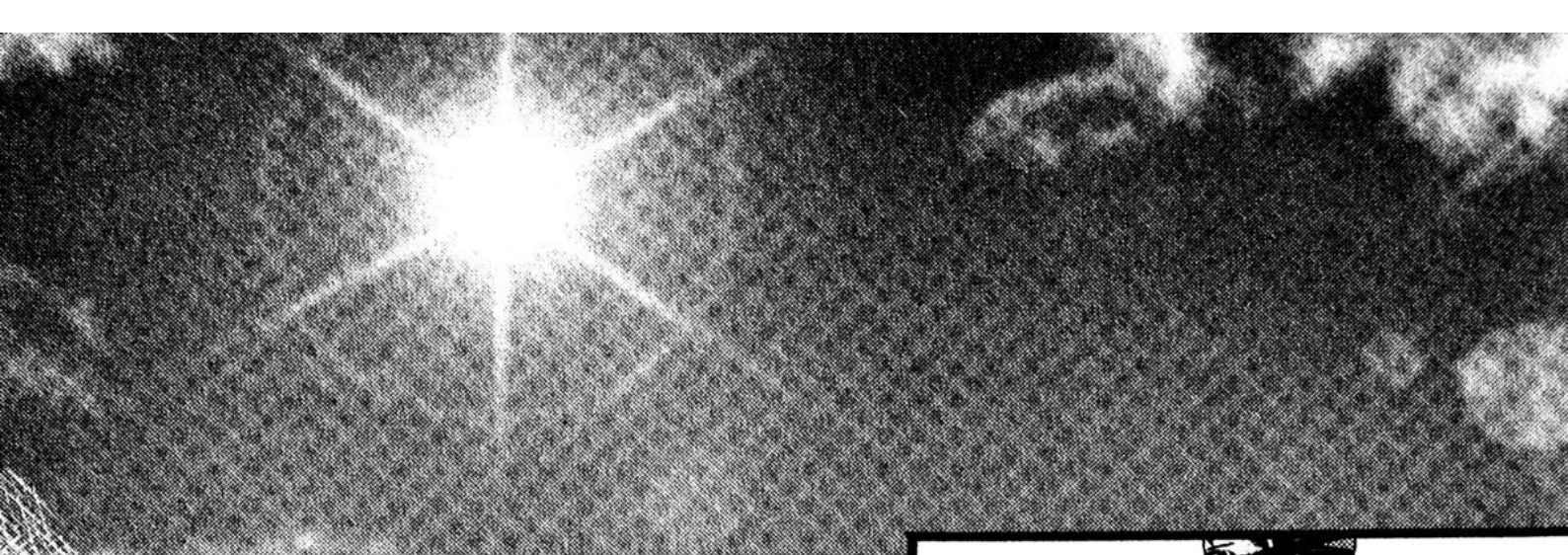


I KNOW
THE
TRUTH.

BUT
...

I KNOW...

I'M THE ONE WHO
KILLED HIM.



MANY
SUMMERS
HAVE
PASSED.

SINCE
THAT
DAY,



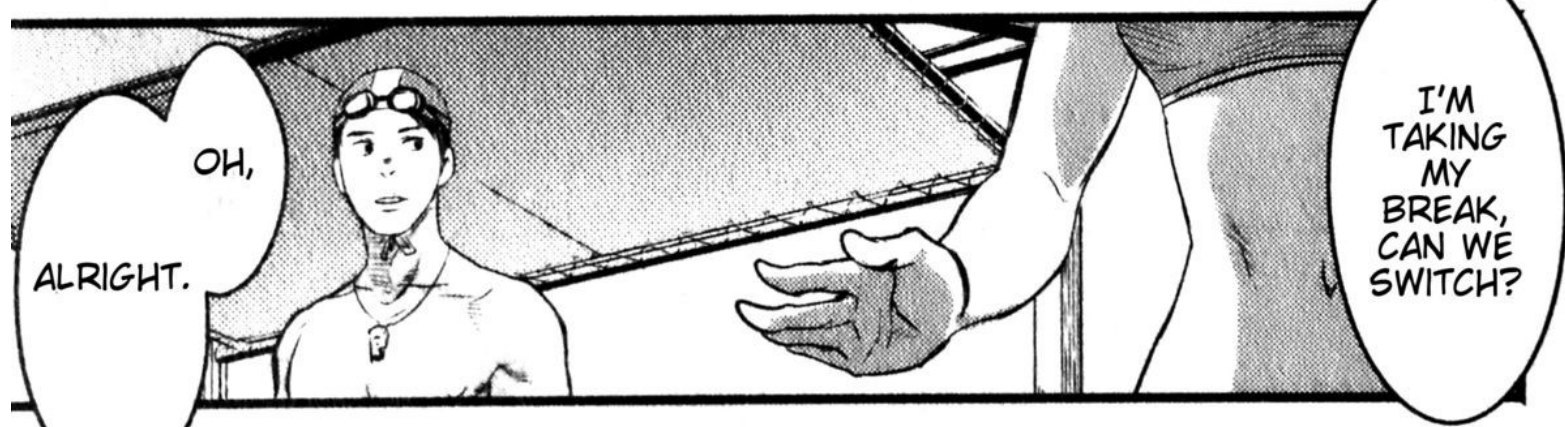
REALLY?
GREAT.

THE MAN
YOU SAVED
EARLIER
JUST MADE
IT TO THE
HOSPITAL.

THEY SAY
HE'LL
MAKE IT
JUST FINE.



KUBO.



OH,
ALRIGHT.

I'M
TAKING
MY
BREAK,
CAN WE
SWITCH?



IF I'M
DOING THIS
TO TRY AND
ATONE FOR
MY SINS.

I'M NOT
ENTIRELY
SURE...

BUT I
DO
KNOW
...

THAT I WANT
TO KEEP
LOOKING AT
THE LAST
SCENERY HE
SAW.

THIS
PLACE
...

HAS ME
TRAPPED.

I CAN'T FORGET THE
SUMMER I SPENT
WITH YOU HERE.

the end