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A WEREWOLF'S STORY
THREADS OF LOVE
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BAMBOO COMICS



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I'M SO EXCITED
TO HAVE A SEQUEL TO
THIS FURRY STORY
PUBLISHED!
I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT.

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CHAPTER 1
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WHEN I... AKINORI SHIMOJIMA...
IT WAS ON MY WAY HOME LATE ONE NIGHT...
FSSSHHHH.
FSSSHHHH.
MET HIM...


HE'S STILL ALIVE!
IS IT OK TO MOVE HIM...?
HF!
HF...
JOLT...!
FSSSHHH...
HEY...!
WHOOSH!
GASP!
... WAIT ...
ARE THERE ANY AROUND HERE...
OPEN THIS LATE...?
GOTTA TAKE HIM TO A VET.
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM OUT HERE.
PLIP
NOT GOOD...
I NEED TO STOP THIS BLEEDING...
PLIP


SCRATCH!
DON'T BE AFRAID.
OW!
STRUGGLE
!
STRUGGLE
I'M SORRY.
YOU MUST BE SCARED, HUH?
YELP!
!
!
YELP!
COME ON!
STOP SQUIRMING.
SETTLE DOWN!
YOU'LL BLEED WORSE...
QUIVER!
GULP!
MM!
COUGH!!
...I THINK I SWALLOWED SOMETHING...
WAS IT BLOOD?
YOU MUST BE SHOCKED TO SUDDENLY BE IN SUCH A BRIGHT PLACE.
I'M SORRY.
!!
HUG...


...WHAT THE...?
LET'S TEND TO THIS WOUND...
KER-CHIK!
THE BLEEDING'S ALMOST STOPPED...
GUESS IT'S NOT AS BAD AS IT LOOKS.
THE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED. PLEASE CALL...
AH!!
BEEP!...
ARGH... DAMN...
IT'S BAD ENOUGH THERE ARE BARELY ANY VETS NEARBY...
I'LL HAVE TO TAKE HIM FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.
BEEP!
WELL, HE IS LOOKING BETTER NOW.
MAYBE HE'LL BE OK...
ZZZ..
ZZZ..


HOPEFULLY HE'LL BE BACK ON HIS PAWS AGAIN SOON...
CHIRP...
BLINK..!
MM-
.....
HFF!
HFF!
LICK
JOLT!
LICK
... CRAP!
I FELL ASLE-...
JUMP!!
はぁ!!


WHO'S HE!?
THE HELL'S ...
WITH THOSE EARS AND TAIL...?
CLATTER!
カタッ
UH...
GUUUURGLE...
THOSE BANDAGES... THEY'RE THE ONES I WRAPPED LAST NIGHT...
...IT CAN'T BE...
IS HE THE IN-JURED DOG FROM YES-TERDAY!?
...?


...HANG ON.
SHOULD I TAKE HIM TO A REGULAR HOSPITAL, THEN?
OR THE POLICE...?
GUUURGLE!
PANIC
NAH... THERE'S NO WAY...
!?
IT DOES LOOK LIKE HE'S RECOVERED, THOUGH. I SHOULD BE RELIEVED...
STILL...
HE'S GOT AN APPETITE, WHICH IS GOOD...
I WONDER WHAT I CAN FEED HIM...
IS HE REALLY THAT DOG?
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
OH.
NOD
MAYBE.
LEMME CHECK THE FRIDGE.
HOLD ON A SEC.
KER-CHIK!
HUH.?
THIS?
HAM?
NOD
NOD
SNATCH!
SLICED HAM


WAIT, LEMME OPEN IT FOR YOU!
MUNCH!
OH!
CRINKLE!
SNIFF
SNIFF


NOM!
NOM!
I GUESS HE LIKES MEAT.
DOGS ARE OMNIVORES, RIGHT...?
THE DOG I USED TO HAVE WOULD EAT ANYTHING.

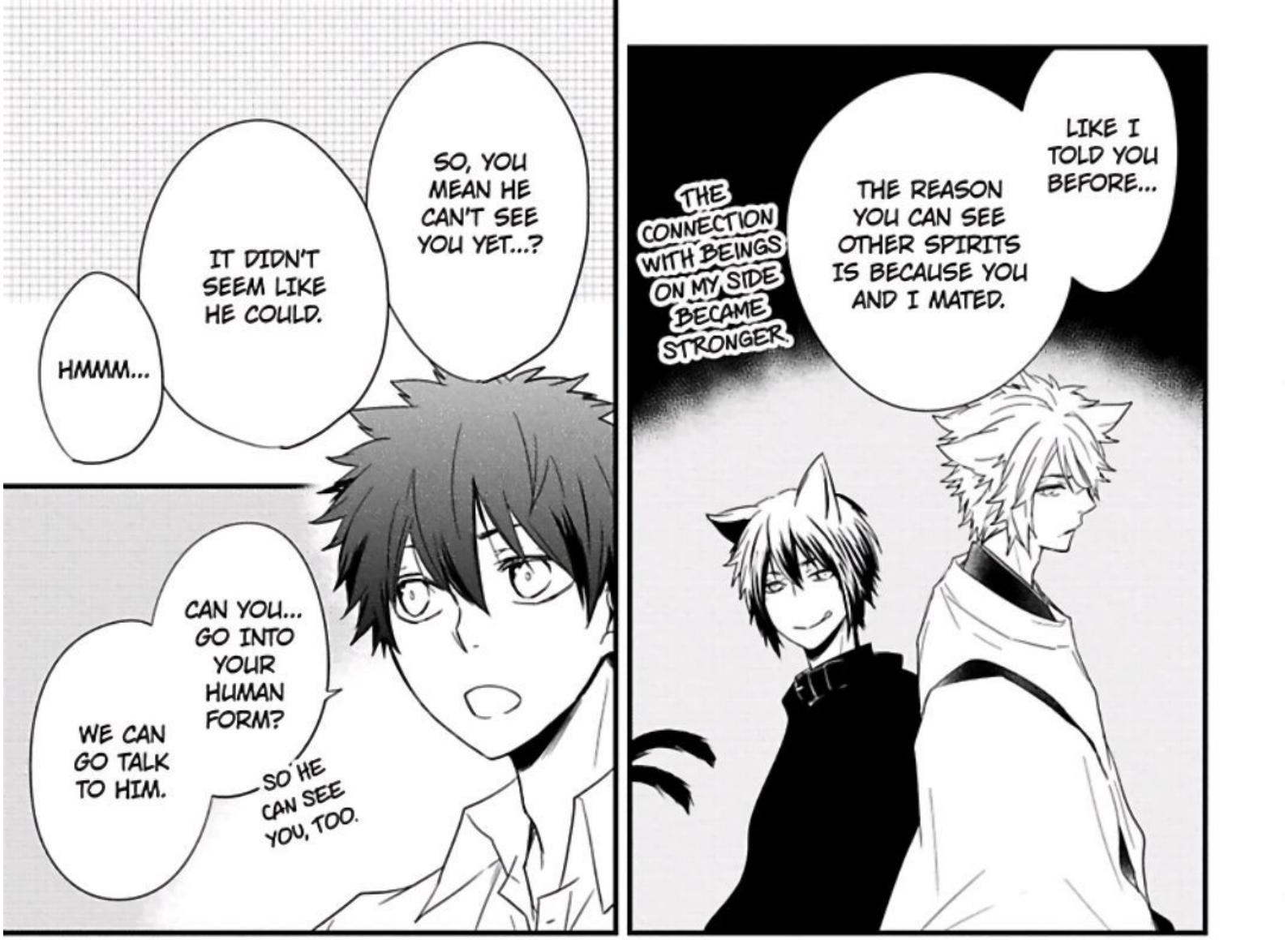

MAYBE HE CAN'T TALK BECAUSE OF HIS CUTS...
IT SEEMS LIKE HE UNDERSTANDS ME...

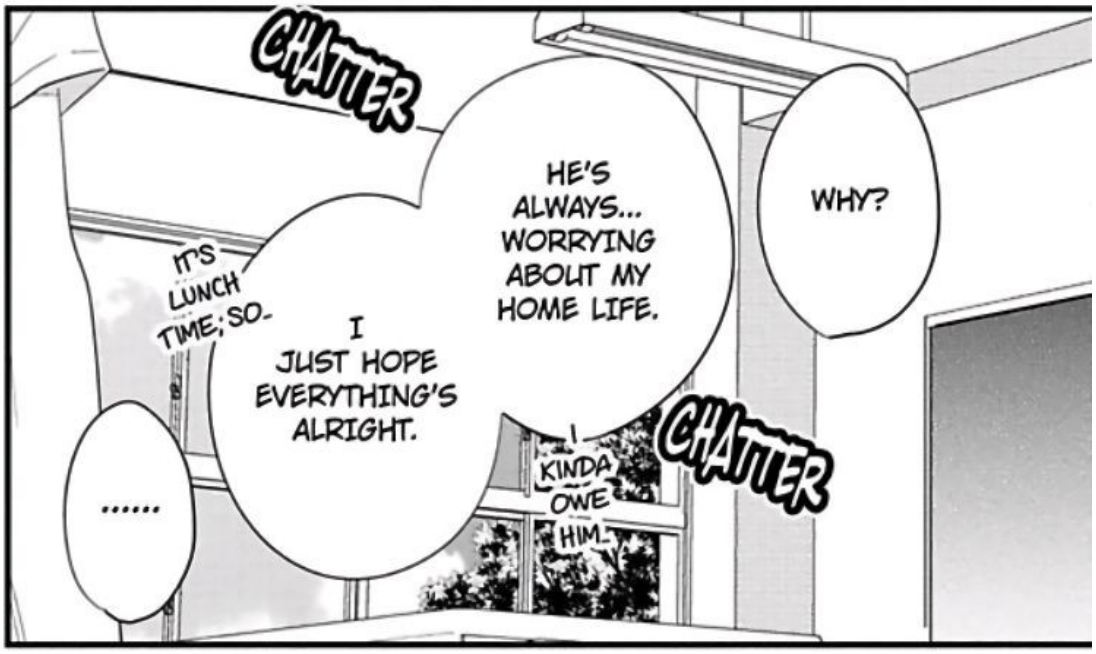

OK.
NO ONE WILL TAKE IT.
JUST EAT SLOWLY.
MUNCH
もぐ
もぐ
MUNCH
JOLT!
OW...!
OH! YOU OK?
NOD!
DID YOU CUT YOUR MOUTH?


...UH-OH!
GOTTA GET TO WORK!
CLATTER!
?
NEED TO SHOWER FIRST...!
THUD
THUD
...WAIT...
SQUEAK!
ASSHH
EVEN IF I CALL THE POLICE...
I DON'T THINK THEY'D BELIEVE ME...
IF I SAID THE DOG I RESCUED TURNED INTO A CHILD...
I'M GLAD HE'S FEELING BETTER AND ALL...
BUT WHAT DO I DO WITH HIM...?
JUST WHAT DO I DO...?
MR. SHIMO-JIMA...


FWISH...!
CRAP.
I'VE GOTTA FOCUS ON CLASS.
UH!
SORRY!
HAHAHAHA!
YOU SPELLED IT WRONG.
OOPS!
HUH!?
HE PROBABLY WON'T HEAD OUT ANY-WHERE...
AND I DON'T THINK HE CAN REACH THE LOCK.
I TOLD HIM TO STAY AT HOME...
... ACTUALLY, KATSU-YUKI...
SHIRO_
MR. SHIMOJIMA SEEMED OFF TODAY...
CHATTER
DING DONG DING DONG...
CHATTER
HIS WOUNDS ARE HEALING, RIGHT!?
I'M SO WORRIED I CAN'T RELAX!!


I SAW A VERY SPECIAL THREAD.
.....
WHAT IS IT?
WE SAID NO MORE SECRETS, RIGHT?
WHISPER!
I'M ALL CURIOUS NOW.
HE MAY HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH A DANGEROUS BEAST.
YOU MEAN... LIKE I HOW GOT INVOLVED WITH YOU?
.....
CHATTER
SO, HE'S ABLE TO SEE YOU, THEN?
JUST LIKE I CAN SEE YOU?
IS THAT WHY HE WAS ACTING ALL WEIRD IN CLASS...?
NO...
CHATTER
UH!
NOT THAT YOU'RE DANGEROUS OR ANY-THING!
WHISPER!
...WELL, YOU'RE BASICALLY RIGHT.
HE MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO BODY FLUID FROM A BEING SIMILAR TO ME.


SO, YOU MEAN HE CAN'T SEE YOU YET...?
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE HE COULD.
HMMM...
CAN YOU... GO INTO YOUR HUMAN FORM?
WE CAN GO TALK TO HIM.
SO HE CAN SEE YOU, TOO.
LIKE I TOLD YOU BEFORE...
THE REASON YOU CAN SEE OTHER SPIRITS IS BECAUSE YOU AND I MATED.
THE CONNECTION WITH BEINGS ON MY SIDE BECAME STRONGER


CHATTER
IT'S LUNCH TIME; SO-
HE'S ALWAYS... WORRYING ABOUT MY HOME LIFE.
WHY?
I JUST HOPE EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT.
.....
I KINDA OWE HIM.
CHATTER


STAFF ROOM


WHAT A MESS THAT LESSON WAS...
THIS CAN'T CONTINUE...
I NEED TO KEEP MY TEACHER FACE ON IN FRONT OF THE STUDENTS.
I CAN'T BRING MY PERSONAL STUFF INTO THE CLASSROOM.
I CAN'T STOP WORRYING ABOUT THAT BOY.
GASP!
EXCUSE US!
MR. SHIMOJIMA...
HEY, KATSUYUKI.
WHAT'S UP...?
UM... LEMME GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT...
WHISPER!
HAS SOMETHING UNUSUAL HAPPENED TO YOU?
HUH!?
WH-...
HOW DOES HE KNOW?


AND... WHERE'S THIS EVEN COMING FROM...?
WHAT'S GOING ON_??
I DUNNO... IF HE'LL EVEN BELIEVE ME...
BUT...
WELL_
THIS PUPPY I FOUND LAST NIGHT TURNED INTO A BOY THIS MORN-ING...
IT WASN'T A DREAM OR ANY-THING...
UM_
CAN I STOP BY AFTER SCHOOL?
YOUR HOME, I MEAN_
...THAT'D BE FINE...
HE DID?
AH-HA... I KNEW IT...
IS HE AT YOUR PLACE NOW?
YEAH. HE SHOULD BE...
SIGH_
I THINK I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP.
I'VE GONE THROUGH SOMETHING SIMILAR MYSELF...
YOU HAVE!?


C-
COME ON IN.
CLATTER...!
THANKS.
111
111
...HUH? IT'S A PUPPY...
ZZZ...
ZZZ...
H-
HE WAS A BOY THIS MORNING!
GEEZ...
MAYBE I WAS DREAMING OR SOME-THING.
HA- HA HA-
UM...
DID YOU INGEST ANY OF HIS BODY FLUID?
WHAT ...?
H-
HIS BODY FLUID ...?
I GUESS I DID SWALLOW SOME OF HIS BLOOD...
GULP!
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...


WHAT!?
HE'S NOT A DOG?
YOU MIGHT FIND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE...
HE'S NOT A DOG. HE'S A WOLF.
BUT...
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN THIS MORNING...
SQUEEZE
HM!?
BUT THERE ARE BEASTS IN THIS WORLD...
WHO CAN TAKE AN ANTHROPOMORPHIC FORM. NOT EVERYONE CAN SEE THOSE FORMS.
ONLY THOSE WHO ARE EXPOSED TO THAT BEAST'S BODY FLUIDS CAN.
NO WAY! IT SOUNDS LIKE SOME FANTASY NOVEL...!
PANIC


PET!
I-
IS THIS... REAL...?
I MEAN, TAKING AN ANTHROPO-MORPHIC FORM, SOUNDS-
STARE!
NOD
H-
HERE HE IS!
CAN YOU SEE HIM?
THE EARS AND TAIL!!
?
AREN'T WOLVES... DANGER-OUS?
STARE!
THEY'RE MY STUDENTS. DON'T BE AFRAID.
I DON'T KNOW., IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S STAYING SMALL SO HE CAN HEAL FASTER.
WEREWOLVES LIKE HIM ARE SO RARE. I'VE NEVER ACTU-ALLY SEEN ONE.
STAYING SMALL SO HE CAN HEAL FASTER...?
SHOULDN'T THEY GO SEE A DOCTOR?
WEREWOLVES HEAL QUICKLY, SO HE SHOULD BE FINE.
BUT...
TUG
OH!
YOU'RE HUNGRY, HUH?
GWURGLE...


I GET IT.
WOLVES ARE DEFINITELY MEAT-EATERS...
HANG ON A SEC.
TYP TYP TYP TYP TYP
OH!
YOU GUYS WANT SOME TEA?
HUG!
SWOON
AW...!
HOW CUTE...


I DON'T THINK HE'S EVER DRANK ANYONE'S BODY FLUID.
I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER THREADS.
IS THAT A PROBLEM?
I'M ASSUMING HE JUST DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT.
THE WAY KURO AND I DO WITH YOU AND TAKAHISA.
WELL, HE'D RECOVER IN A FLASH IF HE DID THAT...
TAKING ENERGY FROM PEOPLE.
EASY THERE.
SNIFF
SNIFF
SO, HE WON'T ATTACK MR. SHIMOJIMA?
FOR NOW, ANYWAY...
CLIMB
CLIMB


IT'S DECIDED THEN!
YOU'RE STILL INJURED.
SETTLE DOWN NOW.
...I JUST HOPE...
HE'S LIKE KURO AND PUTS HIS MASTER FIRST ABOVE ALL ELSE...
SNIPP
SNIPP
I'M THE ONE THAT BROUGHT THIS LITTLE GUY HOME.
I'M GONNA TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY AND CARE FOR HIM!
MR. SHIMO-JIMA...
ARE YOU SURE...?
YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT I AM!


WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT KATSUYUKI WENT THROUGH SOMETHING SIMILAR?
I'M GLAD I TALKED WITH THEM.
GIMME A CALL IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.
OK.


PET!
STARE!
SORRY, I CAME HOME EARLY TODAY...
AND BROUGHT SOME WORK WITH ME.


JUST WHAT CLASS WAS THAT BOY HE WAS WITH IN...?


YOU KNOW, I THINK WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A NAME FOR YOU...
STAARE...


TUG!


OH...


HOW ABOUT "KOHAKU"?
IT MEANS "AMBER," LIKE YOUR EYES.
WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
SST!


AKINORI SHIMO-JIMA.
AND... I'M AKINORI.


STILL, THOUGH...
...I KNOW YOUR WOUNDS LOOK OK...
BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD GO TO A VET...
YOU MIGHT NEED SHOTS.


AKINORI...


NOD



HE CAN SPEAK...

SO...






THAT GUY WHO WAS HERE TODAY.
OH...
IT'S 'CAUSE I'M HIS TEACHER.
I GUESS I'M YOUR TEACHER, TOO. I'M SHOWING YOU HOW TO WRITE.
.....
I'M NOT SURE WHY, BUT I'VE TOTALLY ACCEPTED...
THIS BIZARRE SITUATION LIKE IT'S NOTHING.
I'VE BEEN LIVING ALONE SINCE MOVING HERE FOR WORK.
I FEEL AT EASE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE...
I'M JUST ALWAYS SO NERVOUS AT SCHOOL...
THAT'S NORMAL, THOUGH. I'M IN A POSI-TION THAT'S SHAPING...
THE FUTURE OF SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE.
MAYBE...


I'VE BEEN A LITTLE LONELY, TOO...
HEY, KOHAKU.
HIII!
MOUTH FEELING BETTER?
THAT WAS SOME GREETING.
YEP.
IT SEEMS LIKE YOUR INJURIES ARE HEALING NICELY.
HAVE YOU GOTTEN TALLER?
THAT'S GOOD.
STING...!
...WHAT THE...?
OH!
SORRY, I'VE BROUGHT WORK HOME AGAIN.
HANG ON A LITTLE.
SURE.
PET!


UNTIL RECENTLY, I USUALLY FINISHED WORK AT SCHOOL...
WHAT A GOOD BOY.
BUT NOW I JUST WANNA GET HOME TO SEE HIM.
UMMM...
NO WORRIES. I'LL JUST BE READING A BOOK.
...YOU WHAT!?
YOU CAN READ THESE?
YEAH.
EVEN THE BIG WORDS...?
I MEMO-RIZED THE DICTIONARY.
FRONT TO BACK.
BLUNT!
I HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY.
TH-...


THAT HURTS.
YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING...!
THAT'S GREAT!
PET
PET
MMPH!!
HUUUUUG!
...REALLY?
A TEACHER'S GREATEST JOY IS WATCHING STUDENTS TRY THEIR HARDEST...
AND SEEING THEM SUCCEED.
HEH HEH!
OOPS!
SORRY, I'M JUST SO HAPPY!
YOU ARE?
RELEASE!!


OH, I KNOW.
NOW THAT YOU'RE GETTING BETTER...
LET'S COME UP WITH SOME RULES FOR LIVING TOGETHER.
SQUEEZE...
FIRST.
SINCE I'M YOUR TEACHER...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO OBEY EVERYTHING I SAY, BUT TRY TO SEE WHERE I'M COMING FROM.
OK.
IN EXCHANGE, YOU CAN RELY ON ME FOR ANYTHING.
HELPING MY STUDENTS REALIZE THEIR DREAMS IS WHAT I DO.
I GOT IT.
SO-
YOU'RE REALLY INTO THIS WHOLE "TEACHER" THING, HUH?
BA-DUMP!
...I AM.


BOTH OF MY PARENTS WERE TEACHERS.
STUDENTS OFTEN CAME TO VISIT EVEN AFTER THEY GRADUATED...
I USED TO SEE HOW MUCH THEY ADORED MY PARENTS.
THEY RESPECT THEM TO THIS DAY.
THAT'S THE KIND OF TEACHER I WANT TO BE.
I'M STILL WET BEHIND THE EARS, THOUGH.
HMMM...
I JUST HOPE YOU THINK I'M A GOOD TEACHER.


TO ME...
REACH...!
YOU JUST LOOK DELI-CIOUS.
YOU SMELL GOOD.
...I WHAT?
...I LOOK DELICIOUS?
I'M HUNGRY.
OH... RIGHT.
YOU'VE GOTTA EAT TO GET YOUR STRENGTH BACK!
GURGLE...
JOLT!!
...WHAT THE HELL...?


NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
AKINORI?
ONCE HE... RECOVERS...
HE'LL GO BACK INTO THE WILD, I GUESS.
NO...
BA-DUMP-
I'VE GOTTA BE HAPPY ABOUT MY STUDENT SPREADING HIS WINGS.
BA-DUMP...!
...BUT...



OH NO.

SOMEWHERE, DEEP DOWN, I DON'T WANT HIM TO LEAVE...

ONCE HIS WOUNDS ARE HEALED...

END


CHAPTER 2
THREADS OF LOVE
-A WEREWOLF'S STORY-


I'M HOME.
KER-CHIK!
HEY, AKINORI!
I'M CURRENTLY LIVING WITH A WOLF WHO'S TAKEN AN ANTHROPOMORPHIC FORM ONLY I CAN SEE.
DASH DASH
EVEN THOUGH NOT MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE I TOOK KOHAKU HOME ON THAT RAINY NIGHT...
I JUST CAN'T GET OVER HOW ADORABLE HE IS.
HUUUG!
SNF SNF
SNF SNF
WAG WAG
DID YOU FINISH THE HOMEWORK I GAVE YOU BEFORE I LEFT?
YEP, ALL OF IT.
OK, I'LL LOOK AT IT AFTER DINNER.


WOW! YOU GOT EVERYTHING RIGHT.
GOOD BOY!
GREAT JOB!
YOU REALLY ARE SO DARN SMART...
I'VE ALWAYS HEARD WOLVES WERE SMART...
I GUESS IT'S TRUE.
SNIFF
SNIFF
CLATTER...


YOU'RE ALWAYS COVERED IN DIFFERENT SCENTS.
WHAT'S WRONG?
STARE!...
WHAT... KIND OF SCENTS...?
FROM HUMANS.
OH... IT MUST BE ALL OF MY STUDENTS.
DO I SMELL?
THERE'S LOTS OF PEOPLE AROUND, YOU, HUH?
FWIP!
WELL, I'M A TEACHER AND ALL...
ALRIGHT, TIME FOR A SHOWER, AND THEN OFF TO BED.
OK.


KOHAKU'S WOUNDS...
ARE BASICALLY HEALED.
ZZZ-
SUUUCK!
HEY!
THAT TICKLES!
AH.
SQUEEZE!
I CAN'T KEEP HIM LOCKED UP...
IN SUCH A TINY SPACE LIKE THIS FOREVER.
HE'S SO SWEET.
NOM
NOM


BUT...
AT LEAST UNTIL HE'S COMPLETELY RECOVERED...
HUG!!
I'LL TEACH HIM EVERYTHING I CAN.
PERK!
I HEAR SOMETHING.
IS IT A WHISTLE?
OH...
THERE'S A FESTIVAL AT THE SHRINE NEARBY.


I GUESS HE DOES WANNA GO OUTSIDE.
OK.
I'M IN!
PWP!
I'M OFF TODAY, SO-
YOUR LEG LOOKS BETTER.
YOU WANNA GO CHECK IT OUT? NOTHING TOO STRENUOUS.
HELLO ...
MR. SHIMO-JIMA.
OH! HI THERE!
AWWW!
WHAT A CUTE DOG!
WHAT ...?
DON'T FORGET TO PUT A LEASH ON HIM, THOUGH...
CRAP ...!
THAT'S RIGHT. ALL THEY SEE IS A DOG!

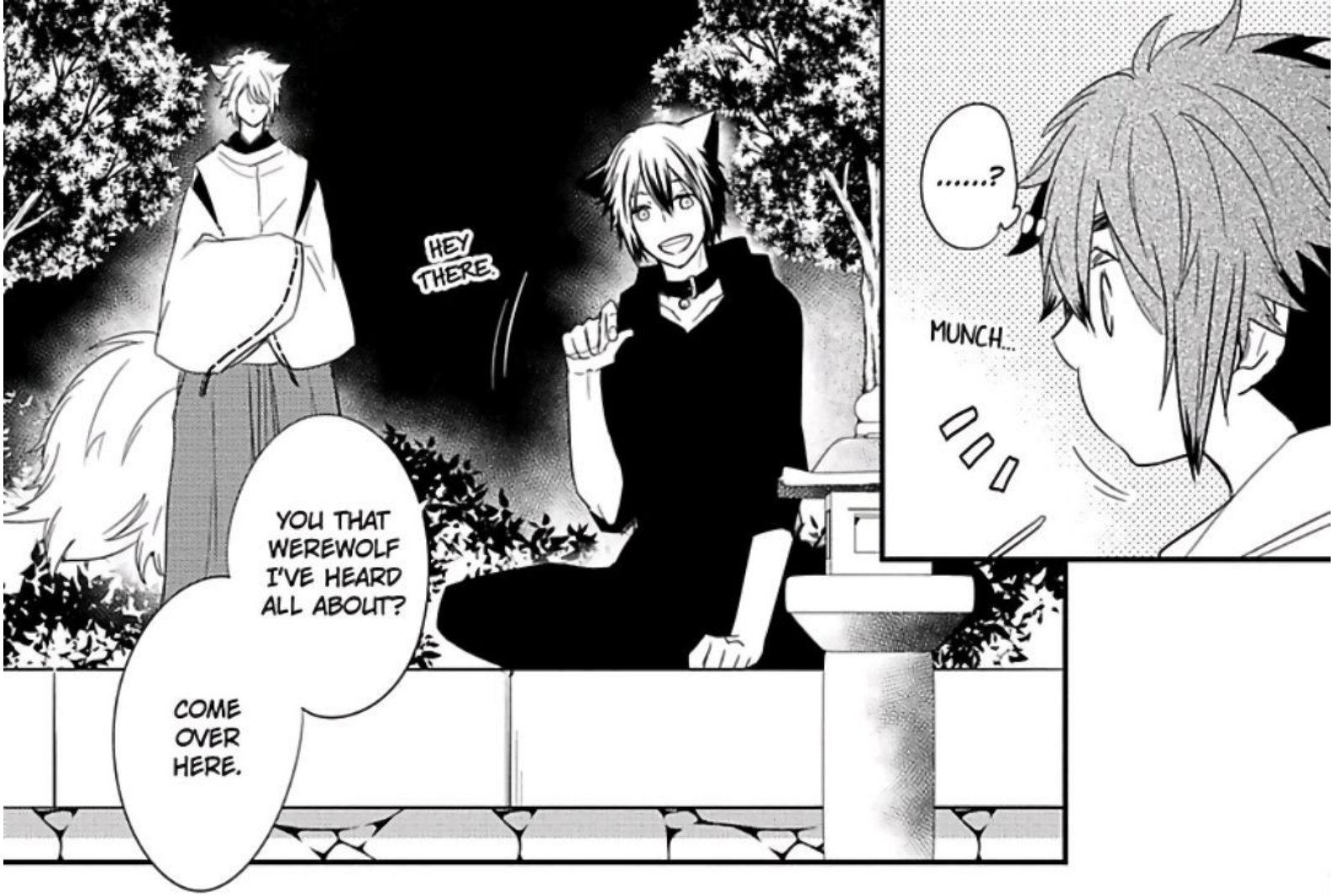

DASH!
BYE THEN.
?
OOPS. I ALMOST FORGOT!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
POOF!!
WANT ME TO HOLD YOU WHILE WE'RE OUT?
NOW WHAT...?
I CAN TAKE HUMAN FORM.
YOU MEAN... ONE THAT EVERYONE CAN SEE?
YEP.


NO MORE EARS OR TAIL, THOUGH.
WAIT.
YOU LOOK THE SAME...
?
WOW!
YOU'RE SOMETHING ELSE!
SO TALENTED.
THAT'S THE ONLY DIFFERENCE YOU SEE...
BUT OTHER PEOPLE SEE ME AS A HUMAN NOW.
PET...
BLUSH!


...HM?
OH...
IT DOES...?
BUT, TURNING HUMAN LIKE THIS MAKES ME REALLY HUNGRY...
STARE...!
HM?
WHAT'S UP?
PWP!
NOTHING ...
LET'S EAT AT THE FESTIVAL.
HERE'S SOME MONEY YOU CAN USE.
YOU CAN PRACTICE BUYING SOME-THING.
I ALREADY KNOW HOW.


SPONGE CAKE
THAT'S TOO BAD.
IT SURE IS.
SHE'S JUST VISITING TILL TOMORROW...
HI THERE, MR. SHIMOJIMA.
OH... MR. KOUSAKA.
HELLO.
IS THAT YOUR GRAND-DAUGHTER?
COTTON CANDY
CHATTER
CHATTER
SNIFF
SNIFF
I SMELL MEAT...
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
I JUST WANT HER TO HAVE AS MUCH FUN AS POSSIBLE WHILE SHE'S HERE.
...HOW NICE.
I'LL SEE HER AGAIN SOON.
TROT
TROT


BOW!
SEE YOU.
...I WANT YOU TO HAVE A GOOD TIME, TOO...
I TOTALLY...
GET WHAT YOU MEAN.
NIBBLE
NIBBLE
...HUH? KOHA-KU!?
WHERE'D YOU GO!?
YO!


HEY THERE.
YOU THAT WEREWOLF I'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT?
COME OVER HERE.
.....?
MUNCH...


KURO...
YOU'RE THE BIG BROTHER HERE...
SO ACT LIKE IT.
HE'S PROBABLY YOUNGER IN TERMS OF AGE, THOUGH...
THIS IS MY TERRI-TORY.
DON'T GO GETTING AHEAD OF YOURSELF.
YOUR WHAT?
IT'S NOT THAT I CARE...
JUST DON'T FIGHT.
IT'S STUPID.
B-BIG BROTHER!


WELL, ALRIGHT THEN!
HMPH!
YOU'RE PROBABLY MORE SIMILAR TO HIM, TOO.
I HAVE THE MOST GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE WORLD!
AMONGST US THREE, AT LEAST!
HE'S A PAIN, BUT HE'S NOT A BAD GUY.
TALK TO HIM IF YOU NEED HELP.
NOD
WHAT?
YOU MEAN I'M LIKE SOME PUNK KID?
I DIDN'T SAY THAT.
GOOD. KEEP IT THAT WAY!
UU
ANYWAY!


YOU ALONE TODAY?
NO, I'M WITH AKI-NORI.
SOME STRANGER STARTED TALKING TO HIM...
SO I WANDERED OFF.
GRRR...
AKI-NORI?
IS THAT YOUR MASTER?
WHAT'S A "MASTER"?
YOUR OWNER, THEN?
?
THE HELL IS HE, THEN?
HE'S MY DINNER...
KO-HAKU!
BA-DUMP!

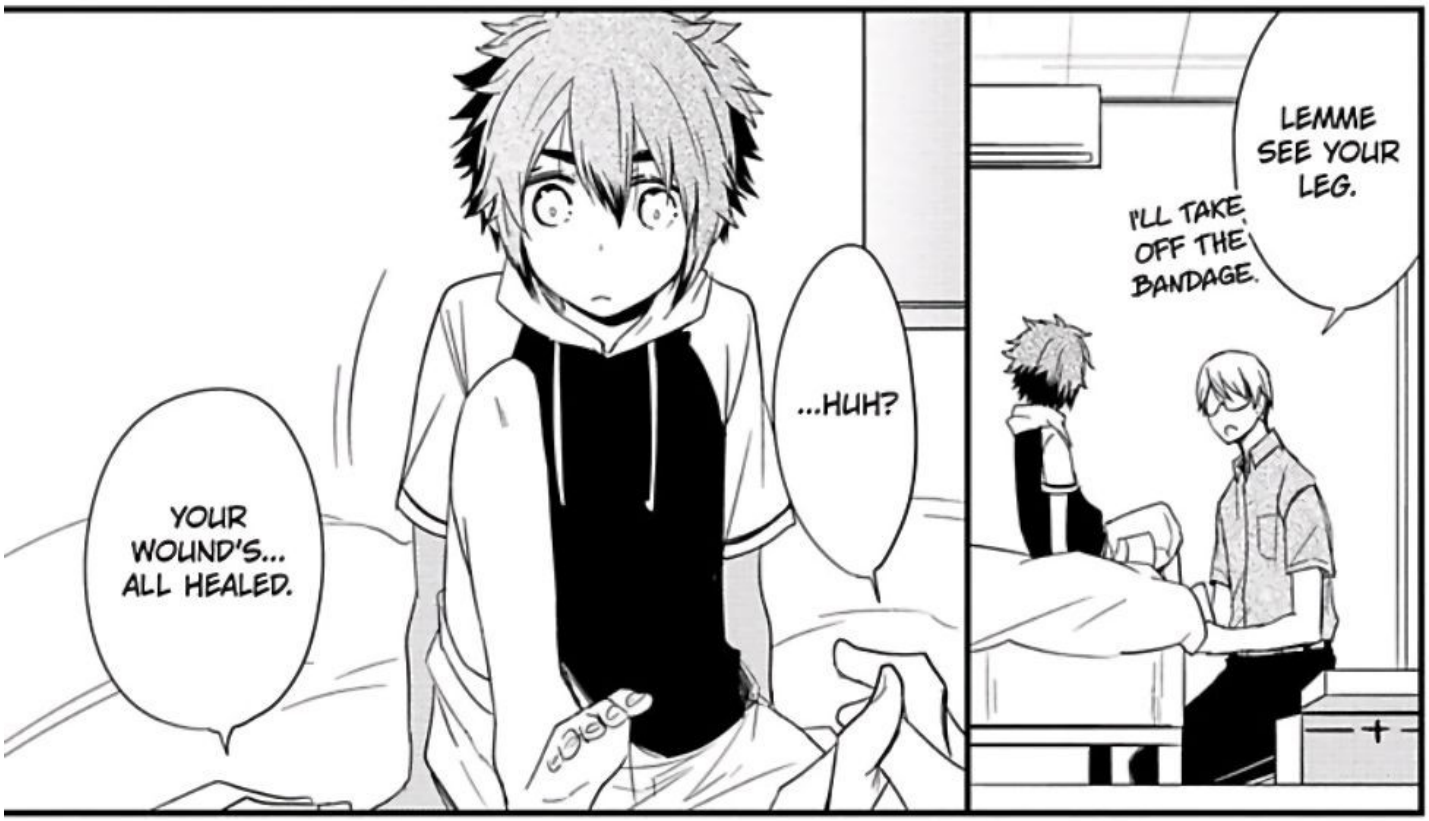

THERE YOU ARE!
WHY'RE YOU ALONE HERE?
DID YOU GET TIRED?
TMP!
OH NO...
YOUR WOUND OPENED UP...
IT DOESN'T HURT.
NOPE.
C'MON.
PIGGY-... BACK...
YOU DON'T KNOW, HUH?
?
PUT YOUR ARMS ON MY SHOULDERS.
GOOD.
HEY.
...DIDN'T HE SEEM SKETCHY?
.....


I'D NEVER.
OH, I GUESS...
IF IT HITS THE FAN, YOU CAN JUST CUT THEIR THREAD, RIGHT?
I ONLY DO THAT...
IF ONE PERSON WISHES DEEPLY FOR IT.
I DON'T DO IT FOR MY OWN PERSONAL REASONS.
HMMM...
BYE-BYE!
EVEN IF I WERE TO SUGGEST IT...
I DON'T KNOW IF HE'D GO THROUGH WITH IT.

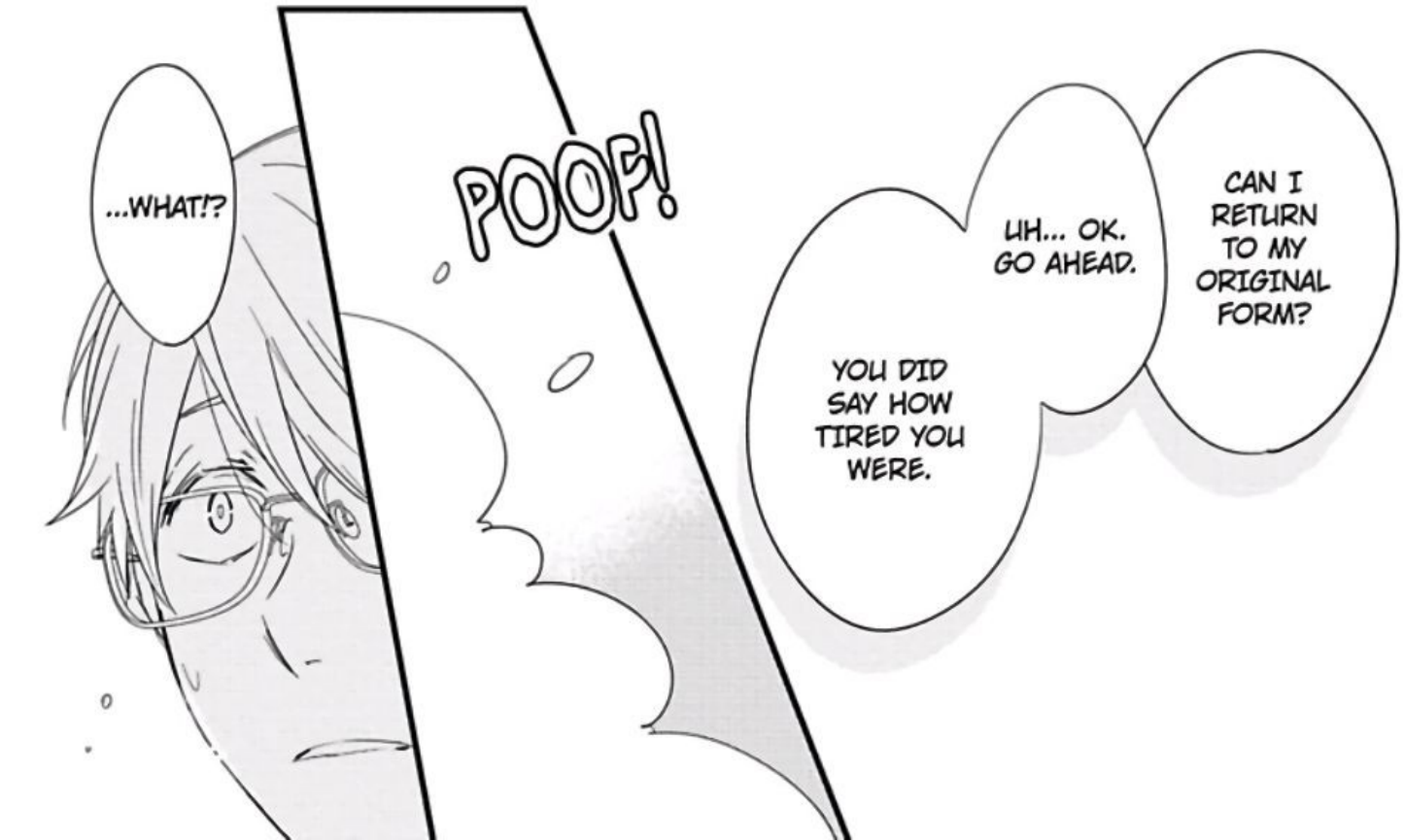

BUT, THAT WAS KATSUYUKI'S TEACHER, RIGHT?
I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE.
IF KATSUYUKI FINDS OUT...
THAT YOU KNEW AND COULD'VE DONE SOMETHING...
WON'T HE BE PISSED?
SHOCK!
そんな!
.....
WELL, IT'S NO FUR OFF MY BACK.
I MADE YOU DO ALL THAT WALKING DESPITE YOUR INJURIES.


I WENT AHEAD WHEN THAT GUY WAS TALKING TO YOU.
HEH HEH!
SNIPP
SNIPP
GUUURGLE...
I GET IT... SORRY.
I'LL PATCH YOU UP AT HOME.
AH.
I'M SURE YOU'RE HUNGRY, TOO.
BITE!
OW ...!
KOHA-KU!?
WHAT THE_!!?
JOLT!!
SLURP!
GULP...!!
SHUDDER
BA-DUMP!
SHUDDER
SHUDDER


SHUDDER...!
DID HE...
BITE ME JUST NOW?
HEY...!
WHAT'S WRONG!?
CAREFUL! YOU'LL FALL!
LICK LICK
WAG!
WAG
MAYBE HE'S IN A BAD MOOD...
WOOOOF...
GROWL...
BA-DUMP...
BA-DUMP
GRIND...!
GROOOWL...
BA-DUMP...
AFTER ALL THAT TROUBLE TO GO OUT...
I DIDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HIM...


LEMME SEE YOUR LEG.
I'LL TAKE OFF THE BANDAGE.
...HUH?
YOUR WOUND'S... ALL HEALED.


IT WAS JUST BLEEDING.
...BUT, HOW?


...WHAT!?
POOF!
CAN I RETURN TO MY ORIGINAL FORM?
UH... OK. GO AHEAD.
YOU DID SAY HOW TIRED YOU WERE.


I'M BEAT.
WHAT THE WHAT!?


"IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S STAYING SMALL SO HE CAN HEAL FASTER."
OH...!
...I GET IT.
SO, THIS IS YOUR ORIGINAL FORM, HUH?
CLENCH!
STOP IT.
SMILE AND LET HIM GO.
THAT MEANS...
THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM TO STAY HERE...


KO-HAKU...
I'LL MISS YOU...
BUT I GUESS THIS IS GOOD-BYE.
...IT IS?
WHY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...? YOU...
THE WILD
GRAB!
FWOP!
!!
...!!?
HF!


YOU SAID YOU'D HELP ME FULFILL MY DREAMS, RIGHT?
SHUDDER!!
AKI-NORI...
NO...
SO-
YOU WANNA RUN AWAY FROM ME?
UM...
HUH?
TWITCH...!
CREAK...
I'M SCARED.
WHAT DO I DO?
I DID... BUT...
AND THAT I COULD DEPEND ON YOU FOR ANYTHING?
CHOMP
TWITCH!
AH!
OW...!
CREAK...!
EEP!
MM!!
SNIPP!


SLURP!
...MM!
LICK
SUCK
SHAKE
NO WAY. ON THE WALK HOME... HE WAS...
DRINKING MY BLOOD!?
WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO!?
SUCK
LICK
SHAKE
PAAANT-
HFF...
PAAANT-
LICK
TWITCH!
SHUDDER
SHUDDER!
HF.
HF!
KO-HAKU!
STOP!
CREAK!
RIP!!
CRAP.
HE'S GONNA EAT ME.


SHAKE
SHAKE
OW ...!
STOP. YOU'RE SCAR-ING...
ME...!
GROWL
GROOOWL
SUCK
TWITCH!
AKI-NORI...
YOU TASTE SWEET NO MATTER WHERE I LICK.
SUCK
AH!
SCRAPE!!
TWITCH!
!


WHY ARE YOU ...?
STOP...
FLAIL
FLAIL
HOLD STILL.
IF YOU STRUGGLE, I MIGHT END UP HURTING YOU.
A-...
ARE YOU GONNA...
E-EAT ME...!?
PINCH!
EEP!
TWITCH!!
I WASN'T INTENDING TO...
MM!
MM!
QUIVER!
SUCK
BUT NOW THAT I'VE HAD A TASTE...
I DON'T THINK I CAN HOLD BACK.
...!
LICK...
MM
SUCK
!
TWITCH!
TWITCH!
CLENCH!!


NO WAY...!
SHUDDER!!
YANK!
YOU'RE LIKE A TREAT TO ME.
AH!
MMPH!
TWITCH!!
SLURP!
TWITCH!
TWITCH!
NO!
YOU'RE SCARING ME...
QUIVER!
SUCK
LICK!
HF!
AH!
MM!
MM!
RUB!
HUFF!
I WON'T BITE IT OFF.
HF!
MM!
TWITCH!
SUCK!
TWITCH!
SUCK!
SUCK!


SLURP!
TWITCH!
AH!
AHHH ...!
TWITCH!!
SLURP
SHLIP!
TWITCH!!
TWITCH!
SHLIP!
TWITCH!
SHLIP!
OW...
STOP ...!
TWITCH!
SHLIP!
SHLIP!
SHLIP!
SHLIP!
TWITCH!
QUIVER!
EEP!
AH!
TWITCH!
AH.
TWITCH!


SHLIP!
TWITCH!
AH!
NO!
STOP ...
SHLIP
TWITCH!
TWITCH!!
AHH!
AH!
HF!
HFF!
SUCK
SLURP!
AH!
!
MM!
TWITCH!!
TWITCH!
HF
AH!
GROWL...
SPREAD!
HFF ...
GULP!
SLURP!
TWITCH!
HFF...
QUIVER...!
HE SWAL-LOWED IT...!?


HF!
HFF!
HF.
HF.
AH.
GROOOWL
PAAANT-
PAAANT-
TWITCH...!
HEY...
YOU'RE NOT GONNA...
SHUDDER
TUG!
TUG!
PUSH!


ST-..
STOP IT!
THAT WON'T FIT IN!
NUDGE!
HF!
AH.
FLAIL
FLAIL!
CREAK!
OW!!
TWITCH!!
HF.
SQUISH!
NUDGE!!
MM!
MM!
SLIP...!
AH.
HF.
HF.
AH.
AH.
HFF...
YOU'RE SO WARM.
SHAKE!
KOHA-... KU!
NO.
STOP!
CREAK!
AH.
AH!
SHAKE!
NUDGE!
STOP ...!
AH!


CREAK!
AH!
AH!
AH!
MMM!
SHLIP
SMACK!
SPURT!
HF
AH!
SMACK!
SHLIP!
CREAK!
CREAK!
LET GO ALREADY...
AH!
MM!
CREAK!
MM!
MM!!
TWITCH!
EEP!
AH!
GRIND!
AH.
AH!
AHHHH!


SHAKE
SHAKE
TELL ME IF IT FEELS GOOD.
AHHH!
MM!
OH!
HERE?
SMACK!
SHLIP!
HF.
CREAK!
AHHH!
HF.
CREAK!
SHLIP!
SMACK!
CREAK!
CREAK!
NO!
AH!
STOP ...
WELL, WHATEVER...
SHLIP!
MM!
HF!!
GULP!
CREAK!
JKCUS
JKCUS
JKCUS
GRIND!
CREAK!
MM ...!
AH!
THRUST!
SQUISH!
HF.
...KO-HAKU...
HF!


HF!
HF.
CREAK!
HF!
IT'S AS CLEAR AS DAY NOW.
CREAK!
CREAK!
CLENCH!
I DON'T EVEN...
NEED TO ASK...
AH.
NH!
CREAK!
HF.
HF!
!
IF I WAS NOTHING MORE TO HIM...
THAN A MEAL.
END


HIS FIRST TIME DRINKING
COM-ING!
NOK
NOK
KO-HAKU?
GOING OUT IS FINE...
KER-CHIK
THUD
JUST LET ME KNOW...
URK...
WHOA!!
ARE YOU OK!?
...YOU REEK OF LIQUOR!
WERE YOU DRINK-ING!?
...UH-HUH.


CHAPTER 3
THREADS OF LOVE
-A WEREWOLF'S STORY-
BLINK...
JOLT!
OW...
THROB!
CREAK!
IT'S FROM LAST NIGHT...
HF! HF!
CREAK!
GASP!


KOHAKU?
CLATTER...!
SILENCE...
KER-CHIK!
...YOU HERE?
I CAN'T FIND HIM.
DID HE...
LEAVE...?
I KNEW HE WOULD ONCE HIS INJURIES HEALED.
HE IS A WILD WOLF AND ALL...
BA-DUMP...!
HAHA...
HE REALLY DUG HIS TEETH IN...


URK ...!
PLIP...
WHAT DO I DO?
EVEN AFTER WHAT HE DID...
I FEEL SO ALONE...
THAT I DON'T MIND IT AT ALL...


A WHAT ...?
BA-DUMP!
MR. SHIMO-JIMA...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR NECK?
GOT A HICKEY?
CHATTER
OK, PEOPLE.
TAKE YOUR SEATS.
CHATTER
NO, NO!
I FELL AND HURT MYSELF LAST NIGHT...
YOU SHOULD ALL BE CAREFUL ON DARK STREETS.
TRIPPED!
I'M SERI-...
AN UN-LIKELY STORY!
HA HA HA!


...!!?
CLAT-
TER!
YOU OK?
HUH ...!?
WHA-...?
UH... SORRY.
CAN'T YOU SEE HIM?
FLINCH!
MY FEET GOT TANGLED.
HA-HA-HA...
GET A GRIP, MAN!
L-... LET'S GET STARTED.
HEY... SHIRO...
YOU THINK MR. SHIMOJIMA CAN SEE YOU?
.....


I SEE...
YOU WERE A FOX, HUH?
THAT'S WHY I'D NEVER SEEN YOU AROUND SCHOOL BEFORE.
...I-I HOPE...
YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING AWFUL TO KATSUYUKI, EITHER...
NOPE!
I'M TOTALLY FINE!
GUARD!
BA-DUMP...!
UM... MR. SHIMO-JIMA...
DID SOME-THING BAD HAPPEN?
UM...
...I'M NOT SURE...


I REALLY...
HAVE NO IDEA...
SO...
WHISPER!
OTHER PEOPLE...
CAN'T SEE SHIRO RIGHT NOW?
NO ONE SEEMS TO BE NOTICING HIM.
BA-DUMP!
I WONDER WHY...
I'M SUDDENLY ABLE TO...
...UH... WHEN YOU'RE INTIMATE WITH THIS KIND OF BEING...
YOUR BOND BECOMES DEEPER AND YOU CAN SEE THEM...
ALL OF THEM.
WHAT KIND OF BEING...?
BA-DUMP...
YOU CAN...!?
THAT'S WHY I CAN PRETTY MUCH TELL...
WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOU TWO...


...THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO, RIGHT?
KURO HAD SOME ISSUES WITH THAT.
NO.
WHEN SHIRO TAKES THIS FORM...
OTHERS CAN'T SEE HIM...
TH-
THEN, TO OTHER PEOPLE...
SWEAT!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU AND I ARE TALKING TO A FOX?
HAHAHA.
UH...!
SEES THIS
CAN'T SEE
SAME BEING
CAN SEE
SEES THIS
IT REQUIRES A LOT OF ENERGY...
TO HAVE TWO VISIBLE FORMS.
THERE'S REALLY NO POINT TO IT.
WHAT!?
LIKE A FOX, FOR EXAMPLE.
IT'S POSSIBLE TO HAVE HUMANS SEE YOU AS SOMETHING ELSE...
ONCE YOU GET USED TO CHANGING FORMS...


.....
I'M GOOD WITH THAT.
I COULD, BUT THEN I'D REQUIRE AN ENERGY REFILL MORE OFTEN.
IT WOULDN'T LOOK LIKE I'M ALWAYS BABBLING TO MYSELF.
IF YOU'D ONLY DO THAT FOR ME...
?
?
"WHAT A CUTE DOG!"
OTHERS SEE KOHAKU AS A DOG...
...?
LET'S JUST KEEP THINGS AS IS FOR NOW...
IF THERE'S NO POINT, WHY'S HE DOING IT...?
HMMM...
...SHIRO...
GO TAKE FIVE.
.....
UM... MR. SHIMOJI-MA...


THAT'S RIGHT!
ARE YOU OK!?
I'M SURE...
THAT WOLF DID SOMETHING TERRIBLE TO YOU...
SHOCK!
I MEAN...
DID THAT FOX ALMOST EAT YOU...?
I'M FINE.
I'VE AGREED TO IT.
YOU HAVE ...?
HE JUST MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT AN ENERGY REFILL...
THAT CAN'T MEAN...


I WASN'T SURE AT FIRST, EITHER...
BUT FOR THEM...
THE... ER... BODY FLUID...
FROM SOMEONE SPECIAL...
APPARENTLY TASTES DELI-CIOUS...
"SOMEONE SPECIAL"...
BLUSH!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
THAT'S KINDA WHY I'M OK WITH IT...
THANKS, KATSUYUKI.
I'M FEELING A LITTLE BETTER NOW.



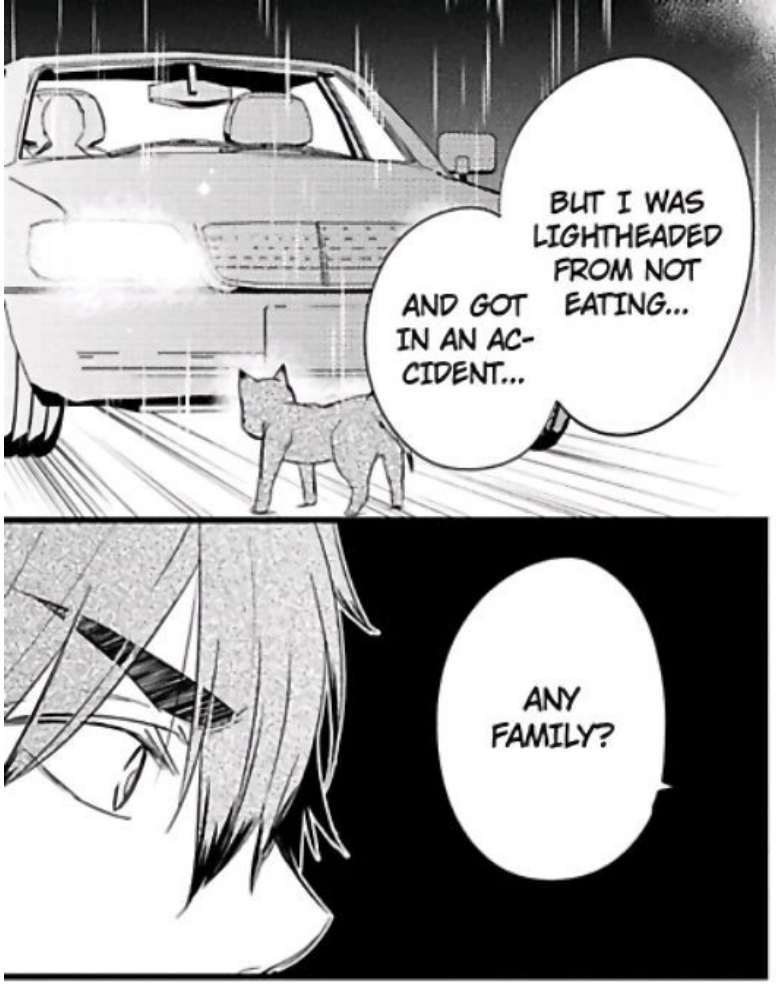
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN ASK HIM NOW...

'CAUSE HE HAD FEELINGS FOR ME...

I WONDER IF KOHAKU SAID I WAS DELICIOUS...

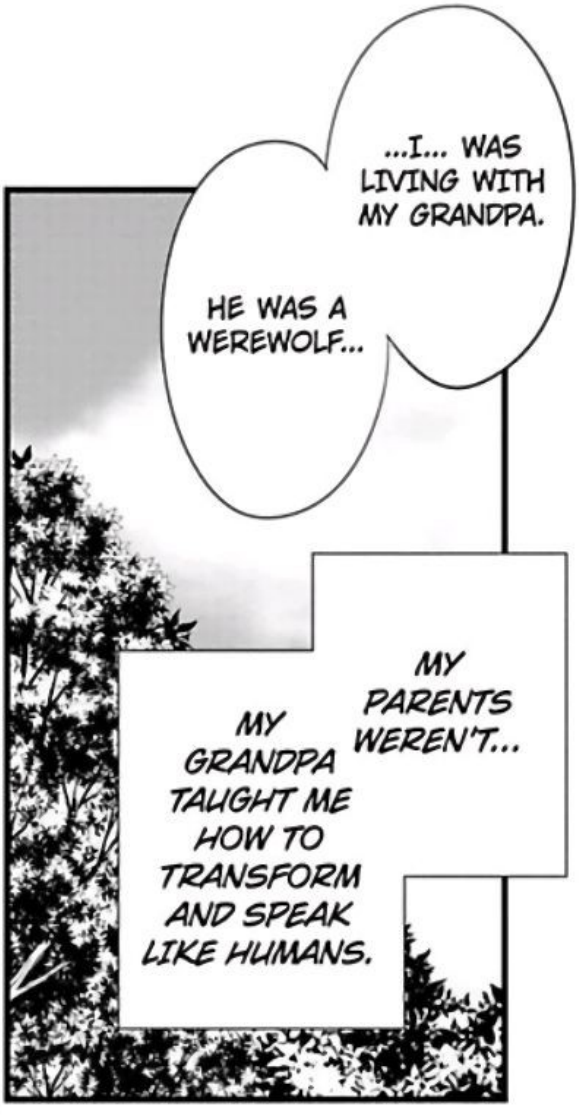

HELLO.
YOOO!
I'M HOME.
YUUKI
JUST KNOWING THAT I WAS MORE THAN SOME MEAL TO HIM...
MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO ME...
AUFOOO-
WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I FOUND THIS GUY...
AND SO...
SPACING OUT AT THE SHRINE.
HOW'D YOU GET IN..?
BATHROOM WINDOW WAS OPEN.
TAKAHISA SAID WE COULDN'T KEEP HIM.
I'LL HELP YOU LOOK FOR...
FOSTER PARENTS...
FOSTER WHAT?
WHAT'S THAT?
YELP...


KOHAKU.
...UM, WHAT'S YOUR NAME...?
YOU'RE PRETTY TALL.
I'VE GOTTA LOOK OUT FOR HIM...
SEEING AS HOW I'M LIKE A BIG BROTHER AND ALL.
I THOUGHT I COULD BRING HIM HERE.
UH-HUH.
SNIFFLE
NICE.
HEH HEH.
AKINORI GAVE IT TO ME.
DIDN'T YOU GO BACK TO THE WILD?
THAT'S WHAT MR. SHIMOJIMA SAID.
I DON'T HAVE...
A HOME THERE ANYMORE.


BUT I WAS LIGHTHEADED FROM NOT EATING...
AND GOT IN AN AC-CIDENT...
ANY FAMILY?


I CAN'T LIVE WHERE I USED TO.
I BOUNCED AROUND A LITTLE...
LOOKING FOR A NEW PLACE...


I DON'T THINK I NEED TO LEARN HOW TO GET ALONG WITH HUMANS.
WELL, I THINK YOU DO.
I GET HUNGRY IN THIS FORM. I DON'T LIKE IT.


...I... WAS LIVING WITH MY GRANDPA.
HE WAS A WEREWOLF...
MY PARENTS WEREN'T...
MY GRANDPA TAUGHT ME HOW TO TRANSFORM AND SPEAK LIKE HUMANS.


ALL OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IS YOUR TREASURE.
BLENDING IN WITH HUMANS...
WILL ESPECIALLY BECOME VITAL TO YOU.
YOU'LL FIND A MATE ONE DAY...
HAVE CHILDREN AND PASS THIS ON TO THEM.
A MATE?
YOU MEAN LIKE GRANDMA?
THAT'S RIGHT.
SOMEONE TRULY SPECIAL TO YOU.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?
YOU JUST WILL.
BUT, HOW?


YOU'LL MEET THEM, AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT...
EVERYTHING ELSE WILL JUST SEEM TO FADE AWAY.
CHERISH THEM WHEN YOU FIND THEM.


...I NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE MEANT...
UNTIL I SPENT TIME WITH AKINORI.
UM...
WHERE'S YOUR GRANDPA NOW?
HE STARVED TO DEATH.


I THINK WHEN HE LOST HIS MATE...
HE WANTED TO DIE ALONG WITH HER.
.....
BUT, HE HAD ME TO TAKE CARE OF, SO...
I WAS COMPLETELY AWARE THAT HE'D ASK ME TO LEAVE...
ONCE I'D RECOVERED FROM MY INJURIES...
CLENCH!!
AND YET WHEN HE SAID IT, I JUST LOST MY MIND...
AND NOW... JUST WHEN I THINK I'VE FOUND MY MATE...
I... COULDN'T CONTROL MYSELF AT ALL.


HOW'D YOU KNOW...?
??
HMMM...
WELL...
YOU SHOULDN'T FORCE THINGS.
YOU'VE NO RIGHT TO SAY THAT, SHIRO...
AGREED.
STAY OUT OF THIS.
WERE YOU HOLDING TWO FORMS...
AND USING UP YOUR ENERGY...
SO THAT YOUR WOUNDS WOULD HEAL MORE SLOWLY...?
...YOU KNOW...
MR. SHIMO-JIMA'S UPSET YOU'RE GONE...
WHY NOT JUST GO BACK?
I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO CONTROL MYSELF IN FRONT OF HIM.


HE SAVED ME...
AND TAUGHT ME LOTS OF THINGS.
I WAS NOBODY, AND HE GAVE ME A NAME.
...HE'S SPECIAL TO ME.
I DON'T WANNA HURT HIM ANY MORE.


...IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT ALL THAT...
JUST HAVE SHIRO ERASE BOTH YOUR MEMORIES.
I FEEL YOU.
ENOUGH ALREADY!
CUTTING THE THREADS...
AFTER HEARING ONLY ONE SIDE ISN'T FAIR.
BAM!
WHAT ...!?
HE CAN'T!
CLATTER!
PET


...
SIGH
SORRY FOR SHOUTING LIKE THAT.
YOU CAN...
STAY HERE FOR NOW...
BUT YOU'VE GOTTA TALK TO MR. SHIMOJIMA.
...I GOT IT.
MR. SHIMOJIMA...
YOU SEEM DOWN LATELY.
HAVE SOME TEA.
TH-THANKS.
I DO!?


I GUESS I'M KINDA LONELY...
UH...!
THE DOG I WAS CARING FOR...
WENT BACK TO HIS HOME.
REALLY?
OH, I KNOW!
I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS SHOWING IT...
GOTTA BE MORE CAREFUL...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW DOG...
THAT SENIOR, TAKAHISA, IS LOOKING FOR FOSTER PARENTS FOR HIS PUPPY.
UM... I'M NOT ACTUALLY LOOKING RIGHT NOW...
I THINK TAKING IN A NEW DOG...
WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, THOUGH...



OTHER THAN TIME...

THAT'LL FILL THIS EMPTINESS IN MY HEART...?

■END■

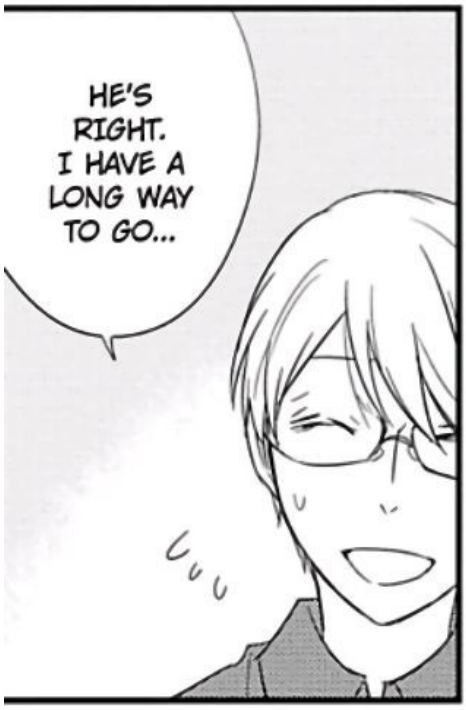

CHAPTER 4
THREADS OF LOVE
-A WEREWOLF'S STORY-
WHAT IS IT, TAKAHISA?
CLATTER!
STAFF ROOM
EXCUSE ME!
MR. SHIMO-JIMAAA...
CLATTER!


THE FOSTER PARENT THING...
UH...
UM!
I HEARD YOU WERE LOOKING...
FOR A NEW DOG.
A PUPPY...
...WELL...
IF YOU THINK I'D BE GOOD AT LOOKING AFTER IT...


OK, THEN CAN YOU MEET ME...
AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?
MY FRIEND IS GONNA BRING THE PUPPY HERE.
YOU GOT IT.
BOW!
SEE YOU LATER!
MR. SHIMO-JIMA...
ARE YOU RECEIVING A GIFT FROM THAT STUDENT?
BA-DUMP!
ER... NO, SIR...
MY BOSS!
HE'S LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE IN A PUPPY...
...BECOMING CLOSE WITH STUDENTS IS FINE...
JUST DON'T GO BEING THEIR FRIEND.
BA-DUMP!


LECTURE
LECTURE
LECTURE
LECTURE
ADHERE TO POLICY AND DON'T FORGET YOUR PLACE AS AN IN-STRUCTOR.
THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR YOU. I'M WELL AWARE THAT SOME STUDENTS DON'T HAVE MUCH RESPECT FOR YOU.
SOME GUARDIANS HAVE EX-PRESSED CONCERN...
OVER YOUR ABILITY...

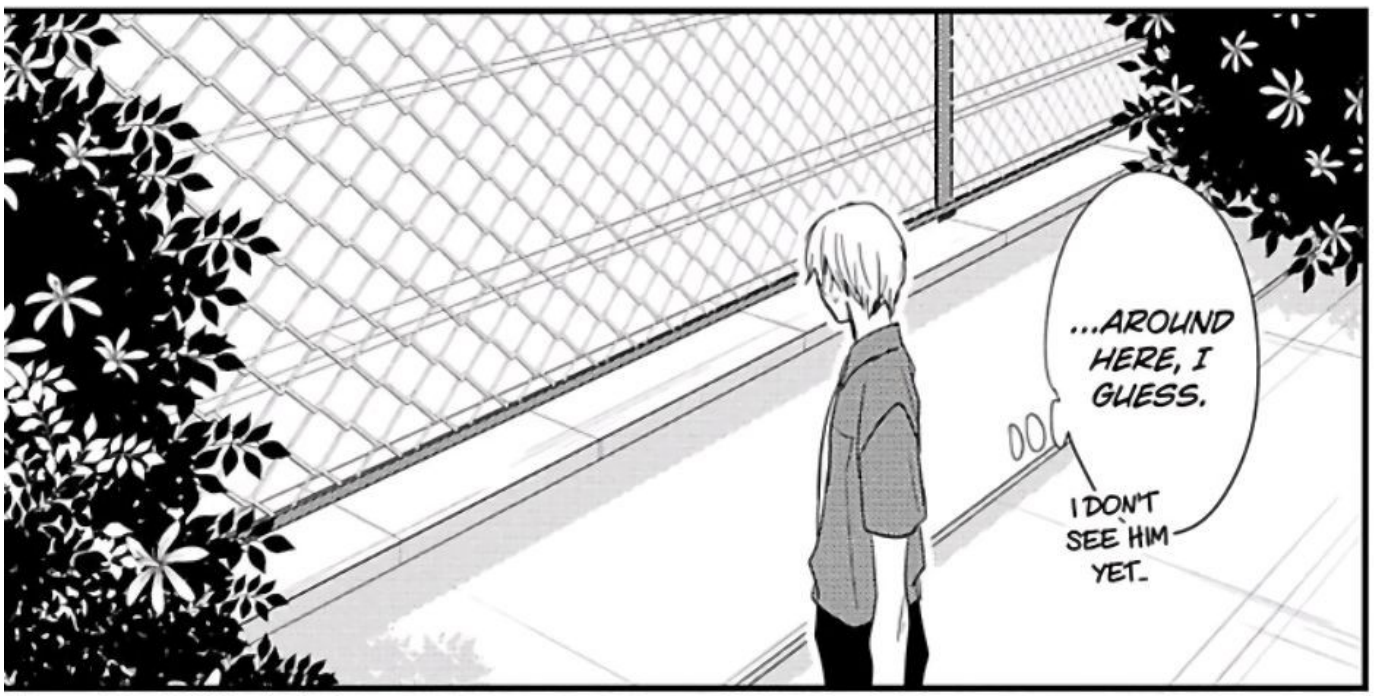
TO HANDLE THE CRUCIAL TIME THAT IS JUNIOR YEAR.
FROM HERE ON OUT...
...
...
...
...


HE'S RIGHT. I HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO...


WHISPER!
WHAT A NIGHT-MARE.
SIGH..
I'M OK...


ANYWAY!
DON'T TAKE EVERYTHING HE SAID TO HEART.
HE'S ONLY JEALOUS 'CAUSE OF HOW THE STUDENTS...
ADORE YOU SO MUCH.
BESIDES, I ADMIRE YOU FOR...
BEING FRIENDS WITH THEM.
...?
...HAHA.
I WOULDN'T SAY WE'RE FRIENDS...


SEE YA, MR. SHI-MOJIMA.
GOODBYE.
BE CAREFUL GOING HOME.
OK!
WAIT BY THE GARDE-NIAS...
NEXT TO THE GYM AFTER SCHOOL.
I'LL BRING HIM BY!


...AROUND HERE, I GUESS.
I DON'T SEE HIM YET.


SNIFFLE...
スン。
WHAT A NICE FRA-GRANCE...
KINDA STRONG, THOUGH.


I DUNNO WHY, BUT EVER SINCE KOHAKU LEFT...
I'VE FOUND MYSELF BEING MORE PESSI-MISTIC THAN USUAL...
IS IT 'CAUSE I'M LONELY...?
RUMBLE...
...LOOKS LIKE RAIN...
HI.
HELLO, MR. SHIMOJIMA.
OH!! MR. SHIMOJIMA!
SINCE MOVING HERE...
EVERYONE'S SEEN ME AS A TEACHER.
I SOMETIMES FEEL LIKE I WOULDN'T...
HAVE THE RELATION-SHIPS THAT I HAVE NOW.
CLENCH!
IF I WEREN'T A TEACHER...


OF COURSE, I'M HAPPY PEOPLE SEE ME THAT WAY.
IT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED.
I'M NOT LYING...
WHEN I SAY I'D DO ANYTHING...
FOR MY STUDENTS... BUT...
I THINK KOHAKU'S BEEN THE ONLY ONE HERE...
TO SEE ME FOR ME.
THAT'S WHY WHEN I WAS WITH HIM...
ALL OF THE THINGS THAT MADE ME TENSE JUST MELTED AWAY.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M NOTICING IT NOW THAT HE'S GONE.


...STOP WHIN-ING...
SIGH-
...THAT'S RIGHT.
HE LOST HIS PET RECENTLY AND WANTS ANOTHER.
DON'T LOOK SO DISSAT-ISFIED.
IT IS WHAT IT IS.
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE MISTAKEN FOR A STRAY DOG.
I'M A CAT...
SO I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!
GLANCE
OH...
THAT'S TAKA-HISA'S VOICE.
GLANCE
WHERE IS HE_?
CLANG!
...BUT...
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT AN OWNER.
LOOK, JUST TAKE PUPPY FORM ALREADY.
SHOCK!
THAT VOICE...


CLANG!
KO-HAKU!?
...AKI-NORI...?
...YOU'RE THE GUY LOOKING FOR A NEW PET...?


I THOUGHT HE WENT BACK INTO THE WILD!
HANG ON!
DASH!!!
K-
KO-HAKU!!
CLANG!
MR. SHIMO-JIMA...?
TAKA-HISA!
WHERE'S KOHAKU!?
IT'S THAT WOLF'S NAME.
"KO-HAKU"?
WHO'S THAT..?
WHISPER!


WAIT!
HUH!?
ANOTHER WEIRD ONE...
...WOW...
WAIT, THIS IS THE FOSTER PARENT?
HE'S KOHAKU'S FORMER MASTER.
DIDN'T YOU KNOW, TAKAHISA?
WHAT ...!?
FOR REAL?
I HAD NO IDEA.
SHOCK!
UH!!
MR. SHIMO-JIMA...
YOU CAN SEE HIM?
Y-_
YEAH!
AND I CAN SEE KOHAKU, TOO.
NOW, WHICH WAY DID HE GO...?
I THINK...
HE RAN THAT WAY.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH UP, SLOWPOKE.


BA-DUMP
...WHAT SHOULD I DO?
JUST WHEN I WAS ABLE TO SEE HIM AGAIN...
I FEEL LIKE NEXT TIME I WON'T BE SO LUCKY.
BA-DUMP...
BA-DUMP...
KURO...
WHERE'D HE GO?
PWIP!
I DUNNO.
...GEEZ.
...KUUURO.
FIIINE...
IF IT'S JUST LOOKING...
PERK!
I GUESS I'LL HELP.
PERK!


HOW?
EASY...
MEOW...
THIS IS MY TERRITORY, DUDE.
MEOOOW...
HF.
_HFF.
HFF_


SIGH_
AKI-NORI...
IS LOOKING FOR A NEW PET...
I MEAN, I'M NOT A PET, BUT_
...WHAT'S THE MATTER?
BA-DUMP!
WELL_
OF COURSE HE IS...
AFTER... THE AWFUL THING I DID...


TELL ME!
...THE... OTHER DAY...
WHAT'D YOU MEAN ABOUT CUTTING THREADS?
...DO YOU UNDERSTAND ABOUT SOULS?
I KNOW THE WORD, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN.
WE USUALLY CAN'T SEE THEM...
BUT I MEANT CUTTING THE THREADS THAT CONNECT TWO SOULS.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS...
YOU WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE OTHER PERSON.
YOU FORGET THEM...
AND THE MEMORIES OF THOSE AROUND YOU TWO WILL FADE AWAY.


I CAN'T SAY HOW FAR-REACHING OF AN EFFECT IT'LL HAVE...
BUT THE ONE CONNECTED TO YOU BY THE THREAD...
WILL COMPLETELY FORGET YOU.
BA-DUMP...!!
YOU MEAN AKINORI AND YOU AND KURO AND KATSUYUKI WILL FORGET ME, TOO?
...IF YOU CUT THE THREAD...
WILL AKINORI STOP BEING ABLE TO SEE US...
AND GO BACK TO HIS NORMAL LIFE?
MOST LIKELY. WHAT HE CAN SEE IS...
BECAUSE OF YOUR CONNECTION, SO...
...AKINORI...


IS CLEARLY LOOKING FOR A NEW PET...
SO HE CAN HURRY UP AND FORGET ME...
FOR WHAT I DID TO HIM.
...IF THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS, THEN...
.....
...BUT...
...I'M SCARED.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?


I'VE BEEN ON MY OWN...
EVER SINCE MY GRANDPA DIED.
I'D NEVER SPENT TIME WITH ANYONE OUTSIDE MY FAMILY...
SO I NEVER KNEW...
WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE SAVED BY A STRANGER...
OR BE TAUGHT NEW THINGS...
OR HAVE A SHOULDER TO LEAN ON...
OR HAVE SOMEONE TALK TO ME.
...BUT...
IF YOU CUT THE THREAD...
WILL I EVEN FORGET...
ALL OF THESE FEELINGS, TOO?


...THAT'S RIGHT.
SHUDDER..!
KOHAKU ...
BEING AFRAID OF LOSING...
SOMETHING PRECIOUS THAT YOU'VE OBTAINED IS NORMAL.
WHEN YOU DON'T FEEL THAT...
IS WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG.
YOU'VE GROWN UP. THAT'S ALL.
IT'S NOTHING TO FEAR.


YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO.
HE'S ON A STREET IN DISTRICT TWO.
MEOW...
MEOW...
RUMBLE...
THAT'S WHERE...
I FIRST FOUND HIM...
PLIP!
PLIP..!
BOW!
THERE'S NOTHING OVER THERE. WHAT'S HE...
UP TO...?
THANKS!


FSSSHHH...
DASH!
KOHAKU!
JOLT!!
GRAB!
WHY'D YOU RUN AWAY!?
THAT'S MY LINE!
!!
HP!
HP!
AKI-NORI ...?
WHY'RE YOU HERE ...?
HE SHOULD STILL BE AT WORK.


AND I THOUGHT YOU RE-TURNED HOME TO THE WILD!
...THAT'S...
I...
DID SOMETHING TERRIBLE TO YOU...
...IF THAT'S THE REASON YOU LEFT ME...
IT'S EVEN WORSE.
YOU KNOW.
IF YOU THINK YOU DID SOME-THING WRONG...
THEN APOLO-GIZE FOR IT!
...HAHA.
YOU SOUND LIKE A TEACHER.
I AM A TEACHER.


I...
I WANTED TO THANK YOU.
...BUT...
I THINK YOU'RE...
GONNA FORGET IT REAL SOON.
...AND PROBA-BLY ME, TOO...
WHAT'S ...
...THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
WELL, YOU HATE ME NOW, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY YOU WANT...
A PET TO REPLACE ME...
Y...
YOU'RE WRONG!


I WAS PRETTY SURPRISED...
AND SCARED...
BUT...
IT HURT A LOT MORE WHEN YOU LEFT ME.
I REMEMBERED THE TIME I SAVED YOU.
WHEN I HEARD TAKAHISA NEEDED SOMEONE FOR HIS PUPPY...


CLENCH...
I WASN'T TRYING TO REPLACE YOU.
BUT, I JUST WANTED TO HELP OUT A POOR PUPPY.


I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY.
SO, EVEN THOUGH IT MADE ME SAD...
I FIGURED I HAD TO SEE YOU OFF...
WHEN YOU WENT BACK INTO THE WILD.
CLENCH!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
I...!!
JUMP!!
I'M A LONELY MESS...
WITHOUT YOU...


HUG...
...BUT IF I'M AROUND, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE.
I WANT TO MAKE YOU MY MATE, AKINORI.
EVEN IF YOU SAY YOU WANT A HUMAN LATER ON... I WON'T LET YOU GO.
...YOU ARE A WOLF, AFTER ALL...
PLUS, I'M NOT AN ORDINARY BEAST.
MY LIFE SPAN'S MUCH LONGER THAN YOURS.
I DON'T MIND.


I'LL GET OLDER AND OLDER.
I WONDER HOW YOU'LL REACT.
ANYWAY, IF THEY'RE THAT DIFFERENT...
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
...YOUR SOUL'S GOT ME ALL TO ITSELF.
I WON'T GIVE IT A SECOND THOUGHT.
MP!
THU-
...WHERE'D YOU PICK UP...
A CHEAP LINE LIKE THAT?
...IT'S A SECRET.
PLIP...!


KO-HAKU...
LET'S GET IN THE SHOWER...
AND GET OUT OF THESE COLD, WET CLOTHES.
...AKI-NORI...
THEN I'VE GOTTA RUN BACK TO SCHOOL.
SHAKE
SHAKE!
C'MON.
WATER'S EVERYWHERE!
BOW!
I'M SORRY FOR GETTING ROUGH THE OTHER DAY...
...HAHA.
I WAS SCARED AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT I'M FINE NOW.
BESIDES...


YOU THINK I'M DELICIOUS.
I FOUND OUT WHAT THAT MEANS...
I'M REALLY HAPPY.
SO, WHEN YOU GET HUNGRY...
JUST TELL ME...
THUD!


!
PRESS!!
THUD!
...WOW...
KISS
SUCK
KISS
KISS-KISS
THE INSIDE OF HIS MOUTH...
IS SO WARM. IT FEELS GOOD.
SLIDE!
WAG
WAG

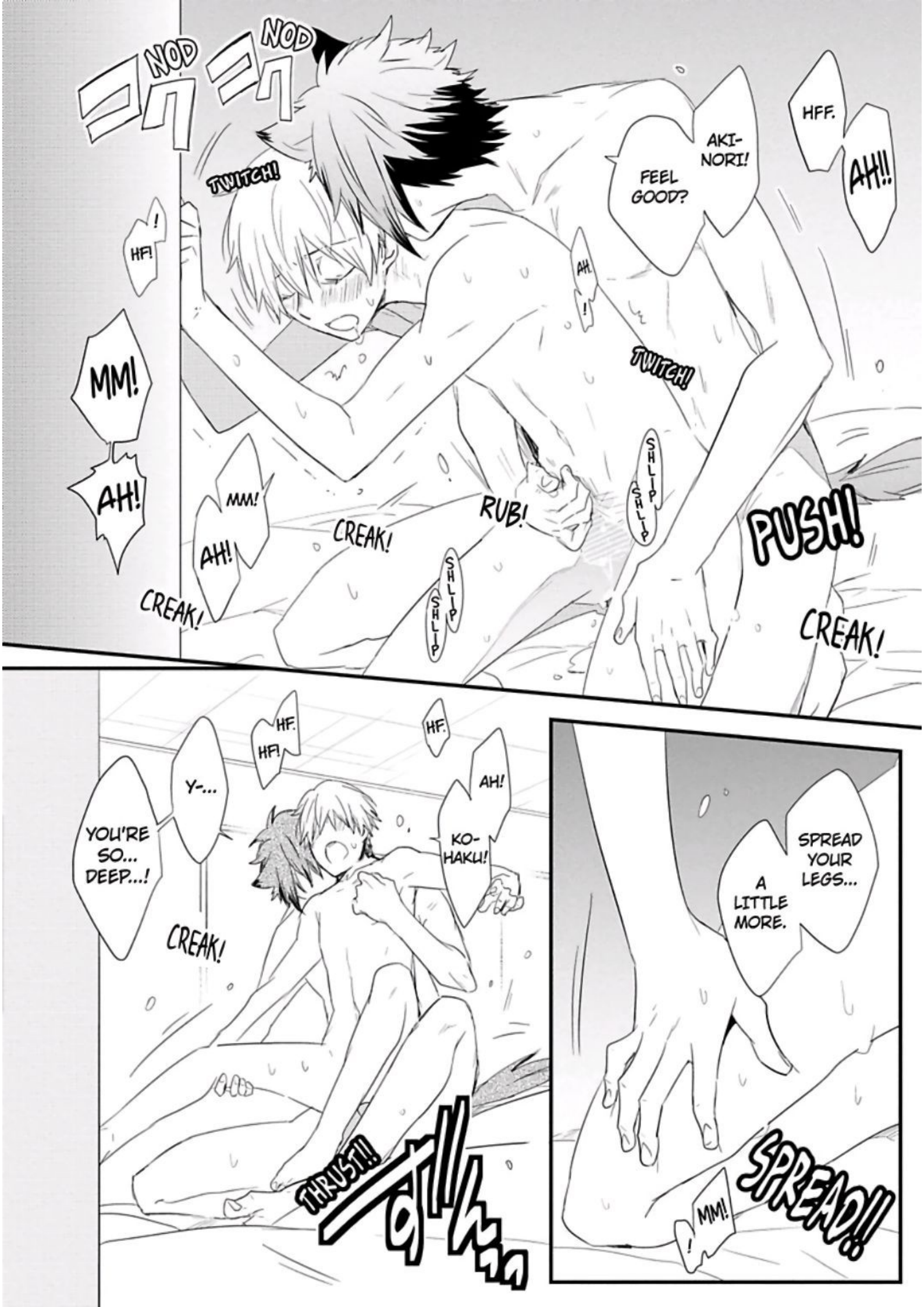

I THINK I KNOW WHERE THIS IS LEADING...
HF!
!!
MM!
SLIDE...!
...!
TWITCH!
GASP...!
CLENCH!
...HUH?
KOHAKU?
POOF!
SST...!


I DON'T WANNA HURT YOU.
IN THIS FORM I WON'T NEED TO ATTACK YOU AGAIN.
I DON'T USE UP AS MUCH ENERGY.
AS A PUNISHMENT, I'LL STAY LIKE THIS FOR A WHILE.
... HUH !?
BUT...
UM...
SORRY...
NO WAY...
IS HE GONNA WITHHOLD SEX LIKE THIS!?
I DUNNO HOW TO TAKE THIS AS AN EDUCATOR_
UH_ I DON'T WANT TO PUNISH YOU, THOUGH_
TIME FOR A SHOWER
■END■


HIS FIRST TIME DRINKING 3
CAN YOU DRINK SOME WATER?
GULP
GULP
YOU OK...?
YOU KNOW...
YOU'RE UNDERAGE...
...WAIT...
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
HMMM...
I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER.
NOD_
I GUESS ABOUT... 250...
!?




CHAPTER 1
THREADS OF LOVE
-A WEREWOLF'S STORY-
CLENCH!
HF!
MM!
AH.
AH!
MM!
CREAK!
AH!
AH!
CREAK!
KO-
HAKU!
CREAK!

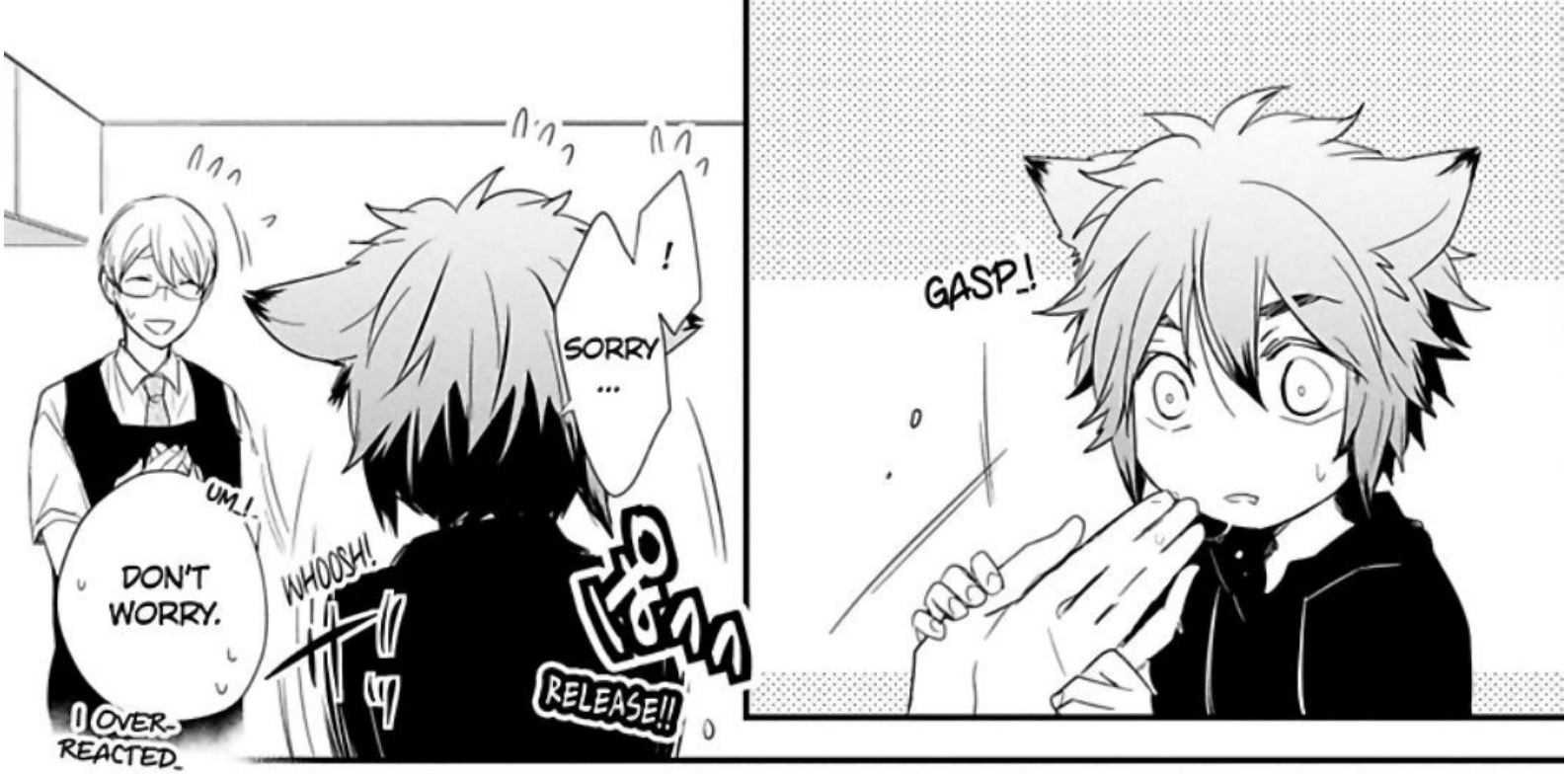

NOD
NOD
TWITCH!
HF!
MM!
AH!
CREAK!
MM!
AH!
CREAK!
RUB!
SHLIP
SHLIP
AH!
TWITCH!
SHLIP
SHLIP
AKI-NORI!
FEEL GOOD?
HFF.
AH!!
PUSH!
CREAK!
HF.
HF!
Y-...
YOU'RE SO... DEEP...!
CREAK!
HF.
AH!
KO-HAKU!
THRUST!!
SPREAD YOUR LEGS...
A LITTLE MORE.
MM!
SPREAD!!


HF!
HF.
KO-HAKU!
AH!
AH-
CREAK!
AH!
OHH!
TWITCH!
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
CREAK!
RUB!
CREAK!
KISS ...
MEEEE ...
JOLT!
STARTLE...!


BLUUUSH!!
なあああ
A DREAM...
ZZZ...
AAARGH...!!
...I HAD THAT DREAM AGAIN...
KOHAKU'S COME HOME TO ME...
BUT HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT THE TIME HE SCARED ME...
SO HE'S BEEN IN HIS SMALL FORM THIS WHOLE TIME...
I WAS A LITTLE SHOCKED...
WHEN HE ATTACKED ME LIKE THAT.
I DIDN'T HATE IT, THOUGH...
BUT...
ZZZ...


TO HIM, IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN DINNER...
IS IT WEIRD IF I TELL HIM I WANNA...
DO IT... AGAIN...?
WELL... WE ARE MATES AND ALL...
I GUESS... HE'S NOT HUNGRY...
I'LL CLEAN UP.
SQUEAK!
THE BREAKFAST TABLE.
SQUEAK...
TMP
TMP
AND HASN'T BROUGHT UP EATING ME AT ALL...
HE'S BEEN EATING MEAT EVER SINCE HE CAME BACK...
SQUEAK!
SQUEAK


BA-DUMP...
PLIP...
DAAAZE...
AKI-NORI?
JOLT!
SLIP!
OOPS!!
CRASH!
OW!
GRAB!
JUMP!!
UH...
KISS!
SUCK!
SUCK...


GASP!
SORRY...
!
WHOOSH!
RELEASE!!
UM!
DON'T WORRY.
I OVER-REACTED.


WHAT DO I DO?
I'LL GET A BANDAGE.
DON'T TOUCH THE BROKEN PLATE.
YOU'LL CUT YOUR-SELF.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE...
I'M REALLY HOPING HE'LL "HAVE" ME...
EVEN WHEN HE'S NOT HUNGRY.


STUDENTS ARE STILL HERE?
...
...
H-...
BA-DUMP!!
WHAT?
YOU SLEPT WITH HIM?
...WHOA!
K-
...KIDS THESE DAYS...
NO SHAME AT ALL
PWIP!
I FOUND OUT AFTER THAT IT WAS HIS FIRST TIME...
AND NOW HE'S ALL OVER ME.
FOR REAL
WHAT A CHILD. SCREW HIM.
URK!
STAB!
BA-DUMP...!
STRING HIM ALONG TOO MUCH, THOUGH...
AND SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT SWOOP IN AND STEAL HIM.
I DON'T LIKE HIM THAT MUCH ANYWAY.
HAHAHAHA!


A CHILD, HUH...?
AM I BEING GREEDY...?
I CAN'T FORGET HOW IT FELT.
...IT WAS MY FIRST TIME DOING IT LIKE THAT, TOO.
LADIES
THIS ISN'T A CAFÉ. GO HOME.
OK!
AS A TEACHER... NO, AS A GOOD PERSON...
I'VE GOTTA EXERCISE BETTER RESTRAINT...
CLATTER!
THAT'S...


FELLAS...
YOU CAN'T BRING PETS TO SCHOOL. YOU KNOW THAT.
JUMP!!
OH! SORRY.
HE JUST...
DAMN!!
FINE, I'LL TRANSFORM SO NO ONE ELSE CAN SEE ME.
HUH?
YEAH, HE HELPED ME OUT THE OTHER DAY.
YOU'VE MET KURO, MR. SHIMO-JIMA?
DAMN STRAIGHT I CAN'T.
BUT, NOW TAKAHISA CAN'T HOLD ME.
OH!
IT'S YOU!
POOP!!
BOW!
MY PLEASURE.
THANKS AGAIN.


WAIT-
WHERE'S THE FOX-BOY TODAY?
GLANCE...
HE SAID HE HAD SOME-THING TO DO...
WASN'T IT WITH...
KOHAKU?
BA-DUMP!!
HE'S BEEN GETTING A LOT OF ADVICE FROM SHIRO LATELY.
HE HAS ...?
ABOUT WHAT...?
SNIFFLE...
DON'T KNOW...
DON'T CARE.
OH-
THAT'S RIGHT...
THEY KNOW ABOUT KOHAKU. MAYBE I CAN TALK TO THEM ABOUT HIM...
THEY HAVE SIMILAR EXPERIENCES-
...UM...


GET SOME ADVICE FROM YOU GUYS...?
...CAN I...
FIDGET...
WHEN YOU...
DUMP!
BA-
WHAT...!?
FEED THEM, HOW DO YOU... DO IT...?
UM..!
WELL... I MEAN...
HOW DO WE ...?
SHIRO SAYS HE'S HUNGRY, AND...
I FEED HIM.

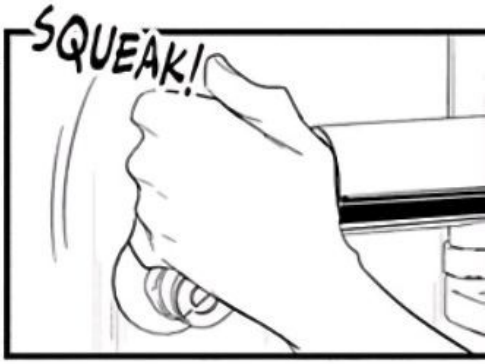

HUH ...!?
IS IT PRETTY OFTEN!?
GRAB!!
UM... AVERAGE, I GUESS...
HE COMES AND ASKS ME FOR IT...
EVEN WHEN HE'S NOT HUNGRY...
HE DOES !?
SO, IT'S NOT ABOUT HAVING A MEAL!?
TH- THAT'S RIGHT...
STARE...!
...WHAT?
NOD
I GOTTA TELL YOU, TOO?
NOD


BUT, BEFORE A MATCH...
AND WHENEVER I'M JUST NOT UP FOR IT...
I FEED HIM SOME CAT FOOD.
THIS AIN'T BAD!
ZZZ...
BASICALLY, HE SAYS...
HE'S HUNGRY.
BA-DUMP!
UH...
WHY'RE YOU EVEN ASKING ABOUT THIS?
SO...
YOU GOTTA EAT, WHEN YOU GOTTA EAT, YOU KNOW?
...
I... THOUGHT I SHOULD KNOW...
FOR KOHAKU'S SAKE AND ALL...
OH...


HUMANS AREN'T LIKE CATS. WE HAVE A LOT GOING ON!
ASS.
?
YEAH, BUT WHAT'S TO WORRY ABOUT?
IF HE WANTS TO FEED KOHAKU...
WHEN HE'S HUNGRY, JUST DO IT THEN.
YOU SURE...
IT'S ONLY FOR KOHAKU'S SAKE?
BA-DUMP!!


IF I REALLY CARE ABOUT HIM...
THANKS.
...THAT MAKES SENSE.
SORRY FOR THE ODD QUES-TIONS.
...HE'S RIGHT.
YOU OK, MR. SHIMO-JIMA?
I'M FINE.
I SHOULDN'T BE ASKING THESE GUYS.
MY FEELINGS FOR HIM ARE...
AS SINCERE AS YOURS ARE FOR YOUR PARTNERS...


...HE'S STILL OUT...
SILENCE...
KO-HAKU?
CLATTER...
I'M HOME.


SQUEAK!


"STRING HIM ALONG TOO MUCH, THOUGH, AND SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT SWOOP IN AND STEAL HIM."
BA-DUMP...

I'M NOT TRYING TO STRING HIM ALONG!
KOHAKU'S NOT LIKE THAT...
...BUT...
SHAKE
SHAKE!


...I'VE GOTTA TELL HIM...
HOW I WANNA HAVE SEX WITH HIM AGAIN.
I WANT HIM TO EAT UP.
SIGH...
FSSSHHH...
DO ANIMALS EVEN HAVE A SENSE OF VIRTUE...?


I'M BACK.
KER-CHIK!
CLATTER!
HEY...
WHERE'D YOU GO?
A FRIEND'S PLACE.
SHI-RO'S?
YOU KNOW HIM?
UH... YEAH.
I MET HIM AT SCHOOL ONE TIME.
I'D HEARD...
HE ONCE WENT A LONG TIME WITHOUT FEEDING FOR ENERGY...
SO I WANTED TO TALK TO HIM...
SHUDDER!!
GRAB!
WH-
WHY ...!?
YOU HAVE ME!
DOES THAT MEAN...
HE'S GONNA HAVE SEX WITH OTHERS!?


NO.
...AKI-NORI?
YOU SAID...
I WAS SPECIAL TO YOU, RIGHT?
GASP!
...UH...
SORRY. I JUST...
RELEASE!
...
THAT WAS SO IMMATURE-
YOU'RE RIGHT.
SCRATCH!
YOU'RE REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME.
I DON'T WANNA HURT YOU AGAIN...
YEAH, BUT-
YOU'RE IMPORTANT TO ME, TOO.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE TO HOLD BACK!


BA-DUMP...
I'VE GOTTA TELL HIM!
CLENCH!
BA-DUMP...
BA-DUMP...
PLUS... UM...
AKI-NORI ...?
IF YOU'RE OK WITH IT...
I WANNA HAVE SEX WITH YOU...
NOT JUST...
AS A MEAL OR ANYTHING.
WOULD THAT BE OK...?
!


SIIIGH-
POOF...
HUH!?
WHAT!?
KER-CHIK!
F-W-
UD
WAG
WAG
...!


Y-_
YEAH._
I MEAN, I LOVE YOU.
BA-DUMP...
CREAK...
BA-DUMP...
YOU SURE?
AREN'T YOU SCARED?
NOPE. SORRY...
I SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU SOONER...
I... DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK...?
NOT AT ALL.
GULP...
BLUSH!
...!
GREAT.
BA-DUMP!


HEY!
THAT TICKLES.
LICK!
AH!
WAIT.
TWITCH!
BITE!
TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?
SLUMP...
I-
IT'S NOT THAT.
DON'T LEAVE MARKS WHERE PEOPLE...
CAN SEE...
THE LAST TIME WAS ROUGH...
OH.
GOT IT.
MM!
MM!!
!
!


MM!
NGH!
DOESN'T MEAN HE'S GOTTA...
TWITCH!
LEAVE MARKS DOWN THERE...
SO EMBAR-RASSING_!
BITE!
AH ...!
SUCK
SUCK
-FOCUS
FOCUS
HEY!
NGH ...!
TWITCH!
TWITCH!
SLURP
JUST 'CAUSE I SAID NO VISIBLE PLACES...
AHHH...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
TWITCH!
HF-
AH_!
NGH!
FIDGET_!
TO TOUCH ME MORE GENTLY...
NOT THERE_
I WANT HIM...
BITE
BITE


BA-DUMP!!
WANT ME TO LICK YOU HERE, TOO?
REACH!
SHAKE...
SPREAD!
TWITCH!
NOD...
AHHH!
TWITCH!!
NGH!
SLURP!
SUCK!
HFF!
NGH!
SHLIP!
AH!
SLUUURP!
SUCK...


QUIVER!
SPLURT!
AHHH!
AH!
MMM!
SUCK!
SUCK
TWITCH!
GULP
GULP!
AH.
AH!
TWITCH!
I'M GONNA CUM QUICK...
HFF!
HFF!
AHHH!
TASTES GOOD.
BA-DUMP!
ドキ!!
...!
PERK!
...
HF...
HF...
LICK!
HEH HEH.
I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT.
WAIT.
?
I HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH IT.
TO HIM, THIS IS NORMAL.
I DON'T THINK PEOPLE USUALLY SAY THAT...
...?
STARTLE...!


SPREAD!!
HUH!?
SWEAT!
NO WAY
HEY...
YOU'RE NOT GONNA LICK THERE...
SHLIP...!
CLEEENCH!
AH!
TWITCH!
SUCK
SLURP!
SUCK
MM!
MM!
WOW...
THIS FEELS GOOD.
TWITCH!
AH!
MM ...!
TWITCH!
HF!


IT'S GREAT...
TWITCH!
AH!
MMM!
HF.
AH.
WAG
CLENCH!
WAG
HF!
AND YET I WANT MORE.
SHLIP!
SHLIP!
SHLIP
AH!
AH!
RUB!
PRESS!!
.....!
PRESS!
SUCK
TWITCH!
KO-HAKU...
ENOUGH ALREADY...
HF!
AH!!
LAST TIME, HE WAS MORE...
QUIVER!
HFF!
NGH!
TWITCH!


HF.
HF.
B-
BE A LITTLE ROUGHER...
HF.
LIKE YOU WERE BEFORE.
BA-DUMP..
BA-DUMP..
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED THEN...
AND SCARED...
BUT I CAN'T FORGET...
HOW GOOD IT FELT...
UM...
...
SIGH


CREAK...
YOU ASKED FOR THIS, OK?
GROWL...
BA-DUMP!
UH...!
SQUISH!!
SHLIP!
THR-
AH!
AH!
SPURT!
SPURT!
TWITCH!
UST...
EEP!
CLENCH!
TWITCH!


AH!
AH!
LICK!
WHAT A WASTE.
DRIP...
SLIP...
TWITCH!
HEY!
AH!
HFF!
THRUST...!
SHLIP!
GRIND!
CREAK!
THRUST!!!
I'M GONNA CLUM AGAIN ...!
SO GOOD!
HF!
MM. GO AHEAD.
SQUISH!
SMACK!
CREAK!
HFF ...!
HF!
HF!
MM!!
NH!
AH!
HF!
CREAK!
CREAK!
CREAK!
SMACK!
SMACK!
MM!
AH!
AH!
CREAK!
AS YOU WANT. I'LL DRINK IT ALL UP.
CLUM AS MUCH...
AHHH!
CREAK!
SMACK!
CREAK!


YEAH.
KISS
KISS
SMACK
CREAK!
CREAK!
HF!
HF.
I LOVE YOU!
I LOVE YOU, KOHAKU!
AH!
MM!
HF!
HF!
HF.
I LOVE YOU, TOO!
AH!
NGH!
AH!
TWITCH!
SPURT!
SPURT!
SPURT!
GRIND!!
TWITCH!
MMM!!!
NNNGH!
SPLURT!


DRIP...
HF!
HF!!
SORRY.
I WANNA KEEP GOING, SO HANG ON.
PRESS!
CREAK!
CREAK!
SMACK!
HF!
HF!
TWITCH!
EEP!
SMACK!
CREAK!
MM!
HF!
AH!
TWITCH!
SMACK!
CREAK!
SMACK!
CREAK!
AH!
AH!
UH-OH...
HE MIGHT ACTUALLY DEVOUR ME...
CREAK!
AH!
MM!
MM!


BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
FIDGET...
RISE!
THROB!
CRAP...
AM I GONNA BE ABLE TO TEACH TODAY...?
MY BACK'S KILLING ME.
RISE...
I'M STILL KINDA GIDDY...
HOW AM I GONNA KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE...?
YOU OK...?
UH...
YEAH... MAYBE...
SIGH...
LISTEN, KOHAKU...
I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME SOME-THING.
WHAT?


THE NEXT TIME YOU'RE HUNGRY...
YOU TELL ME. NO HESITATION.
I'LL BE SAD IF YOU DON'T...
WE ARE MATES, AFTER ALL.
HAHA.
GOT IT.
BUT...
YOU SOUND LIKE...
MY TEACHER RATHER THAN MY MATE.
OOPS_
...!





IT TOOK SOME TIME, BUT THE WOLF-BOY...

I BROUGHT HOME ON THAT RAINY DAY IS FINALLY ALL MINE.

■END■


HIS FIRST TIME DRINKING
I'M SOBER NOW, I THOUGH
...SO, IN MY BIG FORM IT'S OK?
LOOK... NO MORE DRINKING IN YOUR SMALL FORM!
IT'S SAFER
HMMM
I GUESS SO...
...?
POOF...
JOLT!!
BI-
OW!
TE!
OUCH!
HEY!
NO BITING MY NECK!
KO-HAKU!!
MMM...
YOU'RE STILL DRUNK!


ANY-BODY HOME?
YUUKI
DING DONG...
OH! HEY, KOHAKU.
COME ON IN.
KER-CHIK!
HOW MATES WORRY
...GUYS...
CAN YOU STOP USING MY PLACE...
AS YOUR HANGOUT SPOT...?
NICE CURTAINS!
TAKA-HISA'S AT PRACTICE. I'M BORED AT HOME.
DON'T BE LIKE THAT.
SNIFFLE...
GEEZ...
HUH?


KOHAKU...
ISN'T MR. SHIMOJIMA OFF TODAY?
HE WENT BACK TO THE TOWN HE USED TO LIVE IN.
OH.!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, HE'S NOT FROM HERE.
MY FRIEND FROM COLLEGE GOT ENGAGED, SO WE'RE HAVING DINNER.
I'LL STAY THE NIGHT, SO BE A GOOD BOY.
NOD!
OK.
I WILL!
SO...
YOU DIDN'T GO WITH HIM, HUH?
WELL...
I WANTED TO, BUT...
...?


ALL SHIRO WILL DO...
IS HELP WITH THE GROCERY SHOPPING.
AND EVEN THEN HE DOESN'T BUY WHAT WE NEED...
...
WHAT'RE YOU UP TO?
CLEANING AND LAUNDRY.
IT BUILDS UP DURING THE WEEK, SO...
CLATTER!
WANT ME TO HELP?
I'M GOOD WITH THE VACUUM.
...!!
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
KOHAKU'S SUCH A GOOD GUY!
MR. SHI-MOJIMA'S GOT HIM TRAINED WELL!

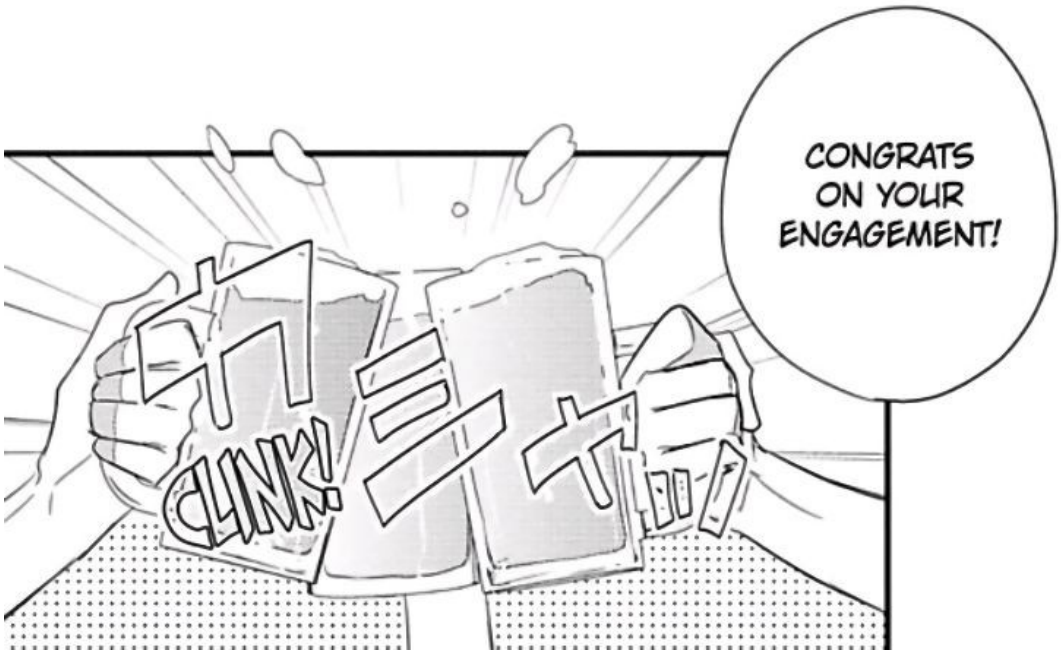

I FORCED AKINORI AGAIN YESTERDAY...
STAGGER...
SORRY.
I'M FINE. SEE YOU LATER
GLOOM...
I'M NOT A GOOD GUY...
WE DON'T HAVE TO *PHYSICALLY CONNECT* IF I JUST WANNA FEED...
BUT I LOSE CONTROL WHEN I'M WITH HIM...
ISN'T THAT JUST HOW IT IS?
MUNCH.
FISH SNACKS
... WHAT?


IT'S 'CAUSE YOU LOVE HIM, RIGHT?
YOU'RE OVERTHINKING THINGS.
Y-...YOU THINK ...?
...KO-HAKU...
I KNOW! AREN'T I AWE-SOME?
NICE, OH WISE ONE! YOU GET IT RIGHT SOMETIMES.
IT TAKES WHAT HE FEELS IS AN UNSTABLE EXISTENCE...
AND SOLIDIFIES IT IN THIS WORLD.
JOINING AS ONE WITH AKI-NORI...
CAN DEEPEN YOUR CONNECTION.


SST...!
SO, TAKE ADVANTAGE LIKE THIS...
AND BE SURE TO MARK HIM.
NUZZLE!!
HUG!
HEY!
!
URK!
...SHIRO...
YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THAT, RIGHT?
OF COURSE.
THEN, IF A CONNECTION BECOMES WEAKER, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU?
...YOU'RE CONNECTED TO ME...
SO AS LONG AS OUR THREAD ISN'T CUT, WE SHOULD BE FINE.
...OH.


SO...
I'M... PRETTY NORMAL, THEN...
PHEW...!

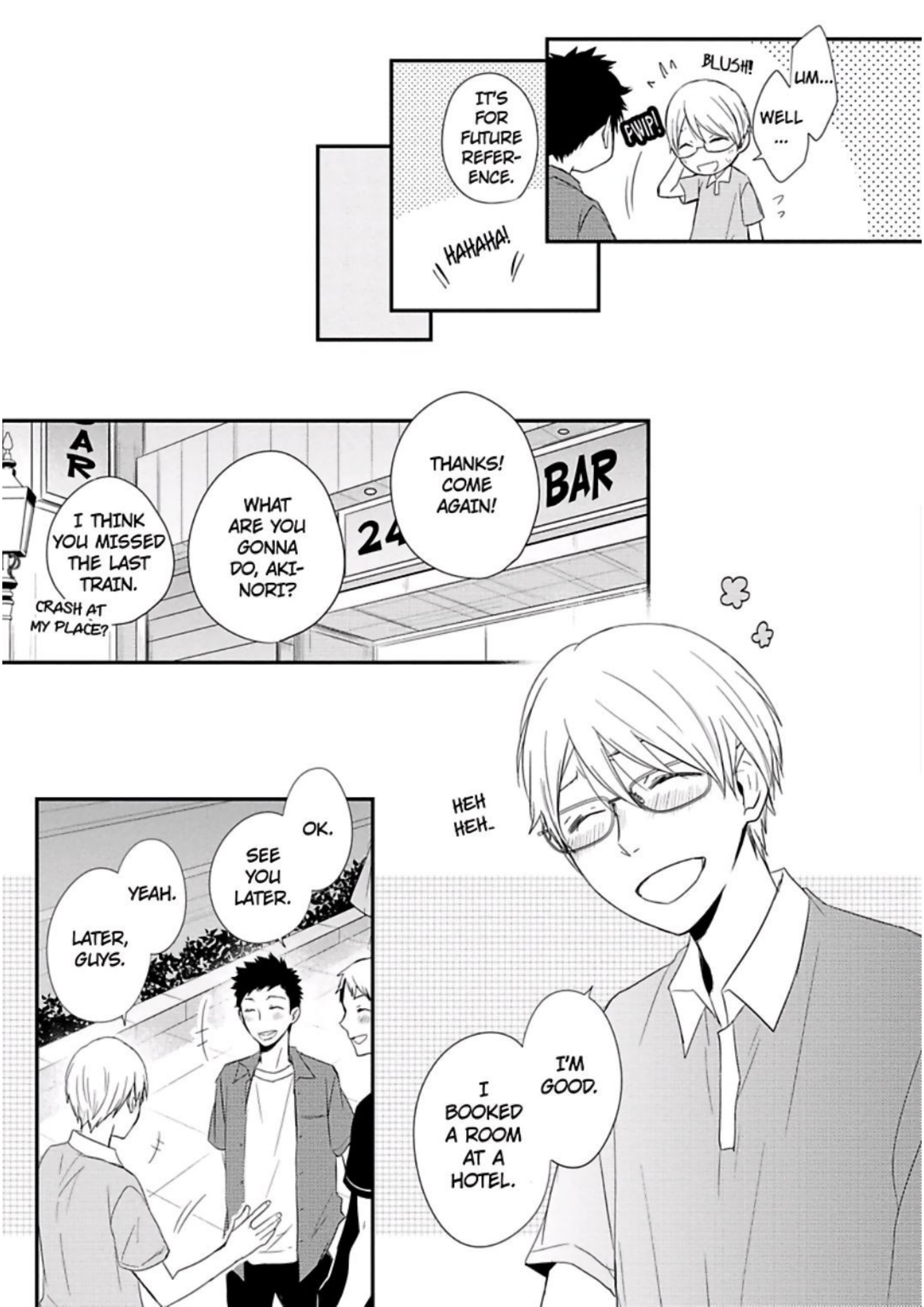

I WANNA SEE AKINORI. NOW!
WHAT A HOUND DOG.
YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO SAY THAT, KURO.
COME AGAIN!?


CONGRATS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!
CLINK!


IS IT THE ONE YOU SAID WAS A DEAD FISH IN BED?
HELL NO. I BROKE UP WITH HER.
A DEAD WHAT?
KINDA YOUNG, NO?
FOR MARRIAGE, I MEAN.
INTRODUCE THE LUCKY LADY TO US NEXT TIME.
I WILL.
DUDE, C'MON.
HM?
THAT'S SO YOU.
IT'S A GIRL WHO'S JUST LYING THERE DURING SEX.
COME TO THINK OF IT...
MAYBE YOU WERE JUST REALLY BAD AT IT.
HAHAHAHA!
WHAT ...?


BUT... UM...
SHOULDN'T THE ONE RECEIVING...
PANIC!
JUST TAKE IT EASY...?
THEY ARE BEING EATEN, SO...
WELL... IT'S OK SOME-TIMES...
BUT IT'S BETTER WHEN YOUR PARTNER WANTS IT, TOO, YOU KNOW?
HAHA-HAHA!
BEING WHAT!?
UH!
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN...
THAT... MAKES SENSE.
WAIT, IS THAT THE REASON YOU BROKE UP WITH HER?
I... BARELY LIFT A FINGER... WHEN WE HAVE SEX...
JOLT!!
IT GOT BORING. WHAT'S A DUDE TO DO?
GOT BORING ...!?

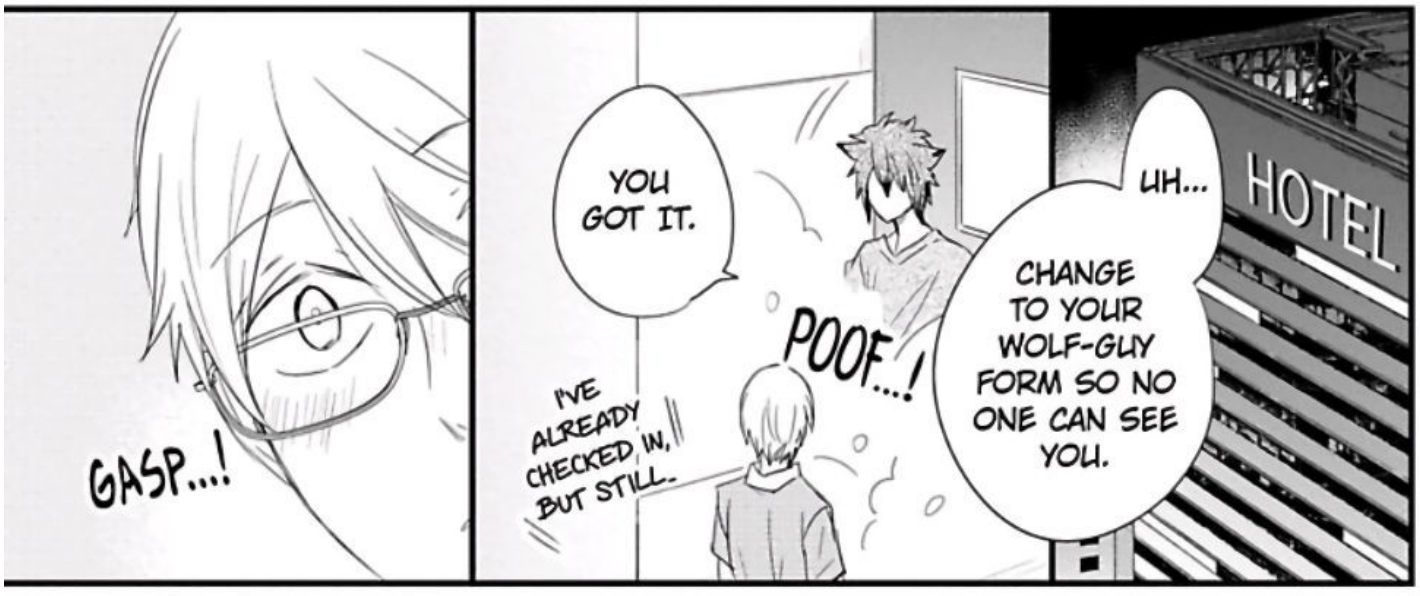

SL-
I AM!
WH-...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
GULP!
DUDE?
YOU OK_?
I'M... PROBABLY A DEAD FISH...!
WH-_
WHAT CAN I DO SO I'M NOT BORING!?
UH!
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU HAD A GIRLFRIEND?
GRAB!
ARE YOU DRUNK ALREADY?
HAHAHA!!


BLUSH!
UM...
WELL ...
FWIP!
IT'S FOR FUTURE REFER-ENCE.
HAHAHA!
BAR
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THANKS! COME AGAIN!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, AKI-NORI?
I THINK YOU MISSED THE LAST TRAIN.
CRASH AT MY PLACE?
HEH HEH-
I'M GOOD.
I BOOKED A ROOM AT A HOTEL.
OK.
SEE YOU LATER.
YEAH.
LATER, GUYS.


...I CAN'T BELIEVE THE WORLD'S FULL OF PEOPLE TRYING TO KEEP THINGS FRESH AND NEW...
SIGH...
ARGH...
IT'S NOT GONNA BE EASY, BUT I'VE GOTTA TRY...
STAGGER...
THUNK!!
OOPS!
SORRY.
SHOCK!!
... WAIT ...
K-
KO-HAKU!?
WHY'RE YOU HERE...?
I TRACKED YOUR SCENT.
IN MY HUMAN FORM!
I TOOK MY FIRST TRAIN RIDE!!
...YOU CAN TRACK!?
MY PLACE IS PRETTY FAR FROM HERE, THOUGH...


BA-DUMP...!
I JUST HAD TO SEE YOU.
IS THAT OK?

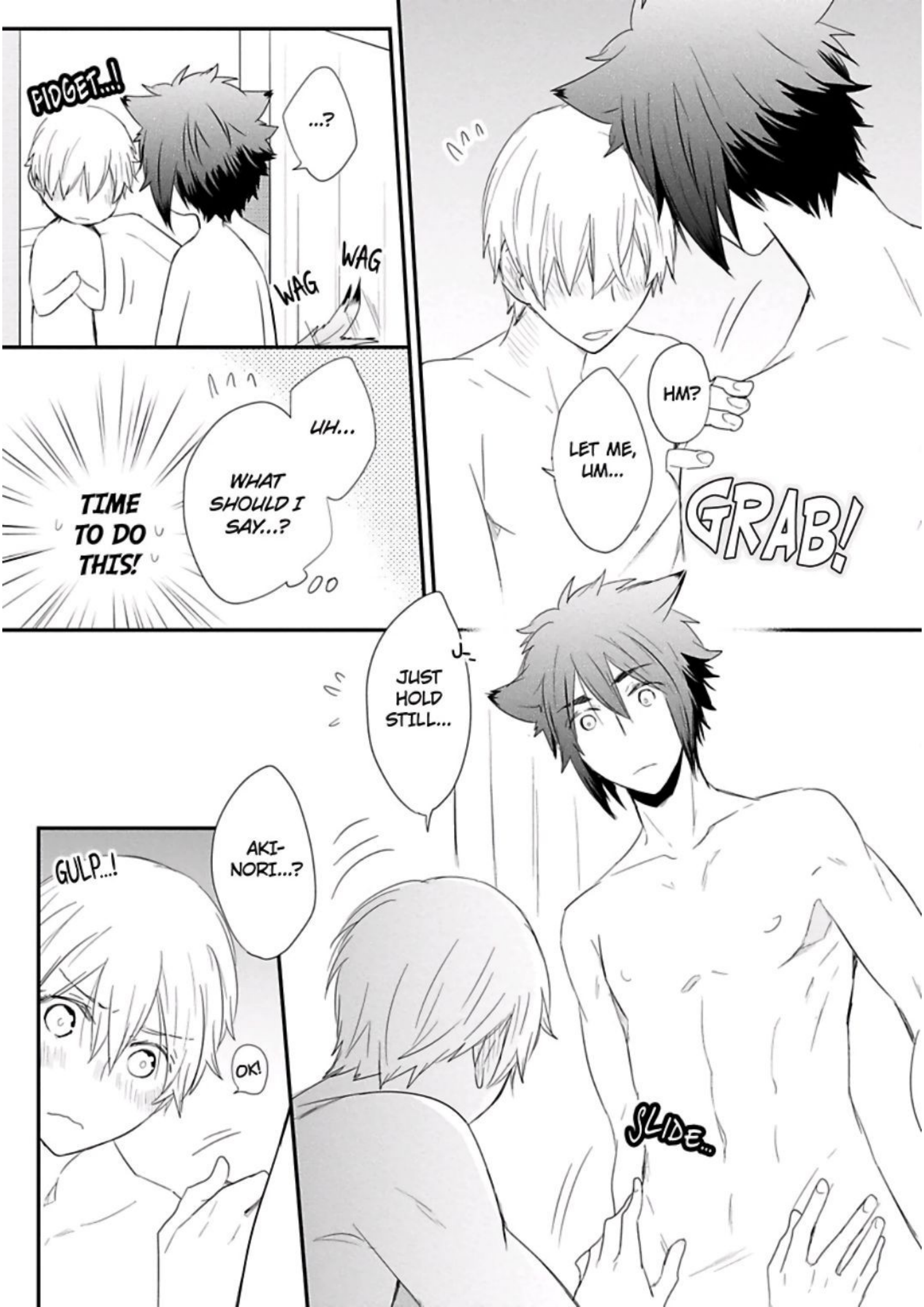

I GUESS HE WAS LONELY AT HOME...
HEH HEH.
I WANTED TO SEE YOU, TOO.
IT SURE IS.


GASP...!
YOU GOT IT.
I'VE ALREADY CHECKED IN, BUT STILL...
POOF...!
UH... CHANGE TO YOUR WOLF-GUY FORM SO NO ONE CAN SEE YOU.
HOTEL


...WHAT?
STARTLE...!
SHUDDER...!
ER... IT'S NOTHING.
I JUST REALIZED YOU DON'T HAVE A REFLEC-TION...
I DUNNO WHAT I'D DO IF YOU SUDDENLY VANISHED.
I JUST GOT A LITTLE ANXIOUS.
HAHA...
WHIIIR...


BEEP!
P-TMP...
HUG...!!
!!
...SHIRO SAID ONE OF THE REASONS WE CONNECT PHYSICALLY...
SHUDDER...!
IS SO THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN.
WHAT!!?
... REALLY?
AKI-NORI...
NUZZLE
NUZZLE!
WAG
WAG
CAN YOU SPOIL ME A LITTLE?


SURE...
KISS
SUCK
-KCUS
KISS
SUCK
...
OH...
IT IS?
HF!
YOUR...
BODY'S HOT TODAY.
HF...!
MM.
KISS
SUCK
YOUR MOUTH'S WARM.
IT FEELS GOOD.
...AH!
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL END UP DOING OUR USUAL ROUTINE...
SUCK!
NGH!
KOHAKU!
KISS
-KCUS


FIDGET...!
...?
WAG
WAG
UH...
WHAT SHOULD I SAY...?
TIME TO DO THIS!
HM?
LET ME, UM...
GRAB!
JUST HOLD STILL...
GULP...!
AKI-NORI...?
OK!
SLIDE...


JUST LIKE HE DOES TO ME...
SLURP!
SUCK...!
BA-DUMP...
BA-DUMP...
PANT-
HFF.
SUCK!
NGH!
SUCK
NGH!
HF!
I WON-DER... IF THIS IS GOOD...
HF!
SLIIIP...!
SLIP!
MM!
MM!
PET!
MM!
MM!
SHLIP!
SHLIP!
HF!
MM!
MM!
SHLIP!
NGH!
!


HFF...
HF.
I... WANNA PUT IT IN.
GASP!
...AKI-NORI!
THAT'S ENOUGH.
SST!
I'LL... TRY HARD TO NOT... BE BORING.
UM...
URK-
KO-HAKU!
GRAB!
.....?
I'D STARVE WITHOUT YOU, YOU KNOW?
... YEAH...
IF YOU WANNA HAVE SEX...
JUST TELL ME. ANYTIME.
EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT HUNGRY!


I'LL DO MY BEST, OK!?
AKI-NORI...?
AH!
TWITCH!
HF.
NGH ...!
HFF.
PUSH..!!
PUSH..!
YOU GOOD?
MM!
AH!!
QUIVER!
TWITCH!
SLIIDE...
...!!
MM!!
HF.


HF!
HF!
...MM.
QUIVER...!
QUIVER...!
MM!
AH...!
IS IT IN...!?
GLANCE!
HF!
HF!!
AKI-NORI...
CAN YOU BOUNCE?
AH.
MM!
MM!!
AH!
AH!
SQUISH...
SWOON
MM.
H-HOLD ON.
MM!
AH!
BUT...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
I...
I'LL TRY.


I'LL DO THE WORK TODAY.
MM!
HF!
AH!
TWITCH!
CLING!
TWITCH!
YOU JUST SIT STILL, OK!?
AH!
JUST GIMME A MINUTE_!
CREAK...
...OK.
IT'S CUTE HOW HE'S GIVING IT HIS ALL...
BUT... WE COULD BE HERE A WHILE...
CAN I THRUST A LITTLE_?
NO!
SO...


HUH!?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
WHAT'S THE DEAL?
YOU WERE PRETTY AGGRESSIVE TODAY.
YOU WERE?
I THINK I WAS A LITTLE DRUNK...
NEVER TOO LATE FOR SHAME.
NUZZLE!
UM... ER... WELL...
GASP...!
YOU HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF SMELL, RIGHT!?
DID I SMELL OF ALCOHOL!?
I WAS DRINKING...
I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT I SAID.


SNIFF..!
IT MAKES ME WANNA DEVOUR YOU.
NO.
YOU ALWAYS SMELL NICE.
...HAHA.
YOU SAID I'D GET BORED OF YOU...
BUT IF ANYTHING, I WANNA GOBBLE YOU UP MORE.
CAN WE DO IT AGAIN?
OK.
I'M OFF TOMORROW. I'LL SPOIL YOUR TAIL OFF.
■END■



HELLO. I'M KYOHEI AZUMI.

THIS WAS THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF CHARACTERS WITH ANIMAL EARS AND TAILS. IN THE FIRST AFTERWORD, I WROTE ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TEACHER AND A WOLF. AFTER THAT, MANY PEOPLE TOLD ME AT A BOOK SIGNING EVENT THEY'D LOVE TO READ THAT STORY, WHICH IS HOW I GOT THE CHANCE TO WRITE THIS BOOK. THANKS!



THERE ARE STILL SOME PARTS THAT NEED WORK, BUT IT'D BE GREAT IF YOU WERE ABLE TO ENJOY THIS STORY.

I'D LIKE TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO ALL THE READERS AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE MAKING OF THIS BOOK, INCLUDING THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR, AND DESIGNER.

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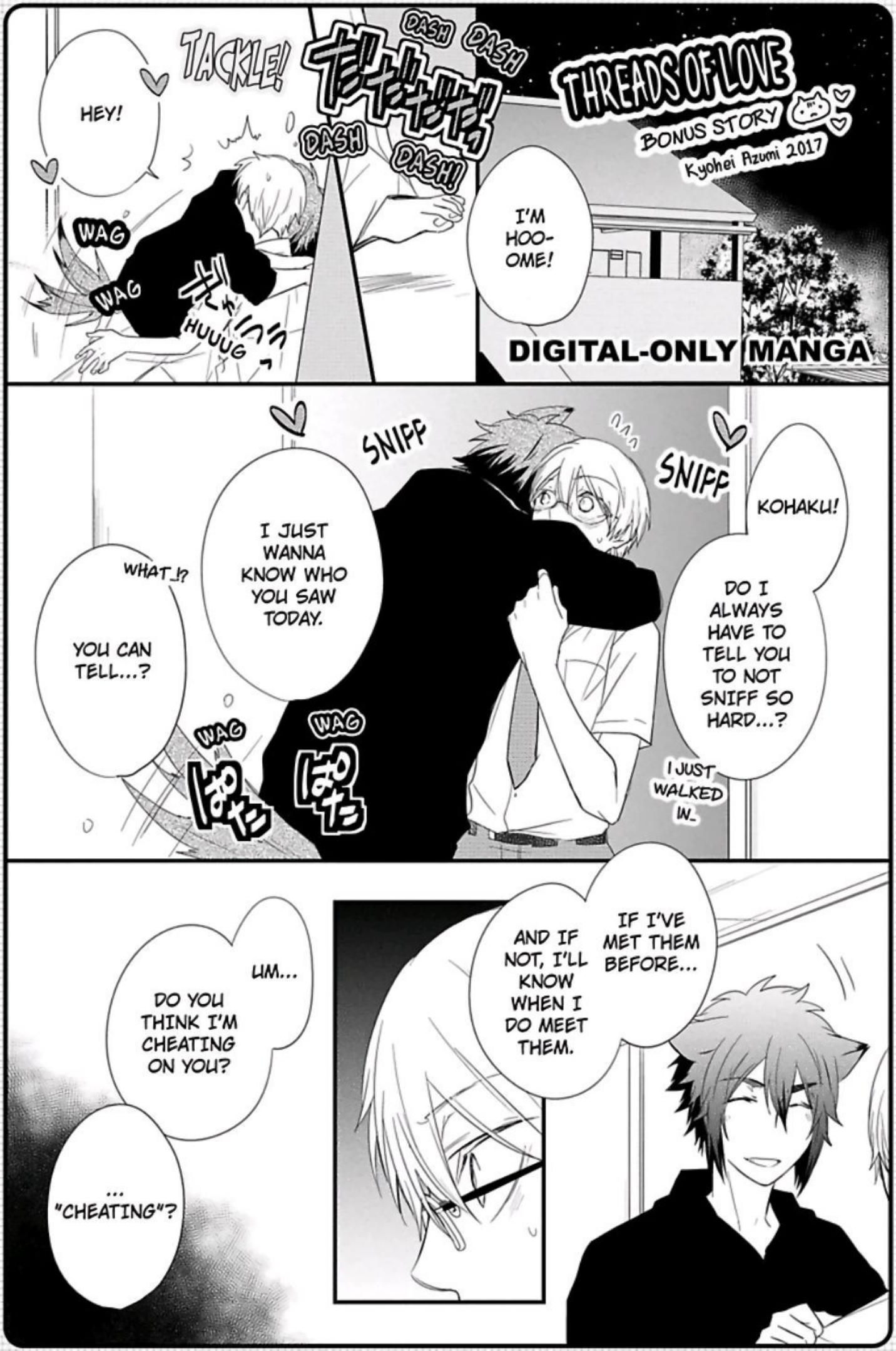
A PEACEFUL EVERYDAY LIFE GETS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN! WHAT WILL BECOME OF THIS NEW COUPLE CONNECTED BY FATE...?






WELL...
HE SAID HE'D NEVER HAD ALCOHOL, SO...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
GULP
GULP
SNIFF
SNIFF
HIS FIRST TIME DRINKING
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.....
WHAT?
RELAX, MAN.
...DON'T PUSH HIM. HE'S NEVER HAD IT BEFORE.
WHEN YOU'RE IN YOUR CHILD FORM.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU GET DRUNK FASTER...
I'LL GET HIM HOME IN ONE PIECE...
AHHH...
!?
CHOMP!!
JOLT!!
PAPAROH!!


LOOKS LIKE HE'S A BITER.
MUNCH
MUNCH!
OW!
HEY! YOU A GARBAGE DISPOSAL!?
OW!
ARGH!
PFFT!
BLOOOW.!
BLOOOW.!
...MY TAIL...
HE'S YOUR RESPONSI-BILITY. TAKE HIM HOME.
C'MON!
HE'S HAMMERED
STAGGER...
...I THINK THIS IS THE PLACE.
PHEW. I'M BEAT.
DASH!!!
LATER!
!?
THUD!
KNOCK
KNOCK
COMING!
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HEY!
DASH DASH
DASH DASH
WAG
WAG
HUUUG
I'M HOO-OME!
SNIFF
SNIFF
KOHAKU!
DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO TELL YOU TO NOT SNIFF SO HARD...?
I JUST WALKED IN_
I JUST WANNA KNOW WHO YOU SAW TODAY.
WHAT_!?
YOU CAN TELL...?
WAG
WAG
IF I'VE MET THEM BEFORE...
AND IF NOT, I'LL KNOW WHEN I DO MEET THEM.
UM...
DO YOU THINK I'M CHEATING ON YOU?
...
"CHEATING"?


HE... HAS NO CONCEPT OF WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, HUH...?
...OH...
?
?
I GUESS HIS ACTIONS ARE PRETTY NATURAL FOR A WOLF...
HE SMELLS THINGS TO GATHER INFORMA-TION...
HE ALSO TRACKED ME THAT ONE TIME...
...WAIT A SEC...
IF PEOPLE COULDN'T SEE YOU, NO?
TO MOVE AROUND...
IT WOULD'VE BEEN EASIER...
HM?
THAT TIME YOU TRACKED ME?
WHY'D YOU TRANSFORM INTO A HUMAN...
K-
KO-HAKU!?
I TOOK MY FIRST TRAIN RIDE!!
WHY'RE YOU HERE...?
I TRACKED YOUR SCENT.
IN MY HUMAN FORM.


BUT, IF NO ONE COULD SEE ME...
GROWL
I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SIZE UP THE GUYS YOU WERE WITH...
OR TAKE CARE OF THEM.
SHUDDER...!!



THANKS FOR BUYING!