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I'M SURE IT'D BE BORING TO JUST HEAR ABOUT THE TOPIC, SO I'VE BROUGHT SOMETHING INTERESTING WITH ME TODAY.



Artificial Life Forms

→ Living beings created by human hands

Their appearances are very similar to humans, but their intelligence does not differ much from an animal. After they become adults, their population increased due to artificial breeding.

NOWADAYS THEY BREED THROUGH NATURAL MEANS, BUT IN THE PAST THEY WERE CREATED BY MACHINES.

CREATURES SUCH AS MERMAIDS AND BEASTMEN, THAT WE HAVE TAKEN FOR GRANTED THESE DAYS, WERE ONCE CONSIDERED TO BE MERE FANTASY.



WHY DON'T YOU ALL COME CLOSER TO TAKE A BETTER LOOK?

I'VE GOTTEN SPECIAL PERMISSION TO BORROW THIS STUFFED ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM FROM THE MUSEUM.

WOW, WHAT IS THAT?!

その姿... 変わら... 野... 然繁殖





PROBABLY. HOW ABOUT WE TEST IT OUT?

DOES IT STILL WORK?



HMM?

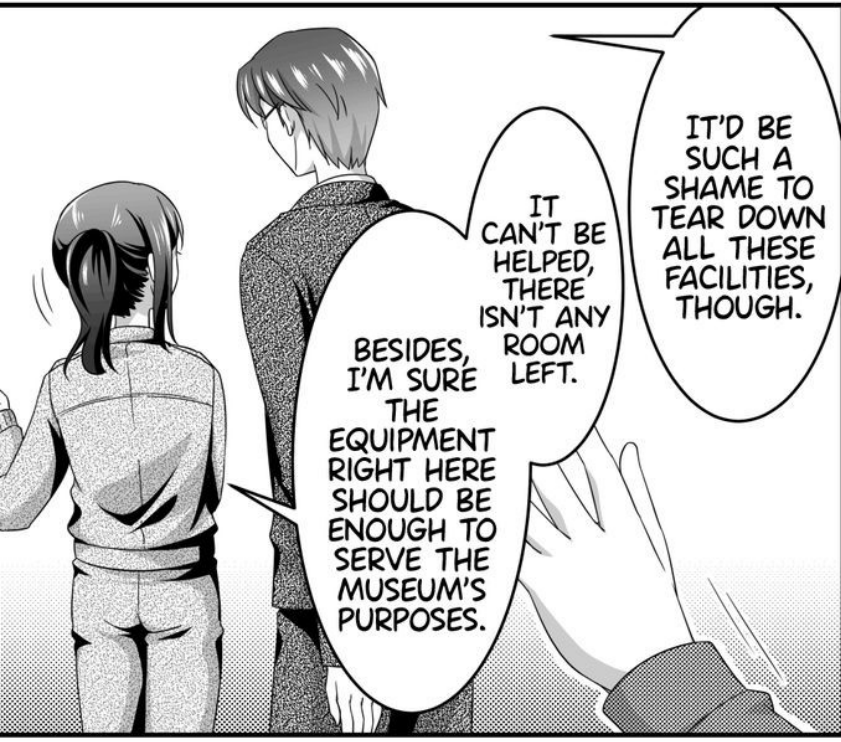
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WHILE IT CAN BE USED WITH GENE SAMPLES, IT WAS OFTEN USED BY CROSS-BREEDING VARIOUS ANIMALS AS WELL.

ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORMS WERE CREATED USING THIS EQUIPMENT RIGHT HERE.

AFTER IT WAS DECIDED TO JUST LET THEM NATURALLY BREED, IT HASN'T BEEN USED AT ALL IN OVER 20 YEARS.



IT CAN'T BE HELPED, THERE ISN'T ANY ROOM LEFT. BESIDES, I'M SURE THE EQUIPMENT RIGHT HERE SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO SERVE THE MUSEUM'S PURPOSES.

IT'D BE SUCH A SHAME TO TEAR DOWN ALL THESE FACILITIES, THOUGH.



Wait, what?! Oh no, my skirt got caught in here...!



OH, WHERE'S YOUR DAUGHTER?

ALL RIGHT, LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT FACILITY.

THE NEXT DAY



OH, MY...

THIS DOGGY'S BEEN BARKING...



MISS ZOOKEEPER!

I WONDER IF THAT GIRL'S ALL RIGHT...

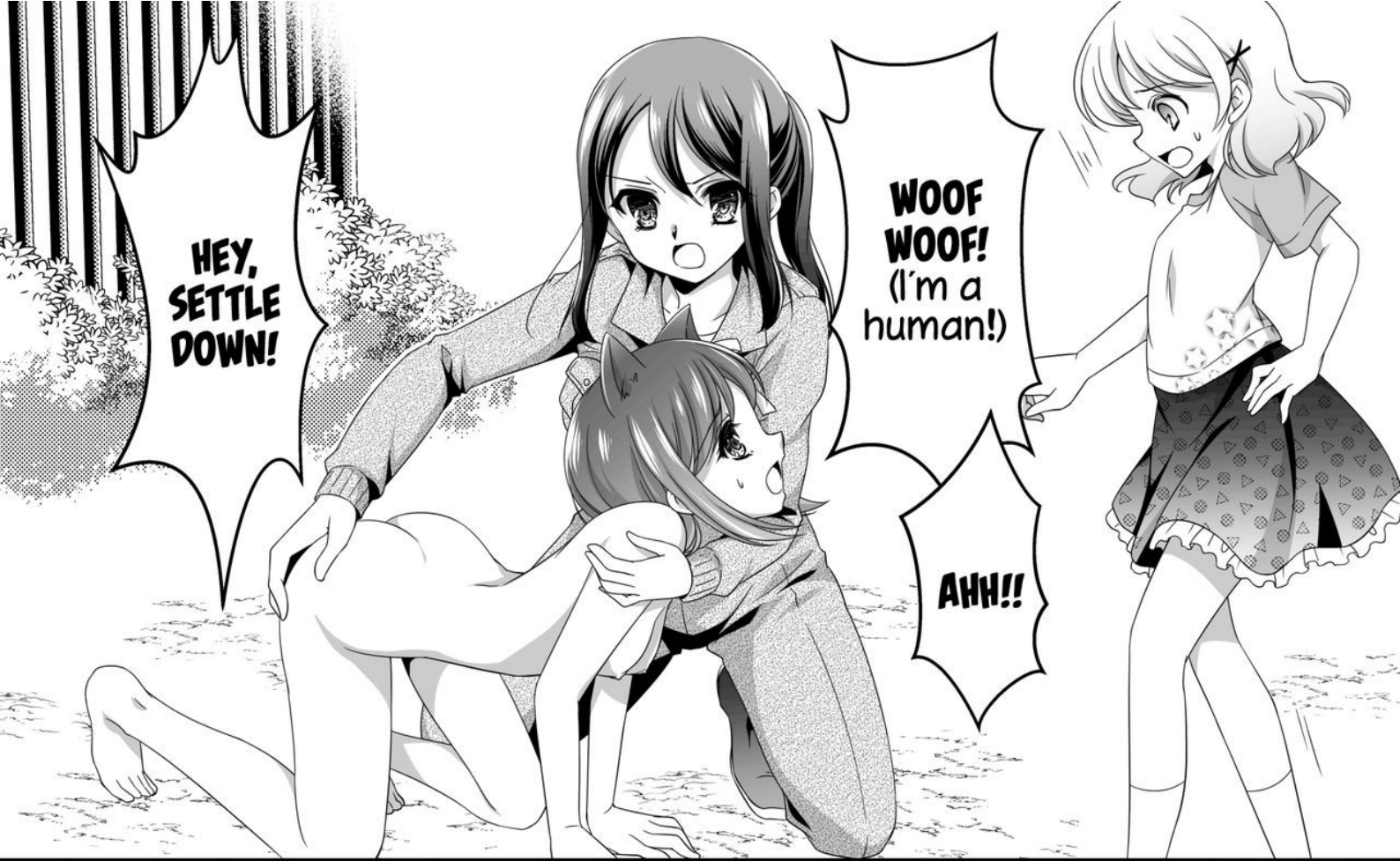


Whimper... (She can't understand me...)

WOOF WOOF! (Help me!)

MAYBE IT WANDERED INTO HERE AFTER GETTING SEPARATED FROM ITS PARENTS...?

I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS PUPPY BEFORE.



HEY,
SETTLE
DOWN!

WOOF
WOOF!
(I'm a
human!)

AHH!!



W-What
is this,
I can't
move...

IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
SCARY FOR
YOU, HUH?
IT'LL BE
OKAY...

WOW!
IT
ACTUALLY
CALMED
DOWN!



STAY
PUT,
NOW.

Kyawn?!
(Kyah?!)



A FEMALE...

ABOUT 9 MONTHS OLD, I'D GUESS.

Nooo!

LET'S CHECK ITS GENDER.

Oooo



W-
What do you mean by baby?
I'm 1X years old...

SHE'LL PROBABLY JUST END UP GETTING SENT TO THE HEALTH CENTER, SO WE'LL TAKE HER IN FOR NOW.

SHE'S STILL A BABY, SO SHE MUST HAVE GOTTEN SCARED FROM SEEING A LIVING BEING OTHER THAN HER PARENTS.

I hate this...

SHE'S NOT BARKING AT ALL ANY-MORE.

Oooo



ALL RIGHT, SHE'S HERE NOW.

THIS IS MII-CHAN, A FELLOW DOG SPECIES.

I'M THINKING SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACT AS A PARENT FOR HER.



SURE~

LET'S SEE... THEN HOW ABOUT KUU-CHAN?

CAN I NAME HER?

I need to find a way to ask for help...

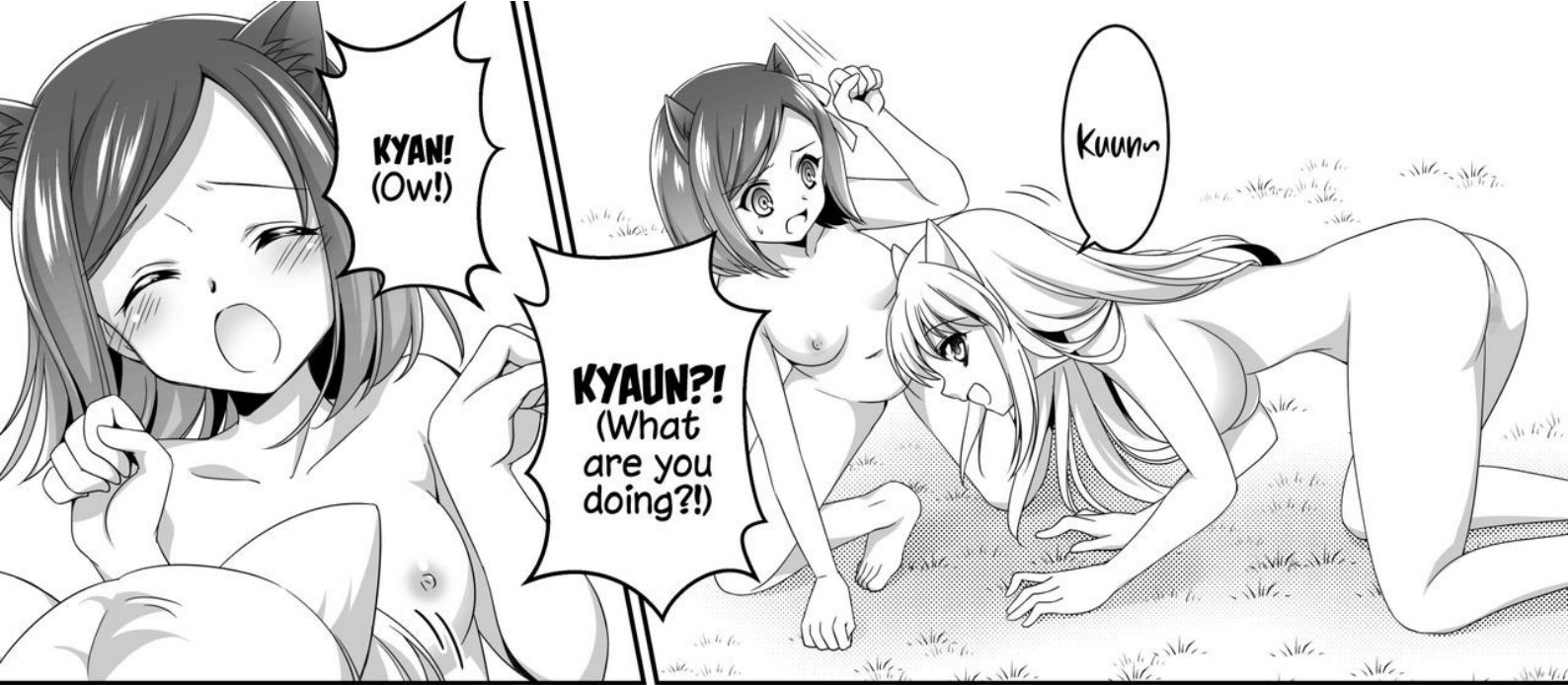


It's not working...

KUUN?

WOOF WOOF!
(I'm a human!)

Since we're both dogs, maybe I'll be able to talk to her...!



KYAN!
(Ow!)

KYAUN?!
(What
are you
doing?!)

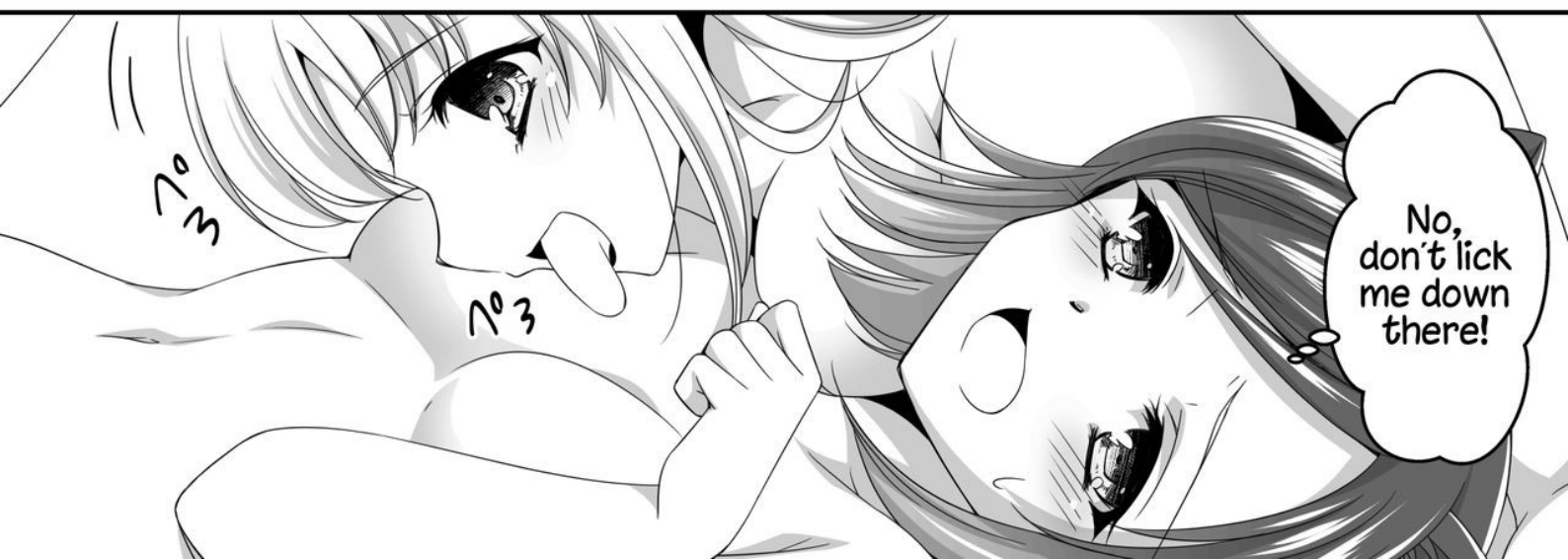
Kuunn



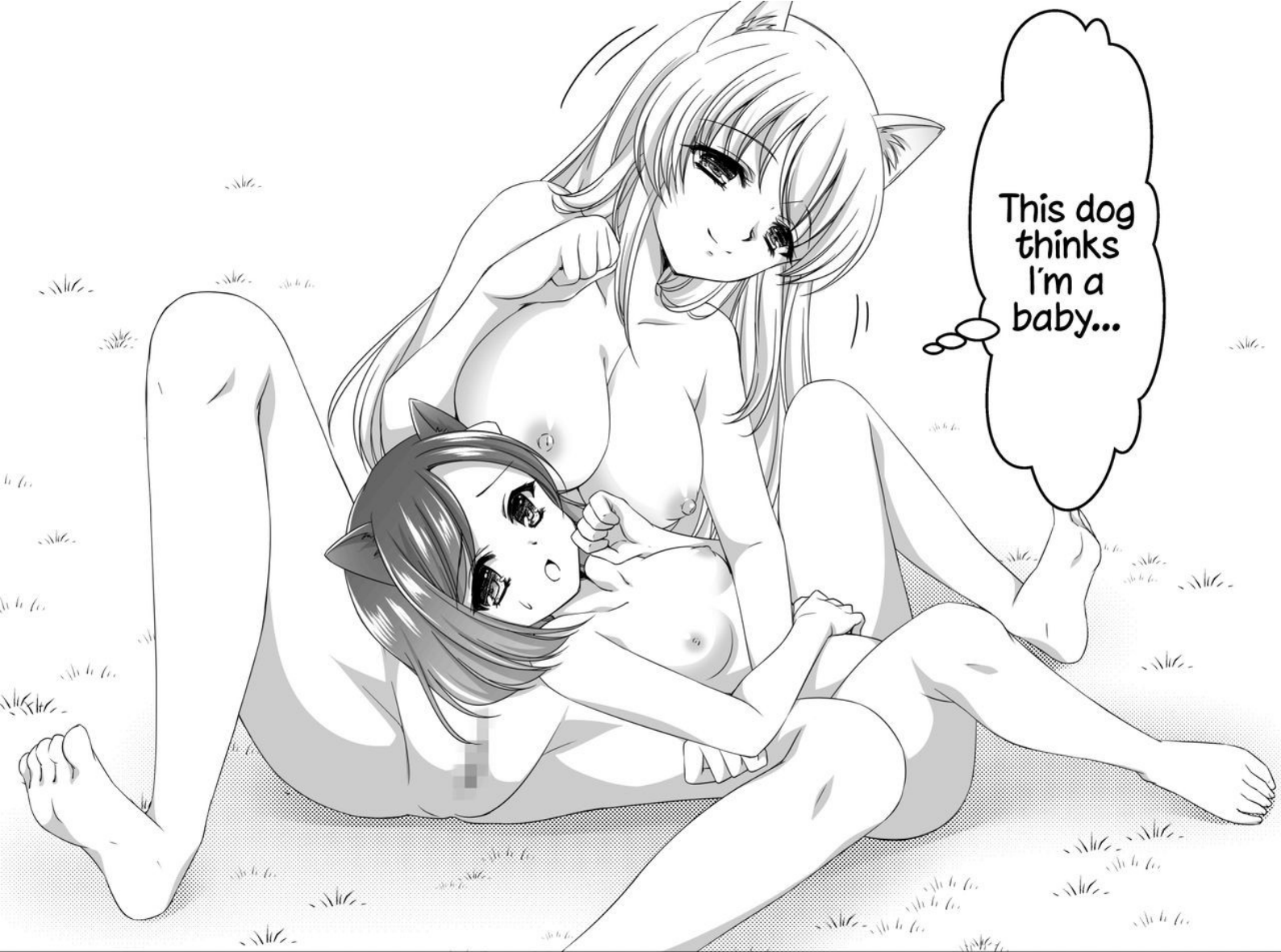
SHE'S
ALREADY
BABYING
HER.

SO
CUTE~

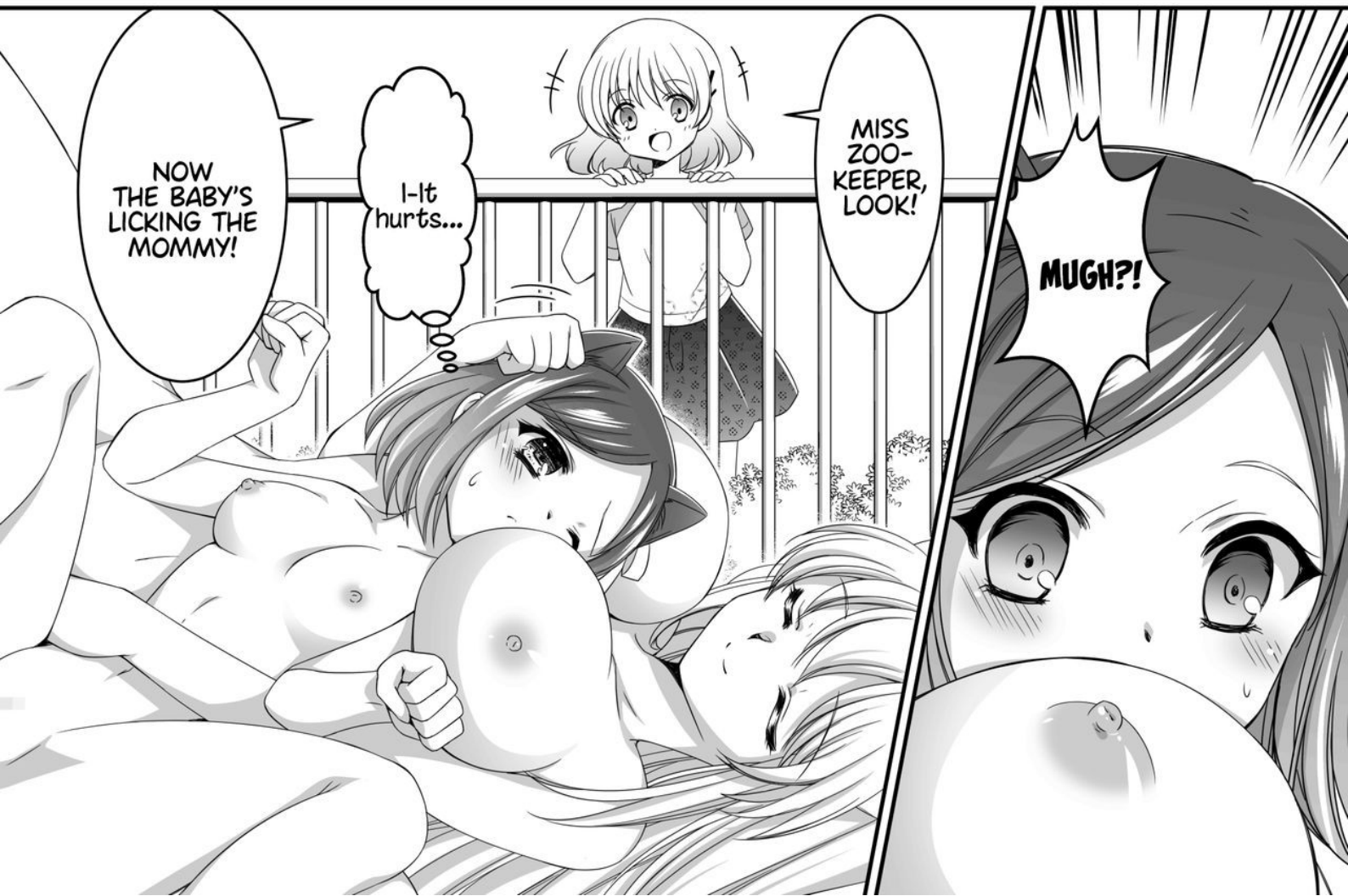
Huuuh?!



No,
don't lick
me down
there!



This dog
thinks
I'm a
baby...



NOW
THE BABY'S
LICKING THE
MOMMY!

I-it
hurts...

MISS
ZOO-
KEEPER,
LOOK!

MUGH?!

THE NEXT DAY

ALL RIGHT KUU-CHAN, CAN YOU SIT LIKE WHAT YOUR MOTHER'S DOING?

SIT!

Woof!

Woof...
(I can't do something so embarrassing...)



IT'LL BE A SECRET TO THE VISITORS, OKAY?

GOT IT.

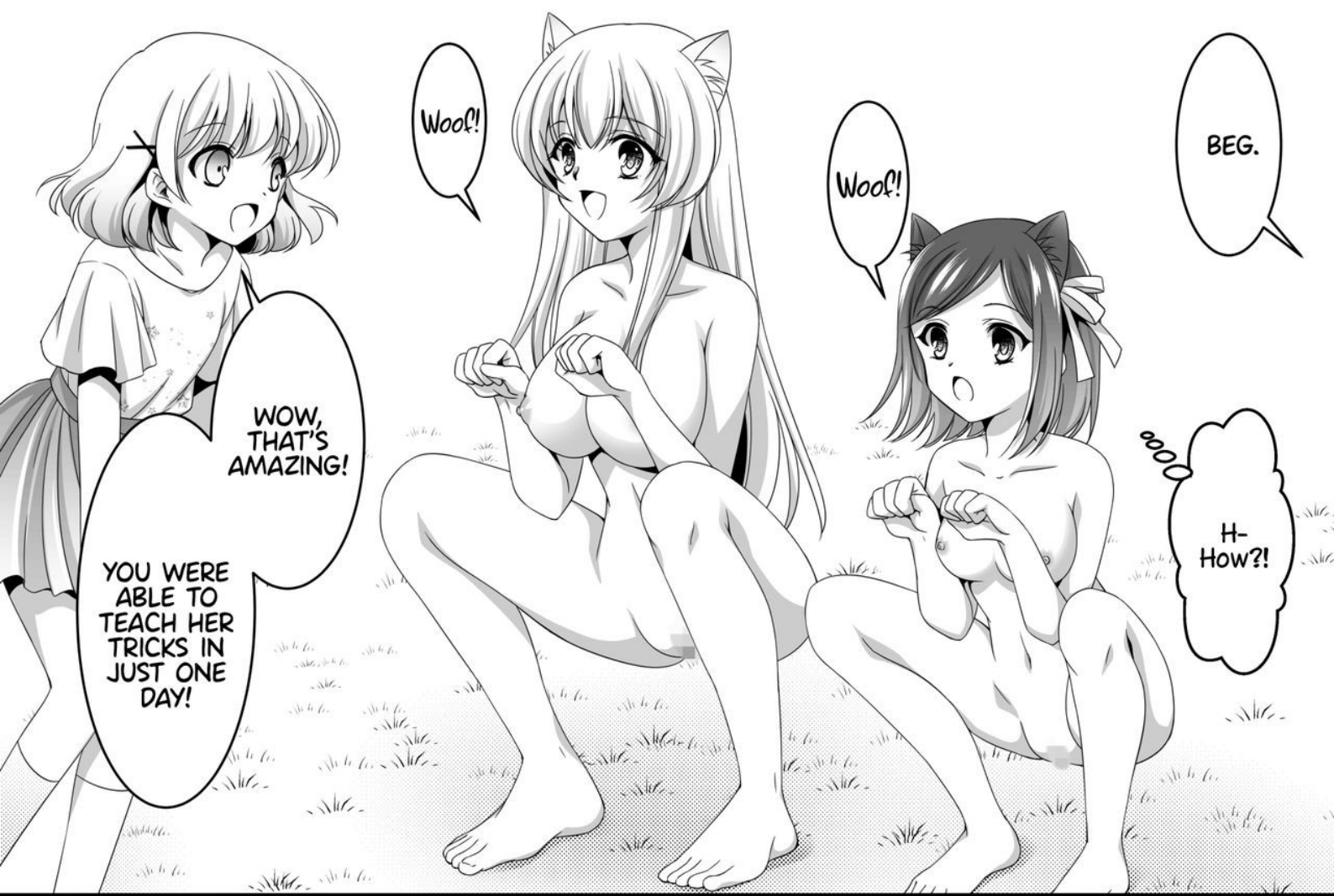


Who the heck is Kuu-chan...

I'M AT A LOSS HERE, SHE WON'T LEARN ANY TRICKS AT ALL...

MAYBE WE CAN TEACH IT INTO HER BODY WITH THIS COLLAR.





Woo!!

Woo!!

BEG.

WOW,
THAT'S
AMAZING!

YOU WERE
ABLE TO
TEACH HER
TRICKS IN
JUST ONE
DAY!

H-
How?!



AWW,
I WANT
TO GET
FRIENDLY
WITH
KUU-CHAN
TOO...

THEN DO
YOU WANT
TO TRY
TRAINING
HER?

HUH?
REALLY?!



M-My
body can't
move...

WELL...

SHE WAS
ABLE TO
LEARN REALLY
QUICKLY BY
COPYING HER
MOTHER.



THAT'S IT,
HOLD DOWN
HER BODY
SO THAT SHE
CAN'T MOVE.

AM I
DOING IT
RIGHT?!

Why
can't I
move?!

YOU HAVE TO
MAKE HER REALIZE
THAT SHE CAN'T
FIGHT AGAINST HER
OWNER'S STRENGTH
NO MATTER WHAT
SO SHE CAN
UNDERSTAND HER
PLACE.



MISS
ZOOKEEPER,
I WANT TO
PLAY FRISBEE
WITH HER!

OKAY!
I'LL SET
THAT UP
FOR YOU
NEXT TIME
YOU COME
HERE.

What's...
going to
happen to
me...

TO BE
CONTINUED



IF SHE
DID GOOD,
MAKE SURE
TO PRAISE
HER.

Hey, stop
that! That
tickles!

KUU-CHAN
LOOKS
REALLY
HAPPY!



Kuun?

THIS IS MY IDEA FOR WHAT THEY'LL LOOK LIKE FOR THE FINISHED PRODUCT.

What are those people doing?

LET'S SEE... OH, THAT'S NICE.



I'M DONE!



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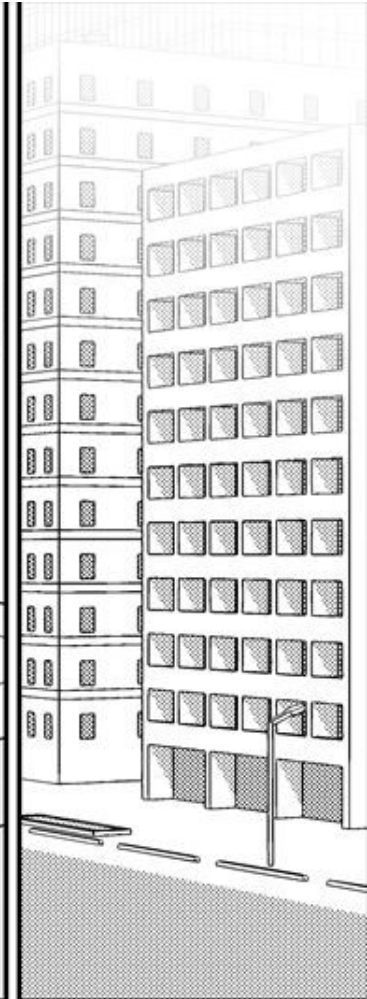
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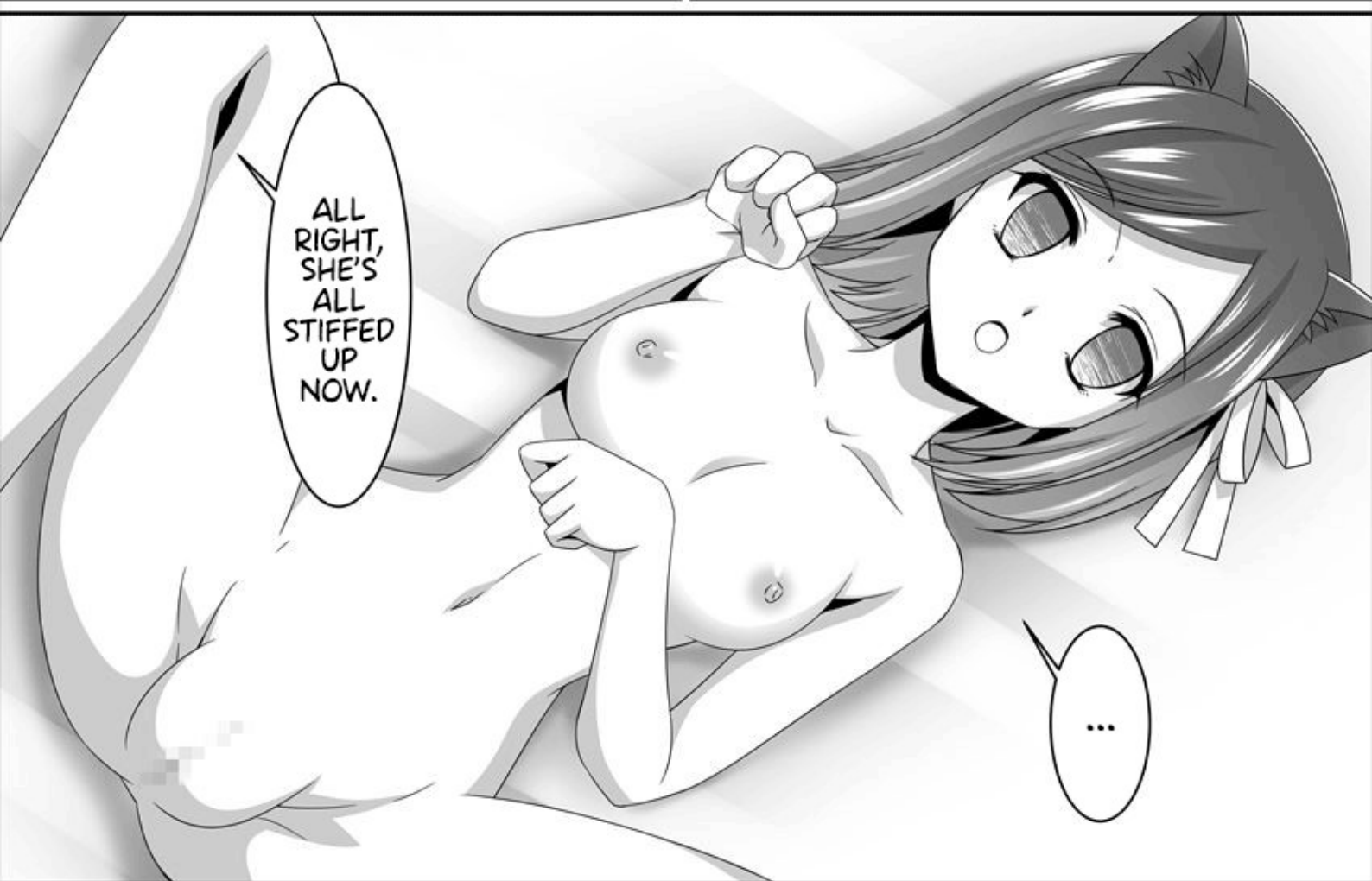


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ALL
RIGHT,
SHE'S
ALL
STIFFED
UP
NOW.

...



...

I WANT
EVERYONE
WHO'S
FREE RIGHT
NOW TO
HELP OUT!

SHE'LL
COMPLETELY
HARDEN IN
ANOTHER 3
HOURS, SO
LET'S GET HER
INTO THE
RIGHT POSE
BEFORE
THAT.



OH, THIS IS...

THIS DOG IS SCARY.

MOMMY!

SEVERAL DECADES LATER

DOG (♀)
0 MONTH X DAY 2XXXX YEAR
AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM SPECIES.
ASIDE FROM THE EARS AND TAIL, THEY ARE COMPLETELY HAIRLESS.
THEY GO INTO HIBERNATION DURING THE WINTER. THEY ARE VERY DEFENSIVE WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR TERRITORY, AND WILL BARK AT ANYONE WHO DRAWS NEAR TO INTIMIDATE THEM.
THE DOGS DISPLAYED HERE WERE ACTUALLY MOTHER AND CHILD IN THE PAST.



KUU-CHAN AND MII-CHAN.

DO YOU KNOW THEM, MOMMY?

I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE STILL ON DISPLAY!

DO NOT TOUCH THE DISPLAY

(7 (♀))



I WAS THE ONE WHO NAMED THIS ONE.

SHE'S MAKING A SCARY FACE RIGHT NOW, BUT SHE WAS A REALLY SWEET AND OBEDIENT DOGGY.



Her bark was so scary that it made me cry.

A zookeeper quickly came to take care of her and she even had the zoo take her in, but...



She was originally a wild dog that wandered into the zoo after getting separated from her parents.

Since she was still just a baby, she was really scared.



I found out about this afterward, but she was using a technique called "hold still" that helped the dog become obedient.

It was needed to make the dog understand that she was below the owner in their relationship.



Yeah, that zookeeper sure was something else.

When she squeezed the dog, she mysteriously managed to calm it down.



And then to my surprise, she even began showing her belly to the zookeeper!

Even though the dog was still a baby, the zookeeper managed to make her understand that she was her owner.





After that, she was always sticking close to the mother and getting babied.

After a little bit, something interesting happened.



This time, Kuu-chan was the one that start licking the mother's body.

She was probably copying the mother.



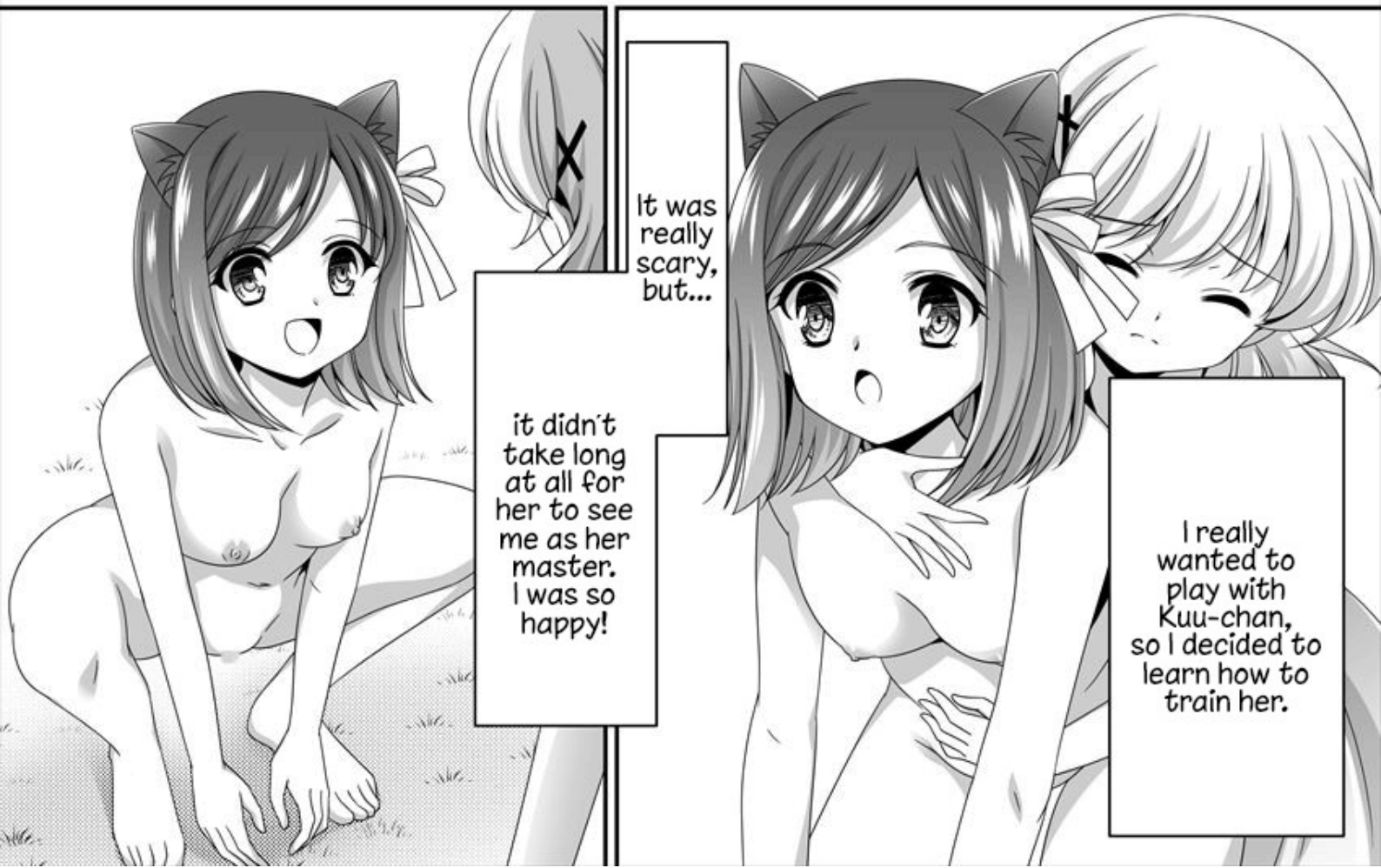
It was really cute seeing her little tongue in action.



She was probably just copying what her mother was doing,

And thanks to her mother, she was also able to learn tricks really quickly.

but the zookeeper used that to her advantage.



It was really scary, but...

it didn't take long at all for her to see me as her master. I was so happy!

I really wanted to play with Kuu-chan, so I decided to learn how to train her.



And she'd always come back to me as if she was saying "I got it for you, so please praise me!"

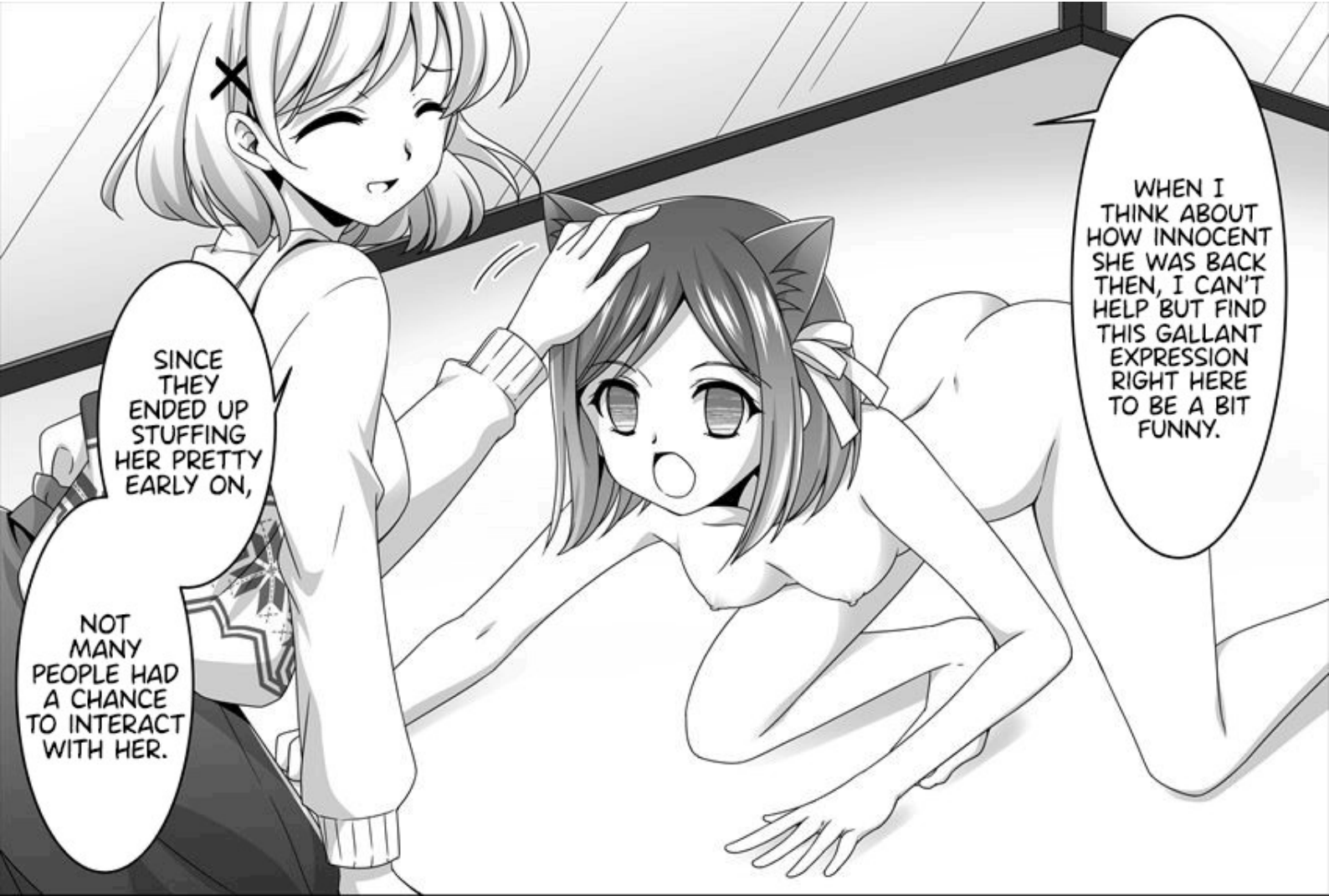


Whenever I threw the frisbee, she'd chase after it as fast as she could.



It was so fun.

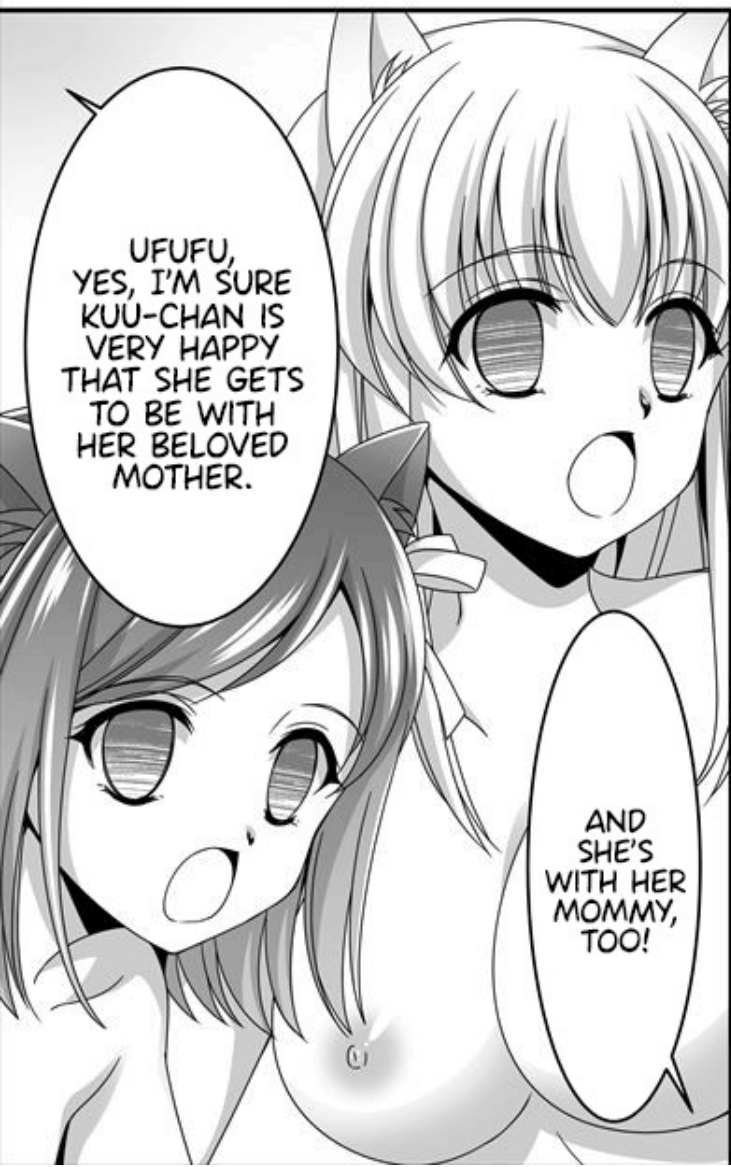
She really enjoyed me rubbing her belly to praise her...



SINCE THEY ENDED UP STUFFING HER PRETTY EARLY ON,

NOT MANY PEOPLE HAD A CHANCE TO INTERACT WITH HER.

WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW INNOCENT SHE WAS BACK THEN, I CAN'T HELP BUT FIND THIS GALLANT EXPRESSION RIGHT HERE TO BE A BIT FUNNY.



UFUFU, YES, I'M SURE KUU-CHAN IS VERY HAPPY THAT SHE GETS TO BE WITH HER BELOVED MOTHER.

AND SHE'S WITH HER MOMMY, TOO!



THE ZOOKEEPER AND I WERE PROBABLY THE ONLY PEOPLE TO KNOW HOW SHE REALLY WAS.



OKAY!
BYE-BYE,
KUU-CHAN,
MII-CHAN!

ALL
RIGHT, IT'S
ABOUT TIME
WE HEAD
BACK NOW.
DADDY'S
WAITING
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