



HER ETERNALLY  
UNCHANGING  
APPEARANCE,  
THE LIGHT AND  
FLEXIBLE  
MOVEMENTS  
OF HER  
DANCE-



I WILL  
NEVER  
FORGET  
  
THAT  
SPECTACLE I  
WITNESSED,  
BACK WHEN I  
WAS LITTLE.



THE RITE  
OF  
ETERNAL  
YOUTH

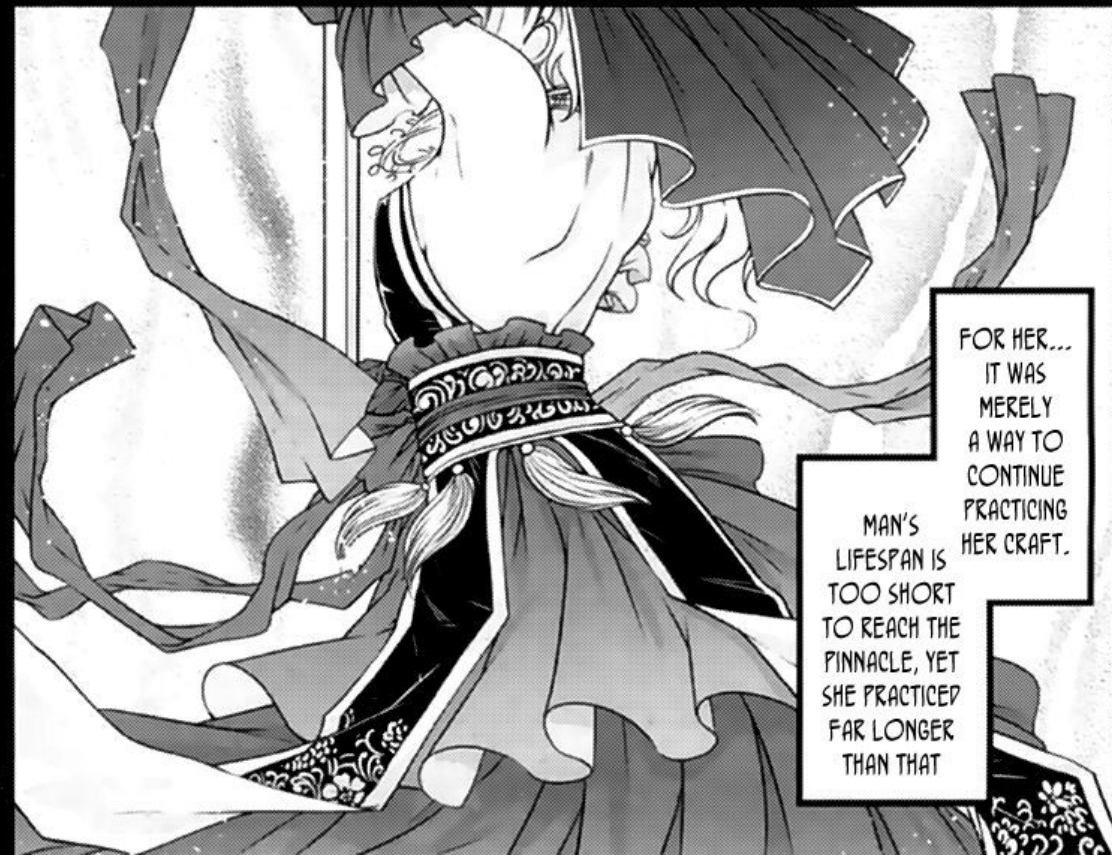


FOR THE  
APPRENTICES,  
IT WAS A PATH TO  
BECOMING A XIAN.  
FOR THE EMPEROR,  
IT WAS A DREAM, A  
MEANS TO EXTEND  
HIS RULE FOREVER.

A RITE THAT  
REJECTS AGING, AND  
PRESERVES ONE'S YOUTH.  
COUNTLESS APPRENTICES  
DEVOTED THEIR HEARTS  
AND SOULS TO PRACTICING  
IT, BUT NONE WERE ABLE  
TO REVERSE THEIR  
AGING IN THE SLIGHTEST,  
LET ALONE MASTER IT.



AND THE  
FRUIT  
OF HER  
IMMORTAL  
PURSUIT OF  
REFINEMENT  
WAS-



FOR HER...  
IT WAS  
MERELY  
A WAY TO  
CONTINUE  
PRACTICING  
HER CRAFT.  
  
MAN'S  
LIFESPAN IS  
TOO SHORT  
TO REACH THE  
PINNACLE, YET  
SHE PRACTICED  
FAR LONGER  
THAN THAT

THIS  
SWORD  
DANCE  
THAT  
EXALTS

HEAVEN  
AND  
EARTH

A girl's dance. The scent of flowers.  
Feast your eyes upon this sublime dance, whose refinement  
transcends the limits Time has placed upon Man.

Story-arts

Kokusei  
Roukun

# THE EVERLASTING DANCE

FIRST  
PART

FOR AS  
LONG AS I  
REMEMBER,  
SHE  
ALWAYS  
LOOKED  
THE SAME.

EVERY  
TIME I  
WITNESSED HER  
SWORD DANCE,  
I WAS FILLED  
WITH AN  
INDESCRIBABLE  
SENSE OF  
ELATION.

HER  
PERPETUALLY  
DANCING  
FIGURE  
STOLE MY  
HEART.

AGAIN  
AND  
AGAIN I  
SAW HER

PAYING NO  
HEED TO  
WIND OR  
SNOW, AS  
THE SEASONS  
PASSED-

YOUR  
LADY-  
SHIP.

She was-

OH.  
WHAT IS IT,  
BOY?

IM-  
MOR-  
TAL.

I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MASTER LI, SAYING THAT THE ROYAL FAMILY SEEKS AN AUDIENCE WITH YOU.

THAT'S PROBABLY WHY...

I BELIEVE YOUR RITE OF IMMORTALITY HAS ALSO ATTRACTED HIS ATTENTION.

THE EMPEROR HAS BEEN EXPRESSING GREAT INTEREST IN ALCHEMY LATELY.

THAT KID JUST WON'T LEARN, WILL HE? I REFUSE!

IF I BOW MY HEAD TO THE CURRENT EMPEROR, IT'LL EXPAND HIS INFLUENCE, AND HE'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE GETTING RID OF HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES.

THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT MY DANCE, THEY JUST WANT MY RITE.

BESIDES, THE IMPERIAL COURT HAS BEEN OVERRUN BY SOME STUPID BRATS LATELY, AND THERE'S ALL SORTS OF POLITICAL STRIFE. IT'S THE WORST POSSIBLE TIME.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL, SO I'M NOT INTERESTED!

ARE YOU SURE? IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT YOU GET A CHANCE TO DISPLAY YOUR ART BEFORE THE EMPEROR.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN EPHEMERAL THINGS LIKE FAME AND GLORY...

I'M NOT GETTING INVOLVED WITH THAT BUNCH, WITH THEIR CLIQUES AND AGENDAS.

**HUI~!**  
**JUN IS DO**  
**ALWAYS SOME-**  
**PICKING THING**  
**ON ME~!**

THE WAY HE  
TOUCHED ME  
WAS, YOU  
KNOW... I  
MEAN, WE'RE  
DANCERS, NOT  
PROSTITUTES...

YOU STILL  
WENT TOO  
FAR! WHAT IF IT  
ENDS UP  
DRIVING AWAY  
FUTURE  
CUSTOMERS  
...?

HUH?

THAT WAS,  
UM...

FOR AFTER  
YOU'VE  
APOLOGIZED  
FOR SLUG-  
GING THAT  
ATTENDANT  
THE OTHER  
DAY.

YOU  
CAN LEAVE  
THAT SELF-  
IMPORTANT  
POSTURING

AS IT IS, SHE  
CAN'T DO ANY-  
THING EXCEPT PUT  
ON MAKEUP AND  
DANCE... SHE  
NEEDS TO TAKE  
CARE OF DAILY  
NECESSITIES BY  
HERSELF, AT THE  
VERY LEAST!  
WHAT IF SHE  
BECOMES EVEN  
MORE OF A FAILURE?

**THERE'S  
STILL A  
LIMIT TO  
EVERY-  
THING!**

AND BESIDES, I  
WOULDN'T HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO  
GIVE BIRTH TO  
YOU IF SHE  
HADN'T TAKEN ME  
IN WHEN I WAS  
PREGNANT...

T-THAT'S  
BECAUSE...  
SHE HAS A  
LOT GOING  
ON...

AND  
YOU,  
MOM!  
YOU'RE  
TOO  
SOFT ON  
HER!

I CAN HEAR  
YOU MUMBLING  
THERE! SHE HAS  
A RESPONSIB-  
ILITY AS THE  
LEADER OF  
OUR TROUPE!  
WHO ELSE  
CAN WE COUNT  
ON!?

BUT HE  
STILL DOESN'T  
HAVE A GIRL-  
FRIEND  
AT THIS  
AGE...

HE'D ALWAYS  
SAID HOW HE  
WANTED TO  
MARRY YOU  
WHEN HE  
GROWS UP...

I'VE  
BEEN  
WORRIED  
ABOUT  
THAT  
TOO!

IS  
HE JUST  
BEING A  
TEENAGE  
REBEL,  
WITH THAT  
SOPH-  
ISTRY?

SCRITCH

**NOO  
OO~!**

**CLEAN.  
YOUR  
ROOM!**

**HEY!  
THAT'S  
NOT  
FAIR,  
HUI!**

I'LL TELL THE  
OTHERS NOT  
TO COME IN  
UNTIL THE  
SERMON'S  
OVER...

I... I'LL  
JUST GO  
WRITE A  
REPLY TO  
MASTER LI.



COME ON~!  
COME ON~!  
RUB MY FEET~!

JUN~!  
RUB THEM~!

I DON'T WANNA~!  
RUB MY FEET~!

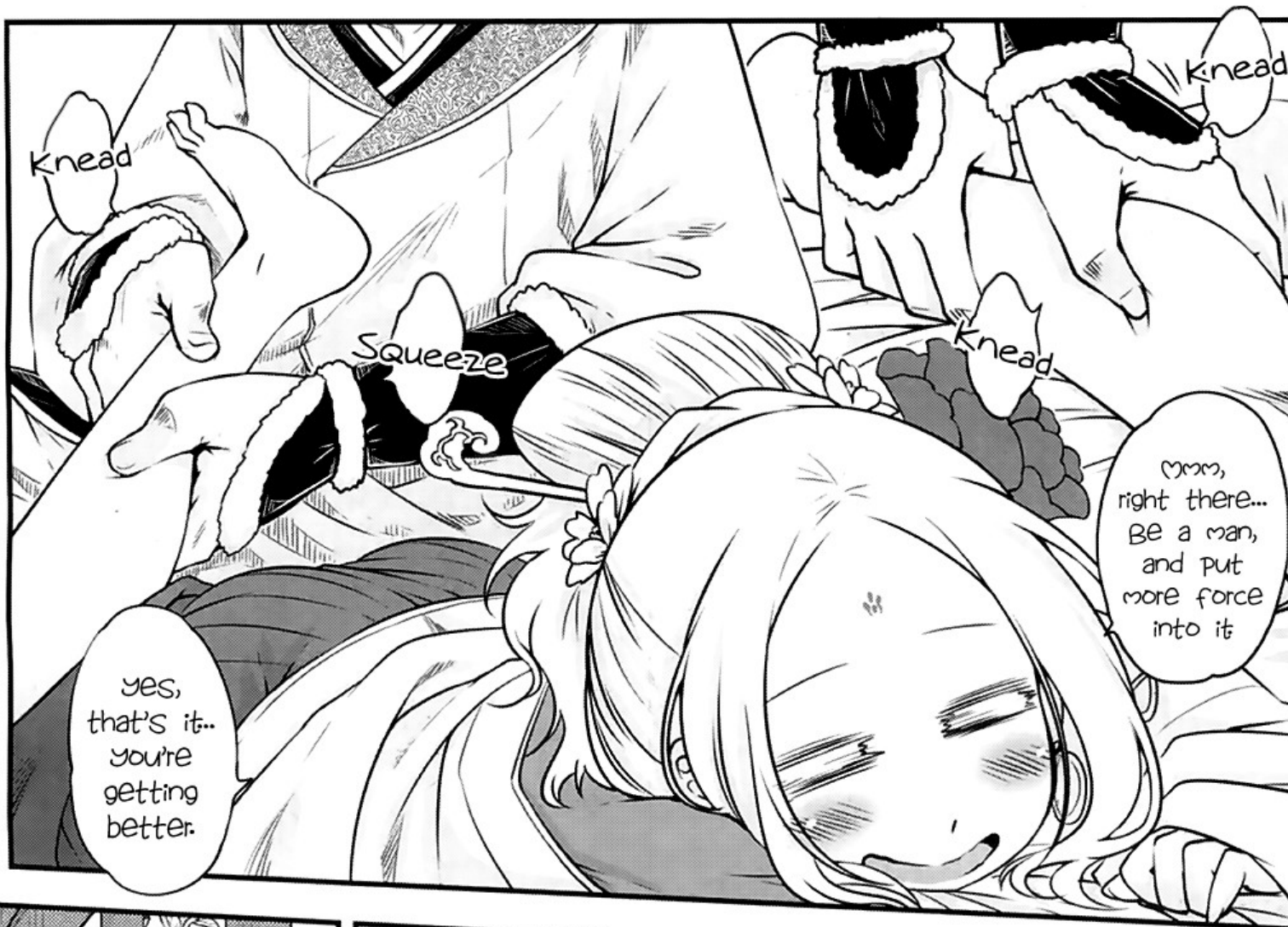


IF YOU'RE AWARE OF IT, THEN PLEASE TRY TO ACT YOUR AGE.

I'M BEAT ~

MY FEET ARE TOO OLD FOR THIS HARD LABOR.

AHH~ I'M TIRED ~



Knead

Squeeze

Knead

Knead

yes, that's it.. you're getting better.

Mmm, right there... Be a man, and put more force into it



SHE WAS? WHAT DID SHE SAY?

SPEAKING OF WHICH, HUI WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU. SHE CAME TO ME FOR ADVICE.



WELL, YOU ALWAYS FORCED ME T-...

SLAP



HEHE... REMINDS ME OF THE OLD TIMES.

YOU USED TO RUB MY SHOULDERS A LOT WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE.

OW OW OW!  
THAT  
HURTS!  
NOTHING!  
I DIDN'T  
SAY ANY-  
THING...!

WHAT WAS  
THAT?

WELL, I GREW UP  
AROUND YOU AND  
THE OTHER WOMEN.  
THE CONTRAST BETWEEN  
YOUR PUBLIC BEHAVIOR  
AND YOUR TRUE NATURE  
RUINED MY PERCEPTION  
OF WOMEN FOR GOOD...

YOU DON'T  
EVEN HAVE A  
GIRL YOU LIKE,  
LET ALONE A  
WIFE, AT YOUR  
AGE. I CAN'T  
BLAME HER.

HUH?

SHE WAS  
WORRIED YOU  
MIGHT BE A  
SODOMITE.

Literally 龍陽之癖, Chinese slang  
meaning "gay man"

HIEEE  
EEEE  
!?

!!

MAKE YOURSELF  
CLEAR, INSTEAD OF  
MOUTHING OFF LIKE  
THAT! OTHERWISE,  
YOU'RE THE ONE  
WHO'LL PAY FOR IT.

WHAT KIND  
OF GIRLS DO  
YOU LIKE?  
I'LL GIVE  
YOU A HAND,  
FOR HUI'S  
SAKE.

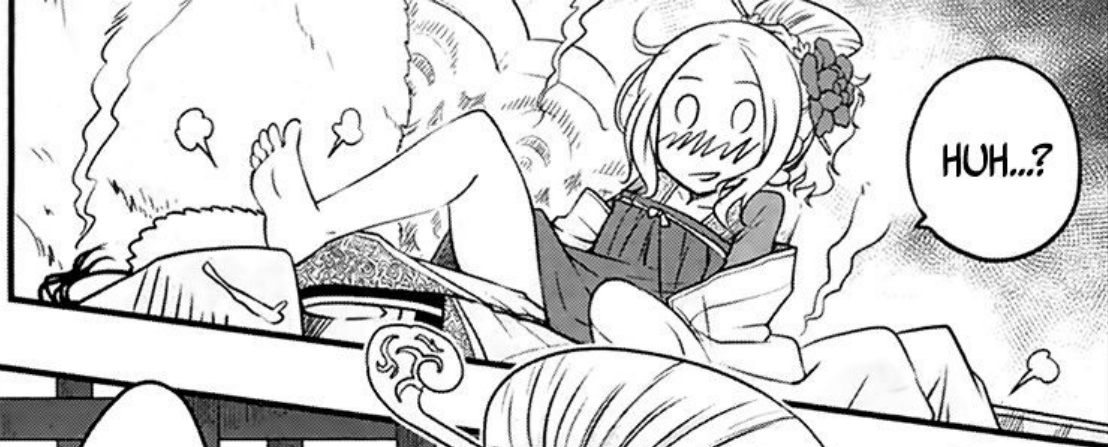
YOU  
LITTLE  
BRAT...

YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE A  
TRACE OF  
DIGNITY  
IN YOU...!

DON'T  
GET  
UPPITY  
WITH  
ME!  
THAT'S  
IT! I'LL  
GIVE YOU  
A TASTE  
OF A  
SENIOR'S  
DIGNITY!

YOU  
TWO-  
FACED  
RELIC!

YOU  
SHITTY  
LITTLE  
BRAT...!





Haah

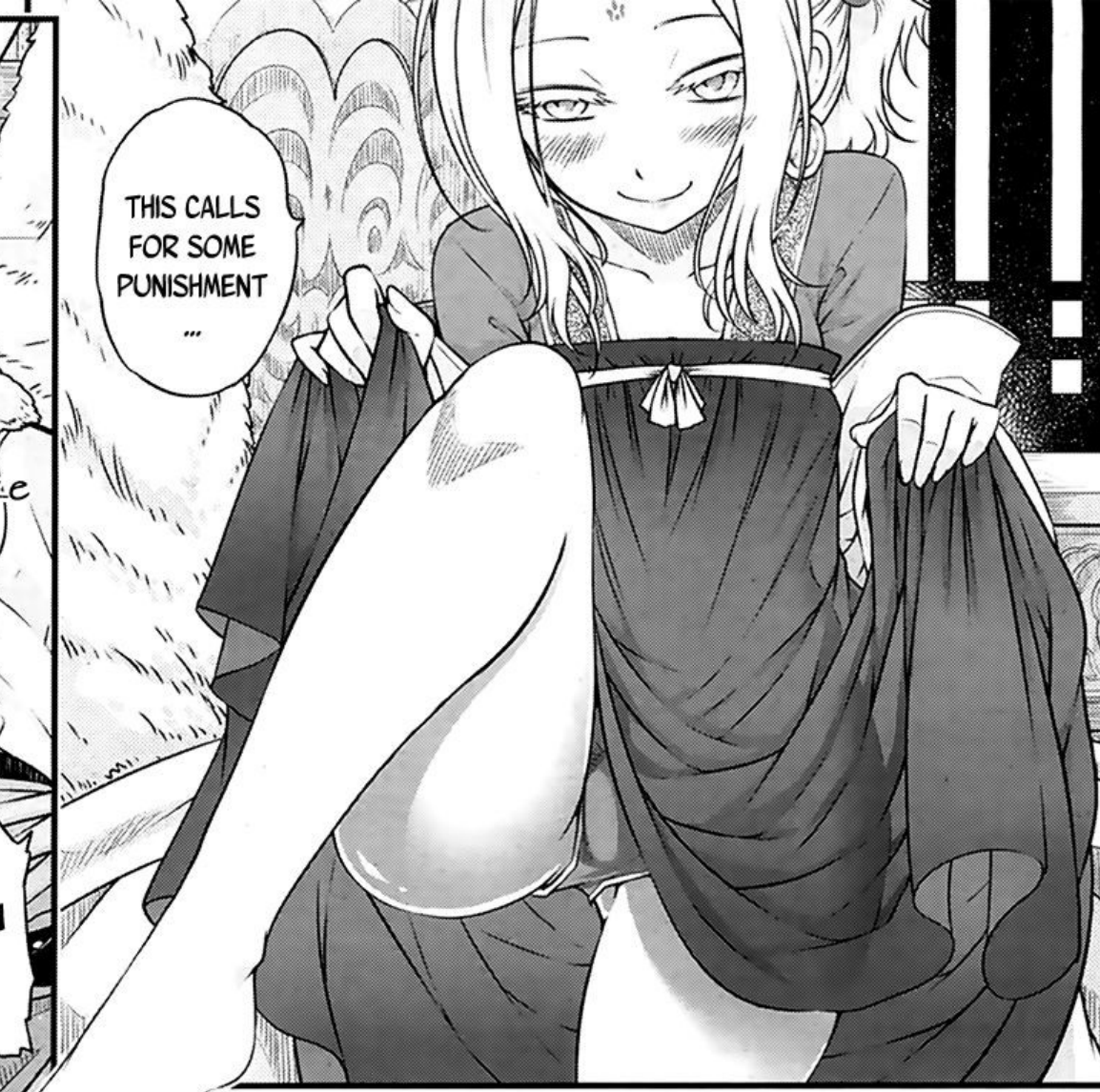
Haah

Poke

YOU'RE NOT...WHAT? THIS STIFF ERECTION SHOWS HOW EXCITED YOU ARE...

OH!...! NO... I'M NOT... GH!...

THIS CALLS FOR SOME PUNISHMENT ...



Rub

Squish



Rub

Rub

Slip



Rub

Squelch



Nh ah

Fw

Haah

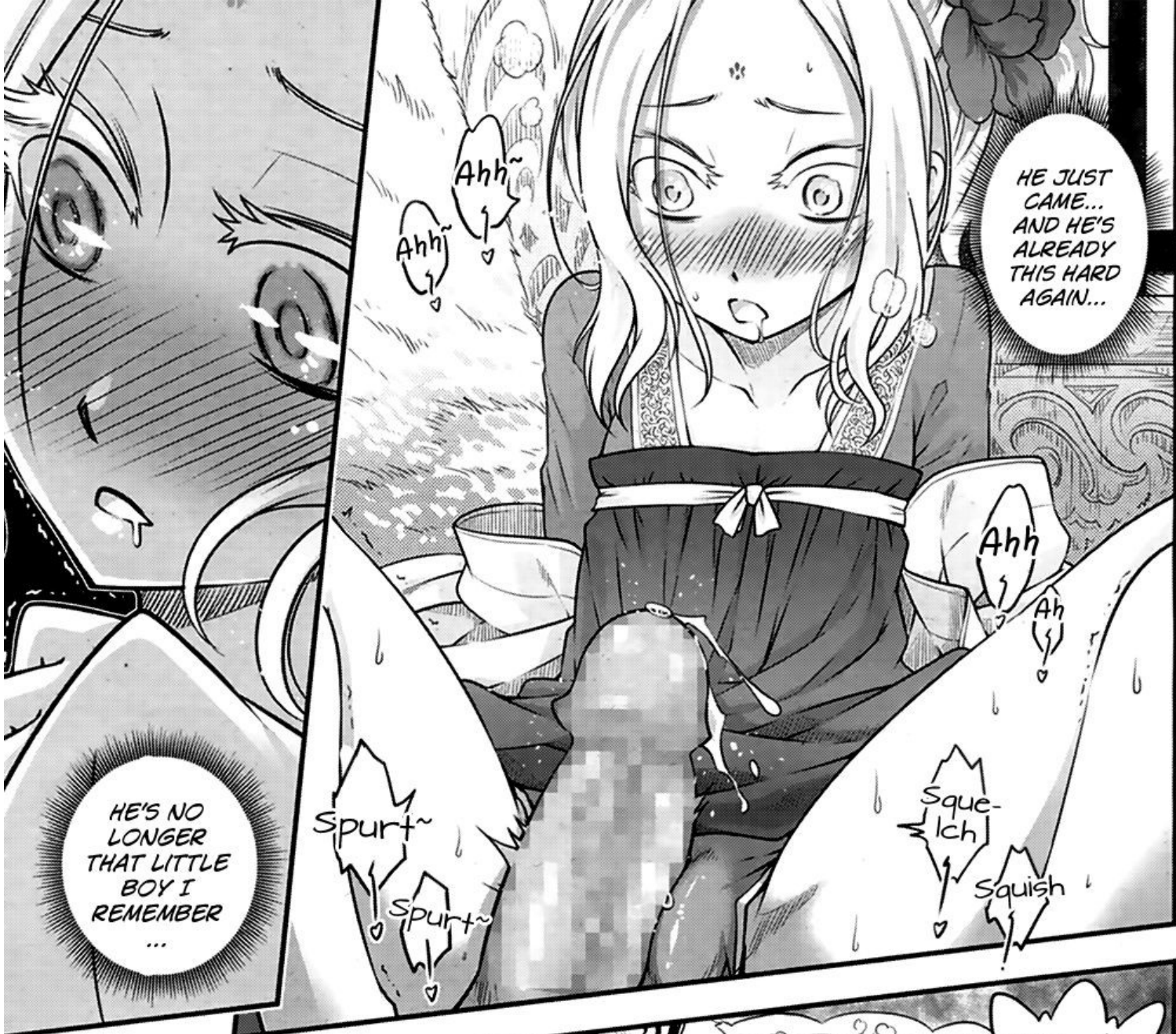
Ah

Rub

Rub

Squish





HE JUST  
CAME...  
AND HE'S  
ALREADY  
THIS HARD  
AGAIN...

HE'S NO  
LONGER  
THAT LITTLE  
BOY I  
REMEMBER  
...

Ahh~  
Ahh~

Ahh

Ah

Spurt~

Spurt~

Sque-  
lch

Squish

LICK  
♡

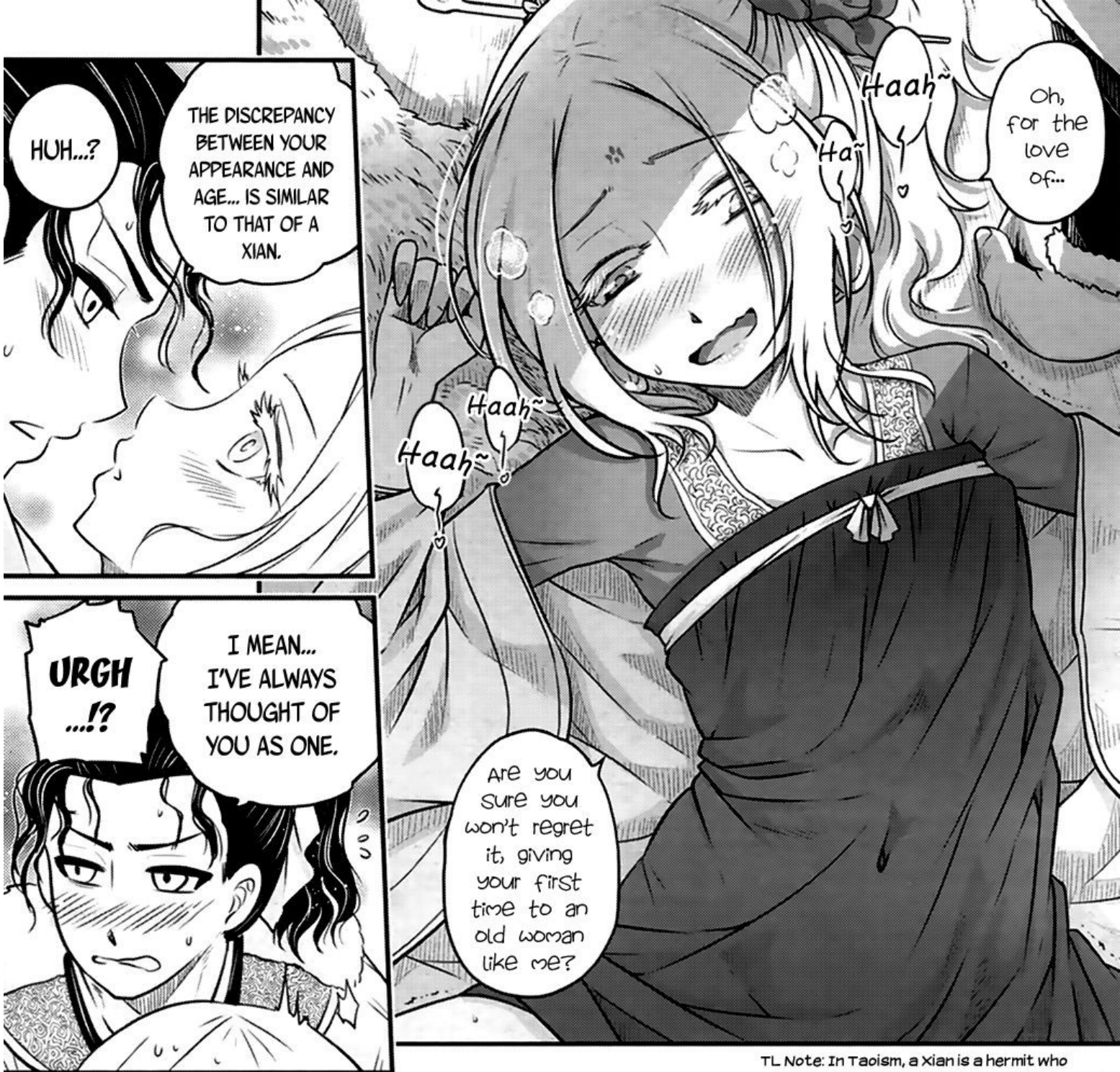
AND  
WHOSE  
FAULT DO  
YOU THINK  
IT IS...?

WELL... HA...  
HAHAHAHA...  
YOU'RE ALL  
GROWN UP  
NOW, SO I  
GUESS THIS  
SORT OF  
THING IS  
NORMAL.  
ISN'T IT?

HOW  
ABOUT I  
GIVE YOU  
A HAND...?

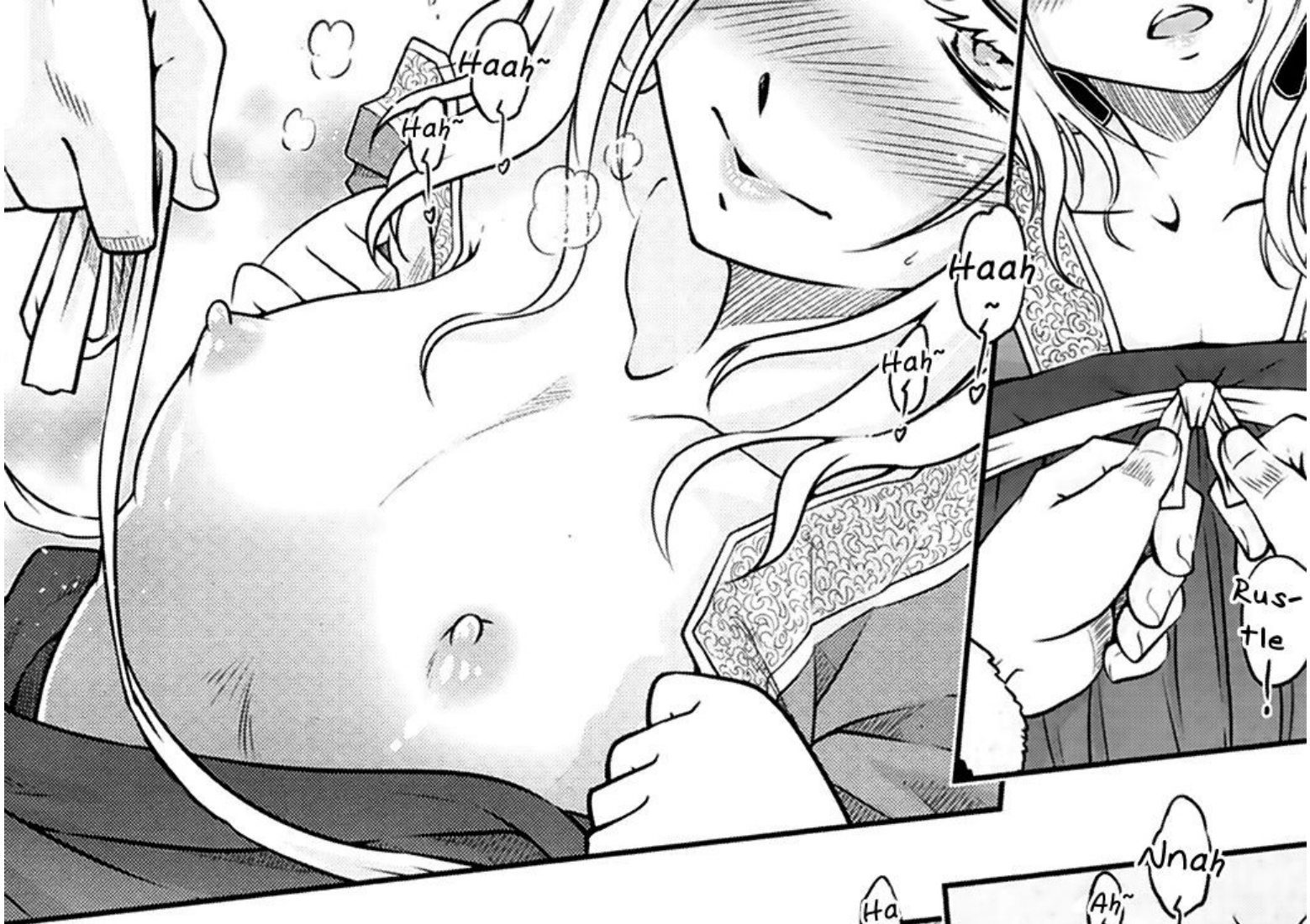
GULP  
THEN...

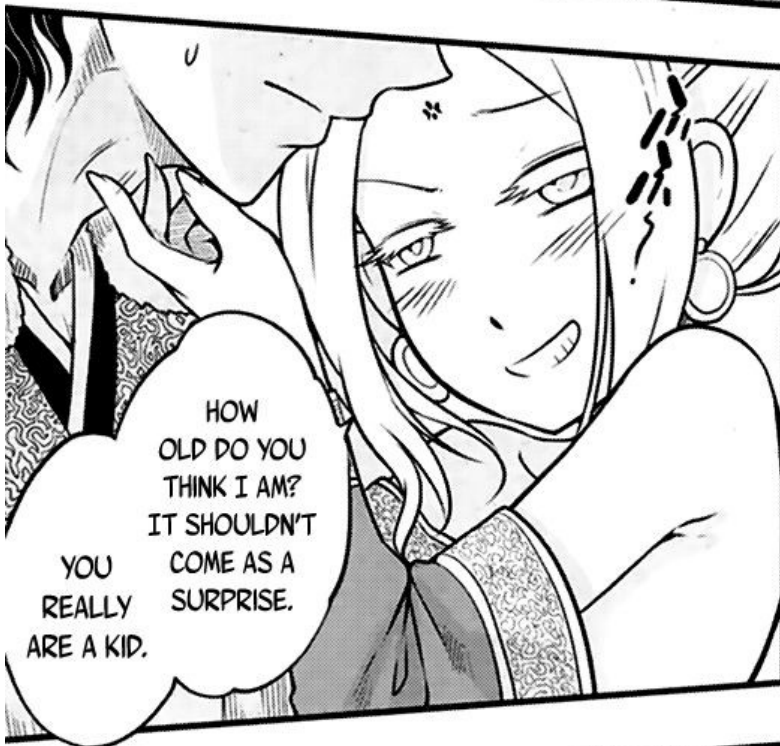




TL Note: In Taoism, a Xian is a hermit who has achieved immortality and spiritual transcendence through meditation.















I HAD JUST COME OF MARRIAGEABLE AGE, SO IN ORDER TO FULFIL MY FAMILY'S EXPECTATIONS...

I MARRIED SOMEONE HALF-HEARTEDLY, WE HAD SOME HALF-HEARTED SEX, AND THAT WAS IT...



NOR DID I BEAR HIS CHILDREN, SO I WAS PRETTY MUCH A FAILURE OF A WIFE.

I EVEN STUDIED THE RITE OF CHANGCHUN, BUT TOWARDS MY HUSBAND, I WAS INDIFFERENT.

BACK THEN, I HAD NO INTEREST IN ANYTHING EXCEPT PERFECTING MY DANCE, SO I SPENT EVERY DAY PRACTICING.

TL note: Changchun is the Taoist name of Qiu Chuji, a priest with connections to the elixir of immortality.



I SUPPOSE... I'M THE MOST BORING ONE OF ALL.

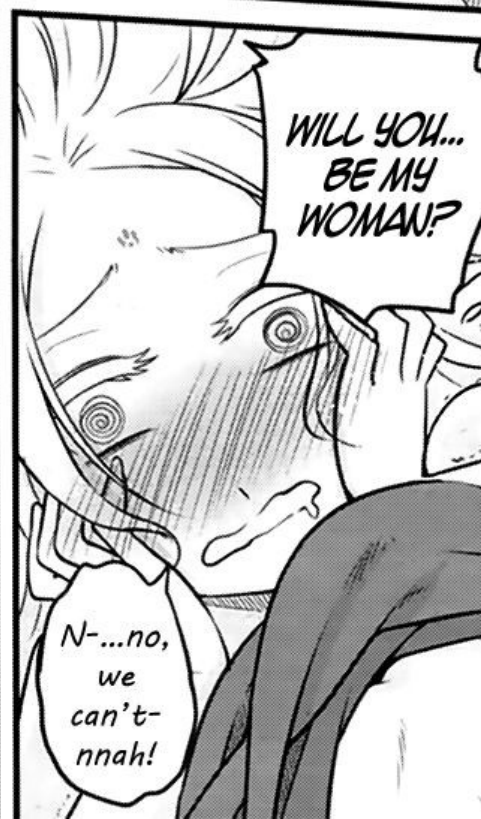
NOBODY COULD FALL IN LOVE WITH A BORING PERSON, RIGHT?

I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HIS FACE ANYMORE...



WHETHER  
YOU'RE DANCING,  
RESTING,  
WORRYING, OR  
SLACKING OFF,  
I LOVE YOU! I'M IN  
LOVE WITH  
EVERYTHING  
ABOUT YOU!

I'VE LOVED YOU  
FOR A LONG  
TIME... EVER SINCE  
I WAS A LITTLE  
KID! NOT AS AN  
ELDER I MUST  
RESPECT, BUT AS  
A WOMAN!



WILL YOU...  
BE MY  
WOMAN?

N-...no,  
we  
can't-  
nnah!



H...how  
can I  
reject such  
passionate  
courtship...?

Fwaaaaah~  
**I... I  
CAN'T  
TAKE IT!**

Squelch

Slide

Schlick

Slap

Squish

I DON'T  
LIKE VAGUE  
REPLIES!  
GIVE ME A  
CLEAR  
ANSWER!

♡---  
mrs!  
you  
bully!

Haah

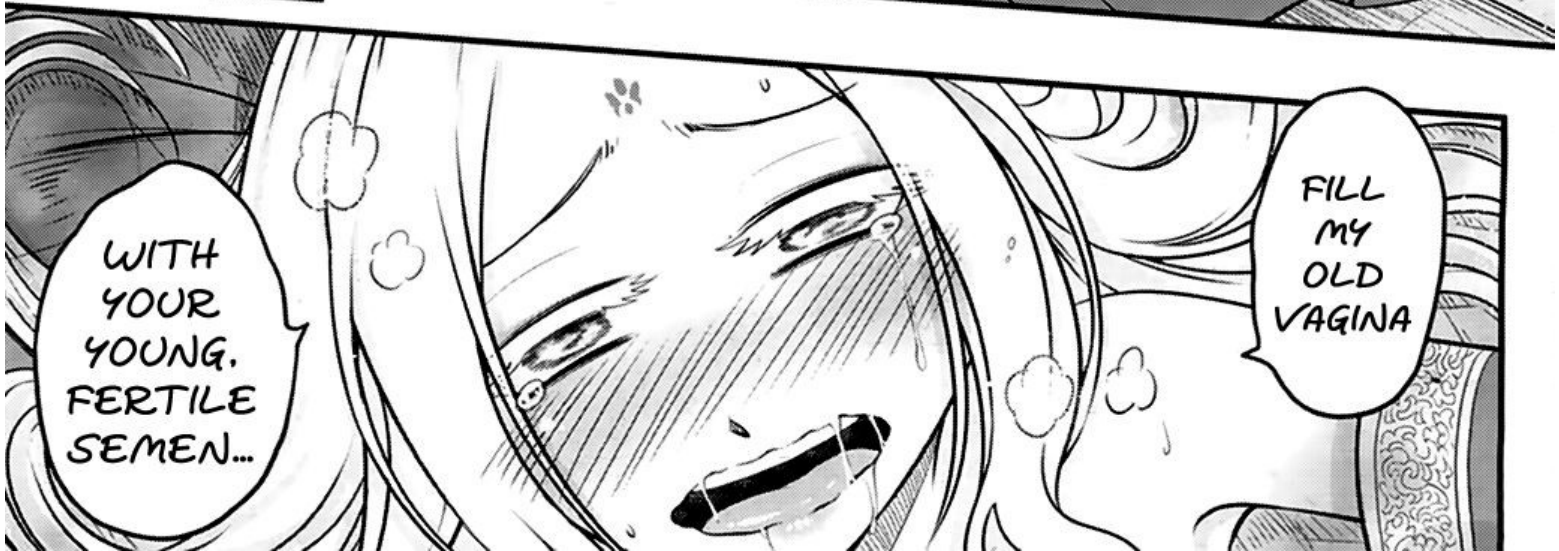
Hah

Nnah

Haah

Wah

I... I  
will!  
I'll be...  
your  
woman...  
So...



WITH  
YOUR  
YOUNG,  
FERTILE  
SEMEN...

FILL  
MY  
OLD  
VAGINA

MY BELLY IS  
FULL OF HIS  
SEED... IT'S  
RAGING  
INSIDE ME...

Spurt

Schlick

Spurt

Spu-  
urt

Spurt

Schlick

Haah

Haah

**AHH  
HH!**

Nnah

Haah

Haah

Haah

Spurt

Spurt

Sch-  
lick

Spurt

Spurt

Spu-  
urt

Squelch





THE RITE OF  
IMMORTAL-  
ITY?

THAT'S  
PUTTING ME IN  
A BIT OF A  
ROUGH SPOT,  
COMING FROM  
A TRUE  
IMMORTAL.

YOU MUST BE...  
WHAT, 50 YEARS  
OLD? 60? THOSE  
OTHER BRAGGARTS  
COULD NEVER HOPE  
TO MEASURE  
UP TO YOU.

TELL ME -  
WHY DO  
YOU SEEK  
IMMORTAL-  
ITY?



THERE'S  
GOOD THINGS  
AND BAD  
THINGS IN LIFE.  
BESIDES...

BUT STILL... LOOK AROUND  
YOW! PEOPLE DON'T NEED  
IMMORTALITY TO GO MAD!  
WHEN WAR ERUPTS, YOU  
CAN LOSE YOUR FRIENDS  
AND RELATIVES IN THE  
BLINK OF AN EYE! HOW IS  
THIS ANY DIFFERENT FROM  
ATTAINING IMMORTALITY,  
AND SEEING EVERYONE  
ELSE PASS ON?

I WANT TO  
KEEP LIVING.  
TO PERFECT MY  
DANCE... TO  
REST MY HOPES  
ON THE  
UNCERTAIN  
FUTURE!

I WANT TO PERFECT MY  
ART USING MY OWN  
STRENGTH ALONE,  
WITHOUT RELYING ON  
ANYONE ELSE. THAT'S  
WHY I SOUGHT THE  
ART OF CHANGCHUN, SO  
I COULD HAVE THE  
LONGEVITY REQUIRED  
TO DO SO.

YOU  
COULD  
SAY THAT.

ETERNAL LIFE IS AN  
ETERNAL PRISON.  
HERETICS LIKE US,  
WHO HAVE LIVED FAR  
TOO LONG,  
WILL INEVITABLY DRIVE  
OUR SURROUNDINGS  
MAD - AND BE FORCED  
TO WATCH AS EVERY-  
THING AND EVERYONE WE  
HOLD DEAR VANISHES  
BEFORE OUR EYES.

ONE AS  
POWERFUL AS  
YOU SHOULD BE  
ABLE TO DRAW  
OUT THE VITALITY  
HIDDEN WITHIN THE  
AZOTH, AND  
UTILIZE IT FOR  
YOUR OWN RITE.

TO THE AVERAGE  
HUMAN, THIS  
WOULD BE A  
LETHAL POISON,  
BUT FOR A  
PRACTITIONER OF  
THE ARTS OF  
CHANGCHUN, IT  
SHOULD BE A  
TREMENDOUS  
HELP.

WHY  
WOULD YOU  
GIVE ME  
SOMETHING SO  
PRECIOUS...?

BUT THE ELIXIR  
OF IMMORTALITY  
SHOULD SERVE  
AS A REPLACEMENT  
FOR THE  
AZOTH.

YOU  
NEED THAT  
KEY TO  
PROCEED  
TO THE NEXT  
STAGE.

THE ART OF  
CHANGCHUN  
CANNOT BE  
COMPLETED  
WITHOUT AN  
AZOTH.

I'M JUST A  
HERETIC,  
DRIFTING ON  
THE TIDES OF  
ETERNITY.

WHO  
ARE  
YOU...

A FLIGHT OF FANCY.  
WHEN WE MEET  
AGAIN, I WANT  
TO SEE IF YOU'LL  
STILL BE TRUE TO  
YOUR RESOLVE...

IF YOU  
WANT

YOU  
COULD  
CALL ME

THERE'S...  
NOBODY LEFT  
IN THIS  
WORLD WHO  
REMEMBERS MY  
NAME.

WAIT!  
PLEASE...  
TELL ME  
YOUR  
NAME!



THE  
ELIXIR OF  
IMMOR-  
TALITY...

...XU  
FU...



IT'S  
CREEPY.

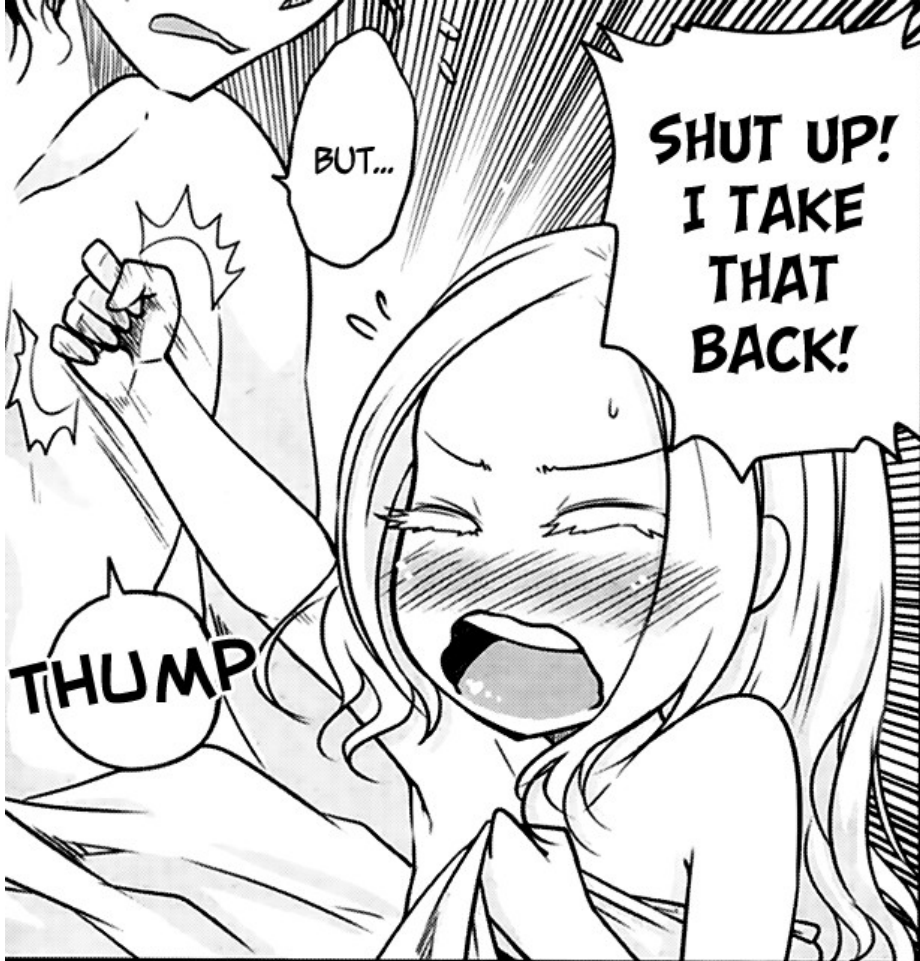
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SMILING  
ABOUT?



YOU LOOK  
SO CUTE  
WHEN  
YOU'RE  
SLEEPING.



XU FU.



BUT...

**SHUT UP!  
I TAKE  
THAT  
BACK!**

**THUMP**

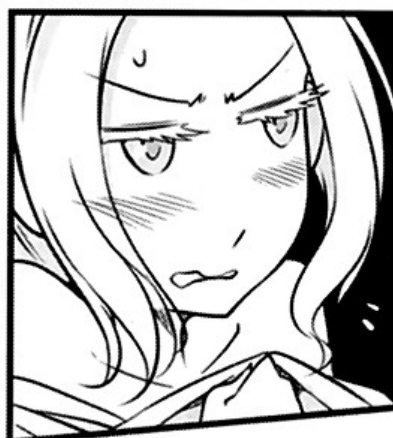


HUH? BUT YOU  
ACCEPTED ME  
EARLIER, DIDN'T  
YOU? YOU WERE  
SHAKING YOUR  
HIPS AND ALL-

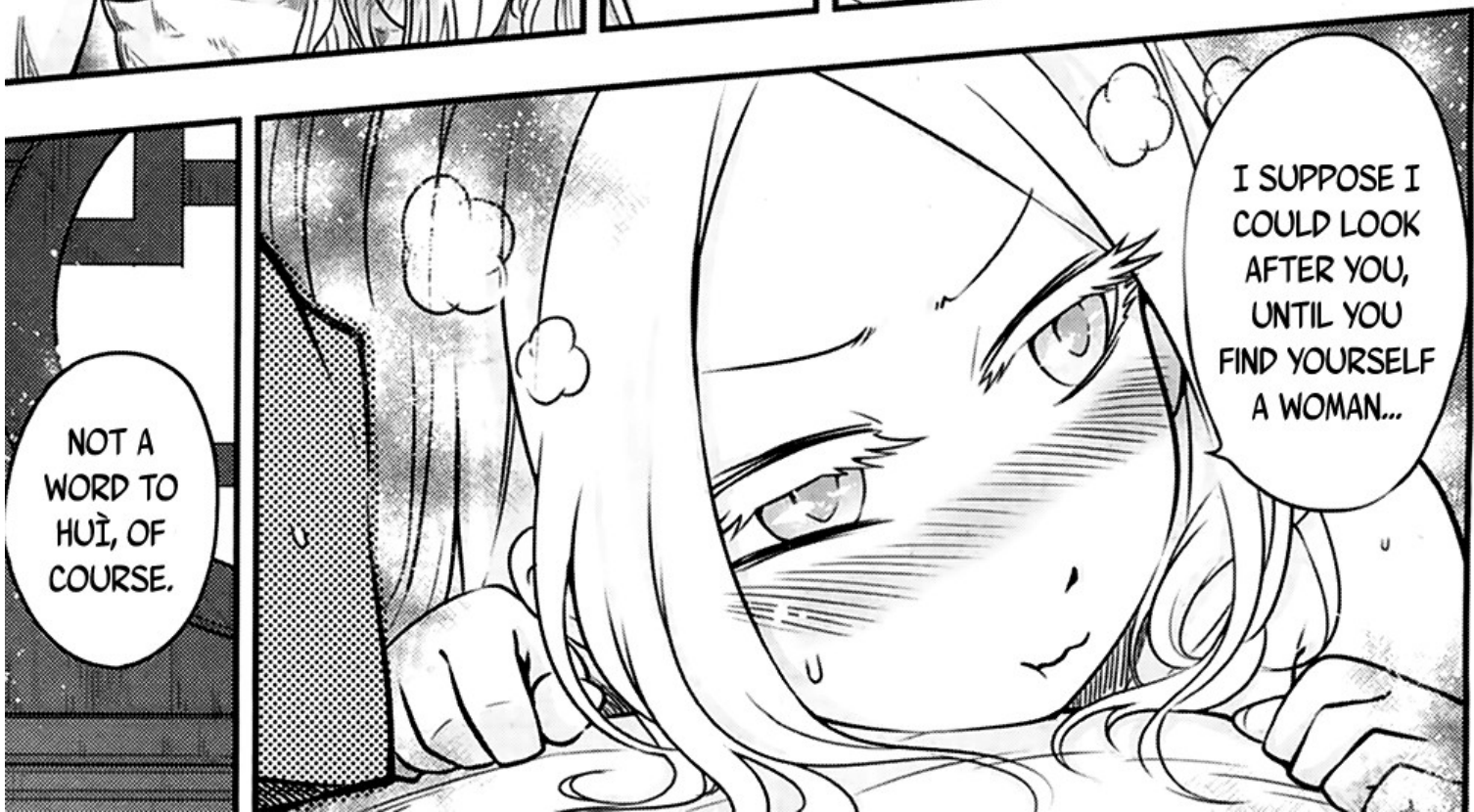
GH-... DON'T GET  
CARRIED AWAY,  
YOUNG MAN! WE  
MAY HAVE SLEPT  
TOGETHER, BUT  
THAT DOESN'T  
MEAN I'M YOUR  
WOMAN!



BUT, WELL...  
YOU'RE AT THAT  
AGE RIGHT NOW,  
AND YOU NEED AN  
OUTLET FOR  
THOSE URGES...



BESIDES... I NEVER  
THOUGHT I WAS  
THE ONE YOU HAD  
FEELINGS FOR... AND  
WE EVEN ENDED UP  
DOING IT... HOW CAN  
I SHOW MY FACE TO  
HUI NOW?



NOT A  
WORD TO  
HUI, OF  
COURSE.

I SUPPOSE I  
COULD LOOK  
AFTER YOU,  
UNTIL YOU  
FIND YOURSELF  
A WOMAN...

**PFF  
...!**

IT SEEMS MY  
SON HAS  
FOUND  
HIMSELF A  
GIRLFRIEND...

this here  
thingy

HE'S BEEN  
AWFULLY  
CHEERFUL LATELY,  
SMILING FROM EAR  
TO EAR... AND HE  
RECENTLY BOUGHT  
A HAIR ORNAMENT,  
THE KIND YOUNG  
GIRLS LIKE.

W-...  
WHAT  
MAKES  
YOU  
THINK  
THAT?

BUT THE  
MOST UN-  
SHAKEABLE  
EVIDENCE IS...

**GULP**

HE SENT IT TO  
SOMEONE! I  
GUESS OLD  
BAGS LIKE  
US DON'T  
DESERVE ANY  
GIFTS LIKE  
THAT, DO  
WE!?

**BFF  
FF!**

**HE  
HASN'T  
BEEN  
MASTUR-  
BATING!**

**SORRY,  
I'VE BEEN  
SWALLOW-  
ING IT...**

FOR A BOY HIS  
AGE, THAT'S  
UNTHINKABLE!  
NO MASTURBA-  
TION! NO WET  
DREAMS! WHERE  
DOES HIS  
SEMEN GO!?

I DID A  
THOROUGH  
INVESTIGATION  
OF HIS ROOM!  
THERE WERE NO  
SIGNS OF MAS-  
TURBATION OR  
NOCTURNAL  
EMISSIONS ON  
HIS LAUNDRY,  
EITHER!

**WHAT  
DO WE  
DO...?**

GLANCE

IT'LL HURT HER  
JUST AS MUCH  
IF YOU KEEP IT  
A SECRET! YOU  
HAVE TO  
MARRY HER!

**WHA-  
AAT  
!?**

**HUH  
...?**

JUST WHO I  
WAS LOOKING  
FOR! SPIT IT  
OUT, WHO'S  
THE GIRL  
YOU'VE BEEN  
SLEEPING  
WITH!?

**YOUR  
LADYSHIP?  
AND MOM,  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON?**

