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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



SHE'D STILL BE A BABY IN THE DOG WORLD.

THIS IS A FEMALE DOG THAT WAS ABOUT 9 MONTHS OLD.

WOW...

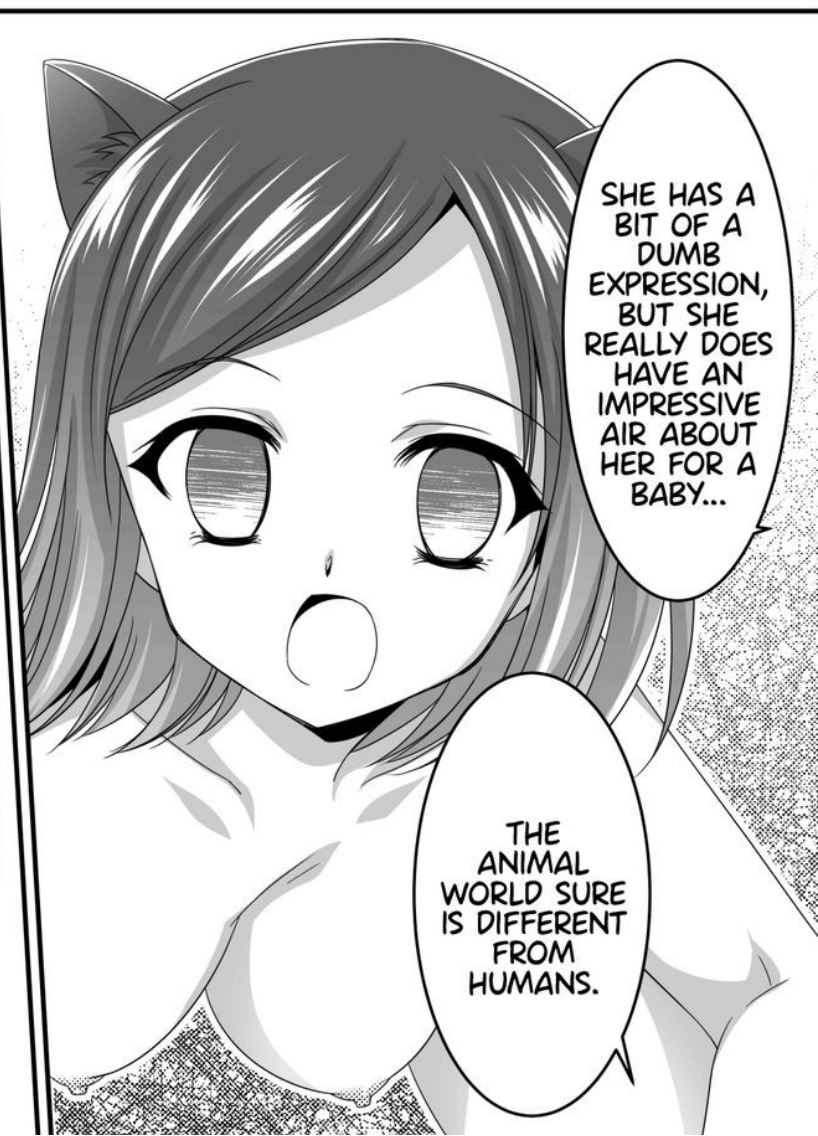


DID YOU KNOW THIS DOG BEFORE SHE GOT STUFFED?

WELL, THIS IS JUST THE IMAGE TAXIDERMIST GAVE HER,

SHE ORIGINALLY ACTED MORE LIKE A PUPPY.

YES, IT WAS WHEN I WAS AT THE ZOO...



SHE HAS A BIT OF A DUMB EXPRESSION, BUT SHE REALLY DOES HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE AIR ABOUT HER FOR A BABY...

THE ANIMAL WORLD SURE IS DIFFERENT FROM HUMANS.



OH GOSH, SHE'S SO CUTE!

Wool!

SIT!

I-Is it really okay for her to be so close? She won't bite or anything, right...?

WHAT'S HER NAME?

MII-CHAN, SHE'S 3 YEARS OLD.

IT'S FINE, SHE'S TRAINED REALLY WELL.

IT LOOKS LIKE SHE REALLY LIKES YOU!



PROBABLY. HOW ABOUT WE TEST IT OUT?

DOES IT STILL WORK?



HMM?

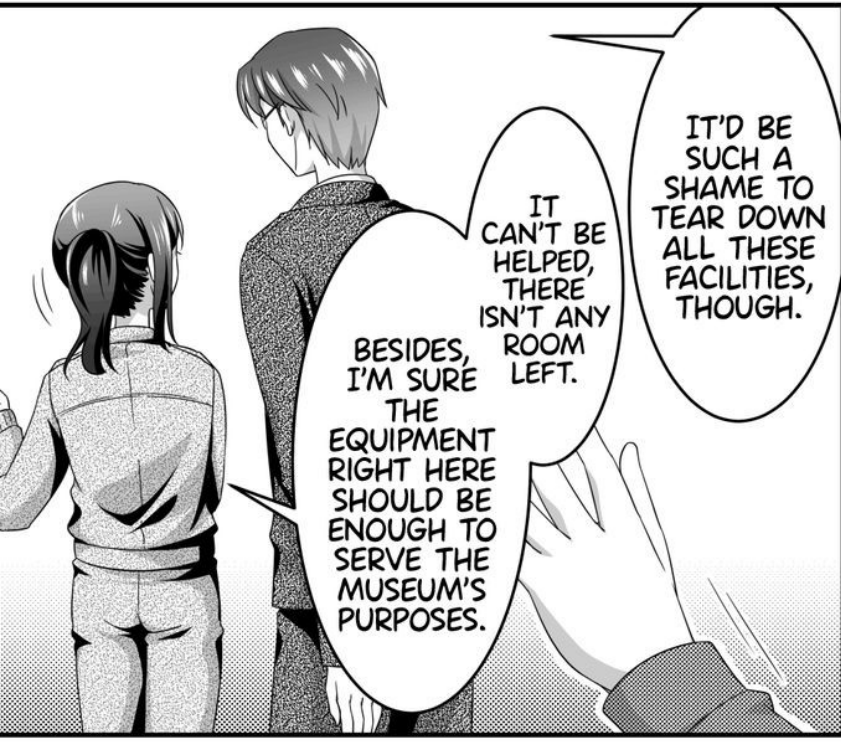
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WHILE IT CAN BE USED WITH GENE SAMPLES, IT WAS OFTEN USED BY CROSS-BREEDING VARIOUS ANIMALS AS WELL.

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...

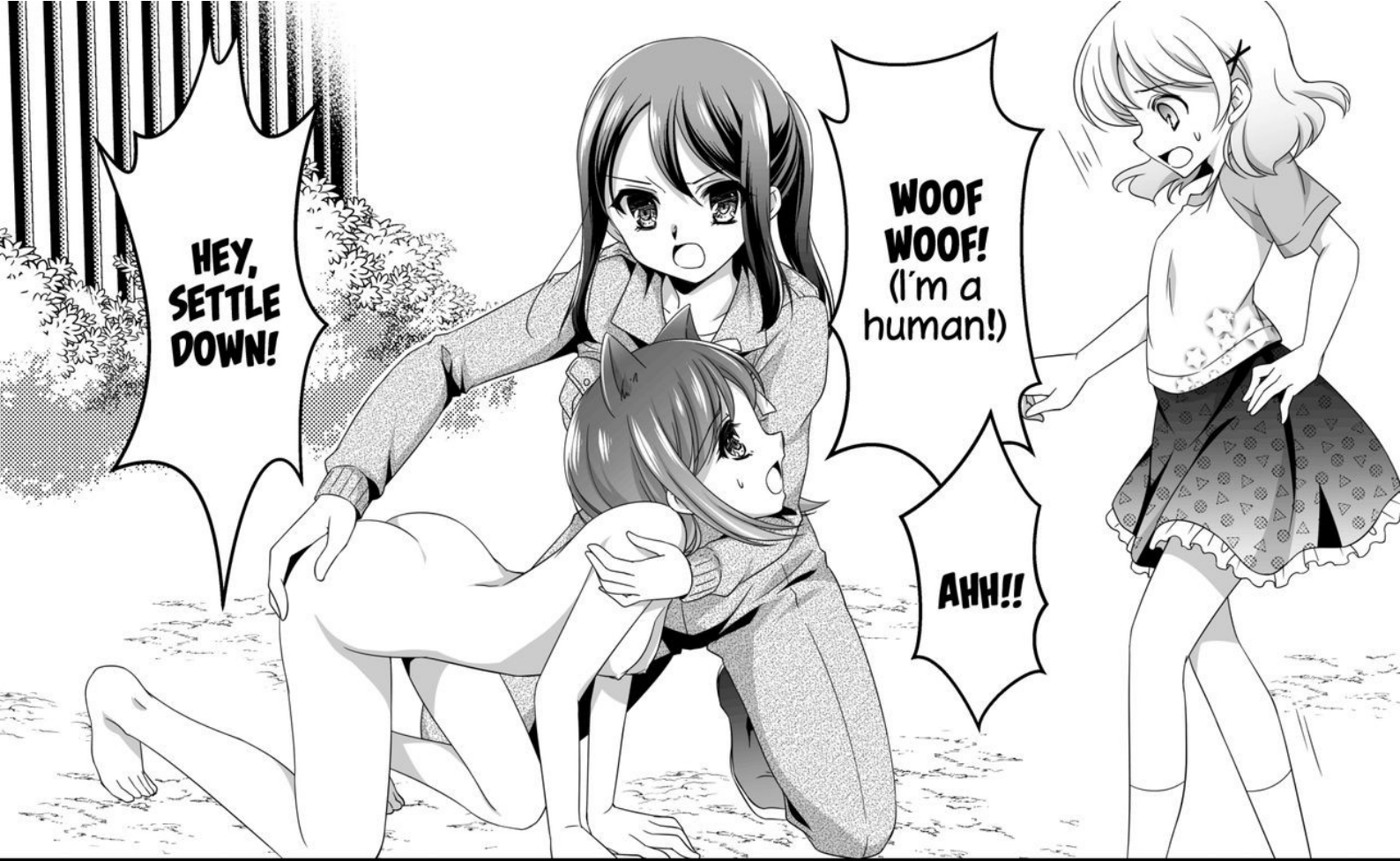


Whimper... (She can't understand me...)

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?!)



LET'S CHECK ITS GENDER.

Nooo!

Oooo

A FEMALE...

ABOUT 9 MONTHS OLD, I'D GUESS.



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

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

SHE'S NOT BARKING AT ALL ANY-MORE.

I hate this...

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



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~

CAN I NAME HER?

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

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

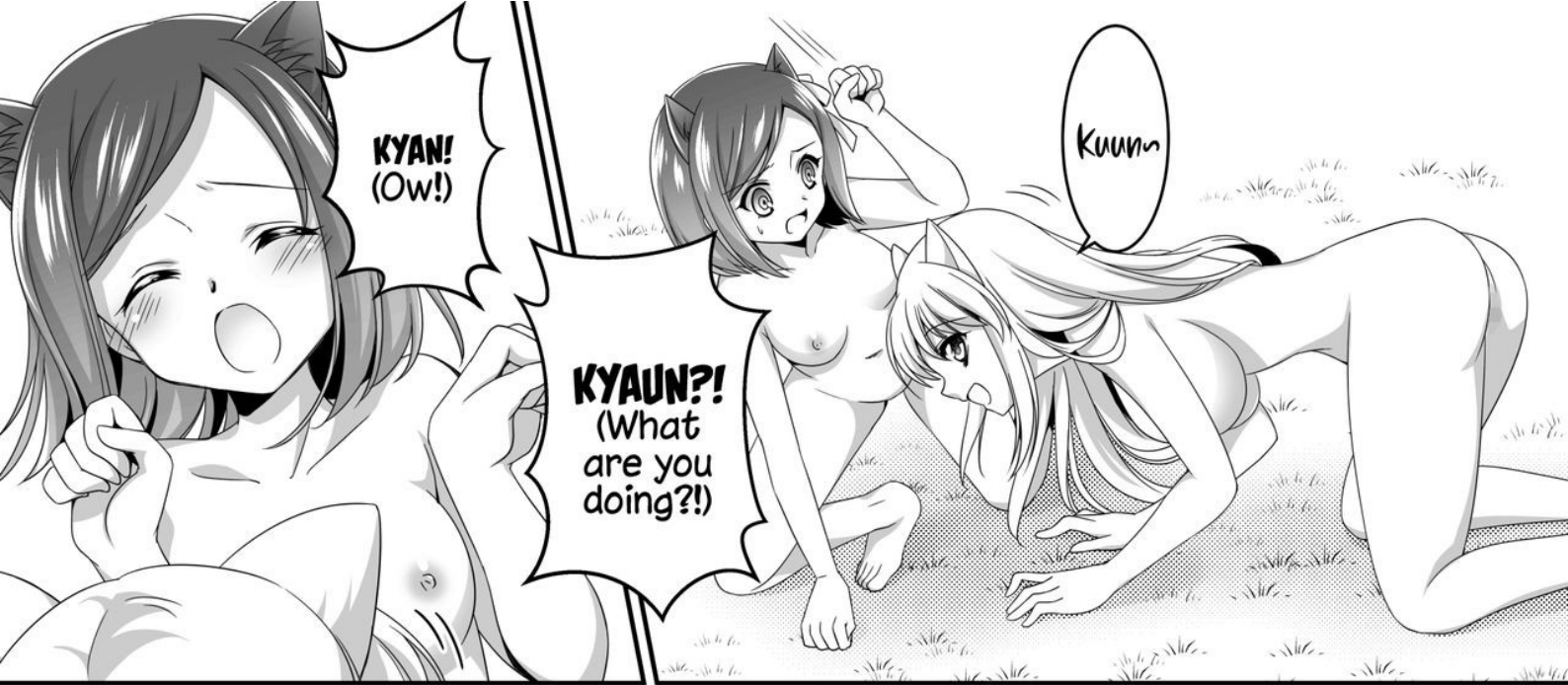


It's not working...

KUUN?

WOOF WOOF!
(I'm a human!)

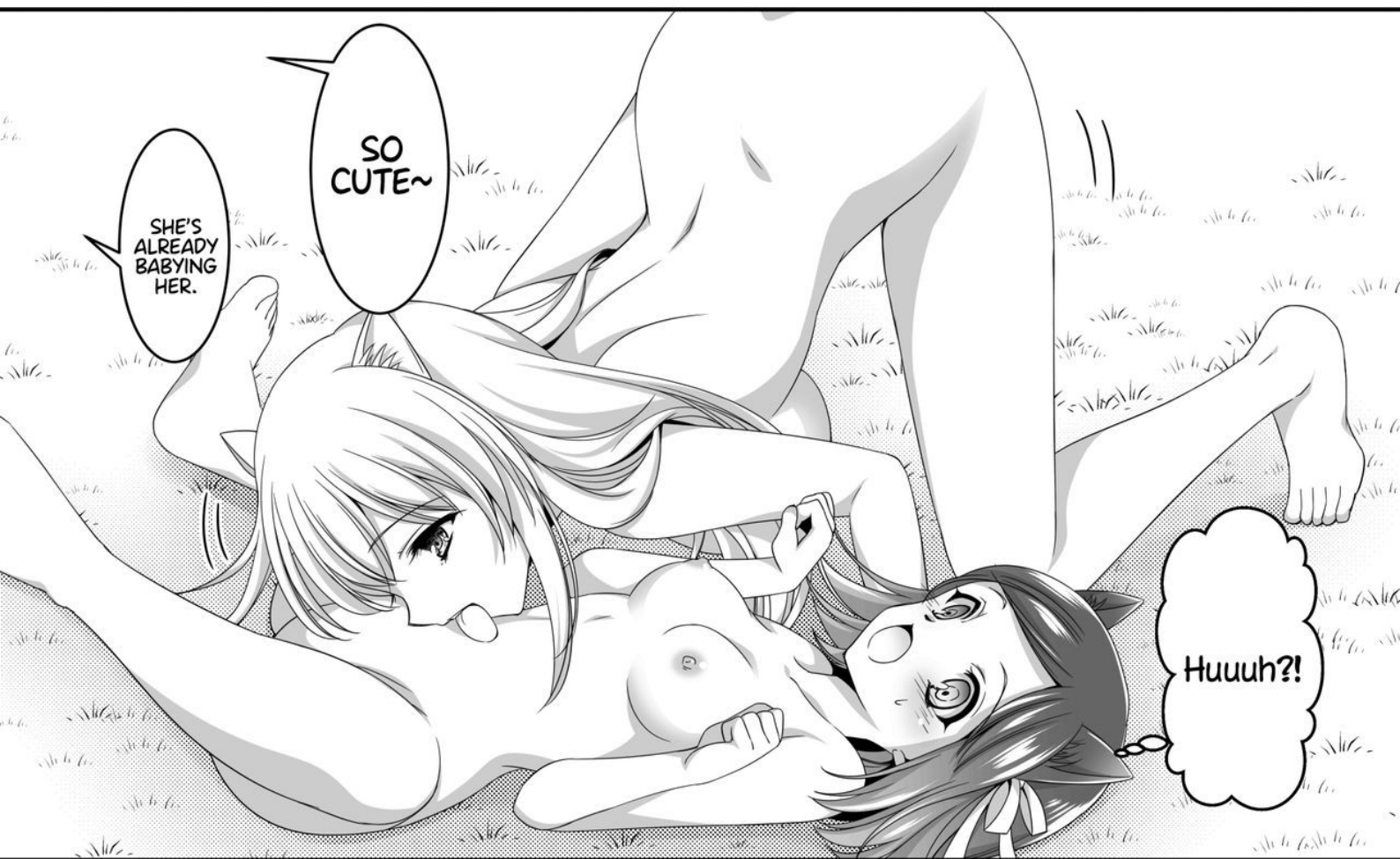
Since we're both dogs, maybe I'll be able to talk to her...!



KYAN!
(Ow!)

KYAUN?!
(What
are you
doing?!)

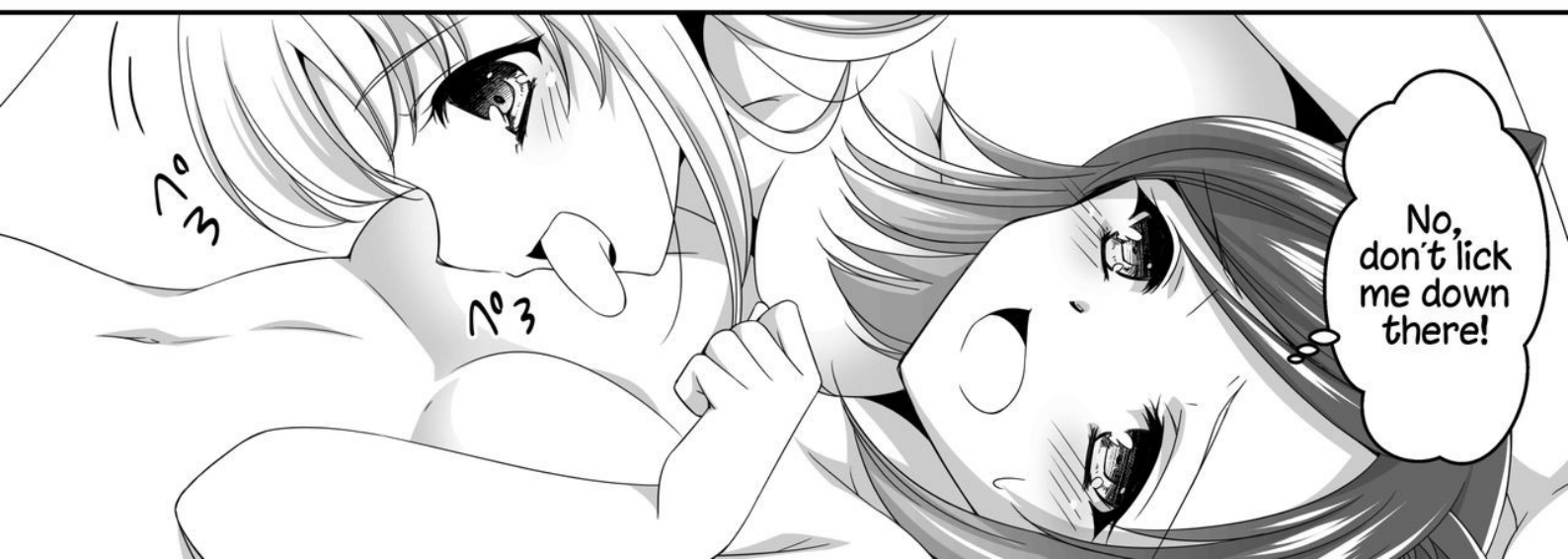
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SHE'S
ALREADY
BABYING
HER.

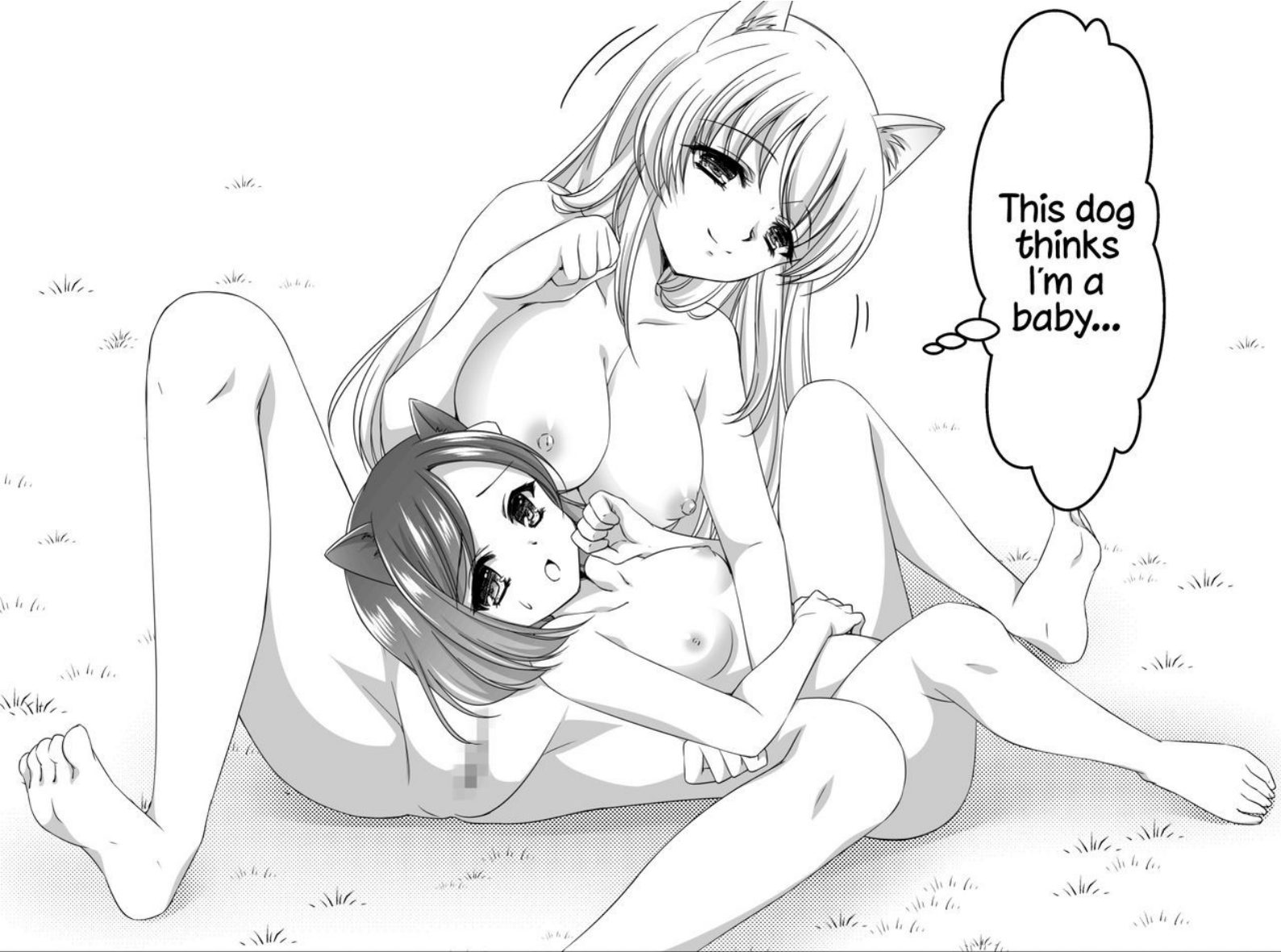
SO
CUTE~

Huuuh?!

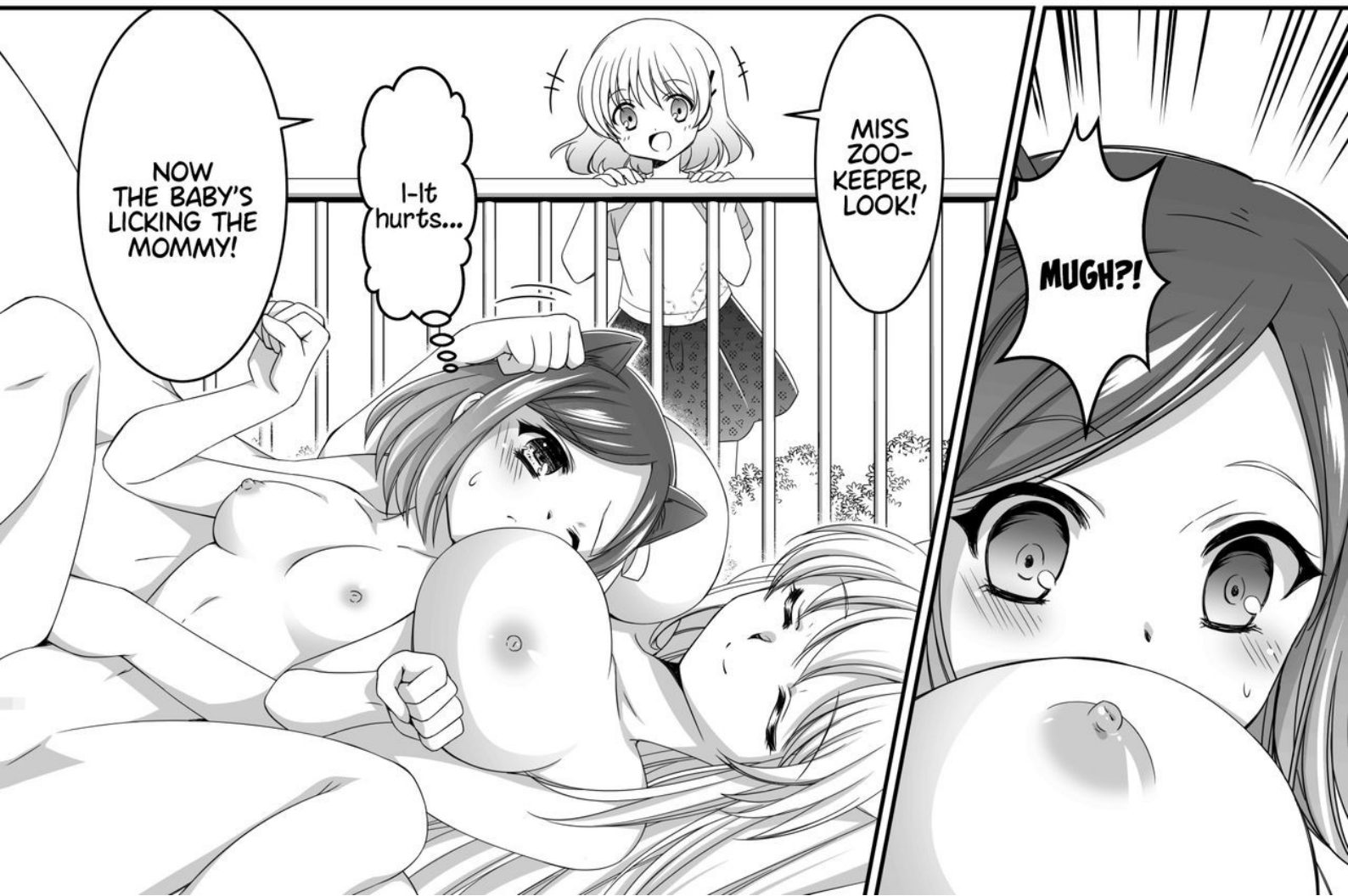


No,
don't lick
me down
there!

No,
don't lick
me down
there!



This dog
thinks
I'm a
baby...



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.

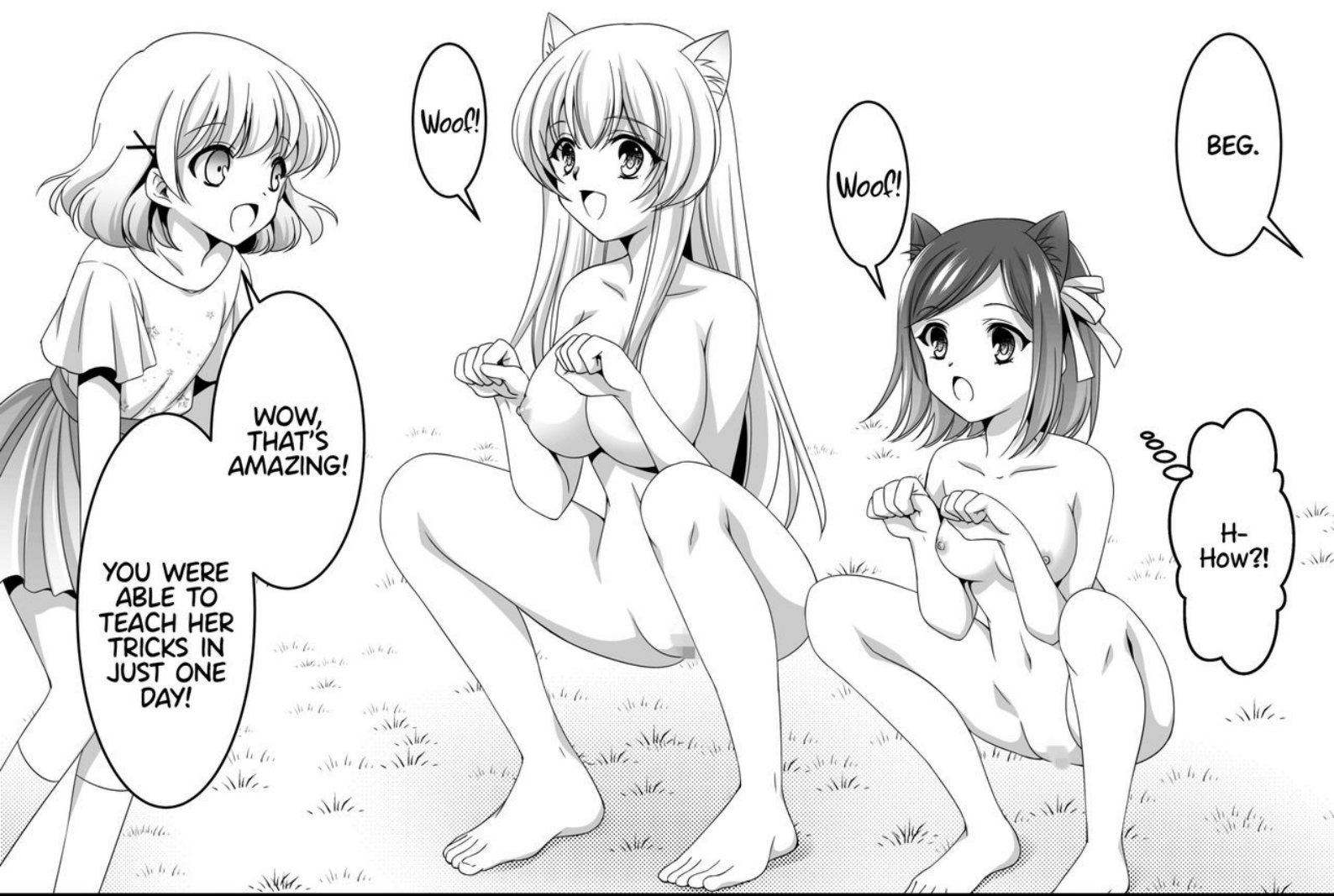


Who the heck is Kuu-chan...

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?!

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.

Why
can't I
move?!

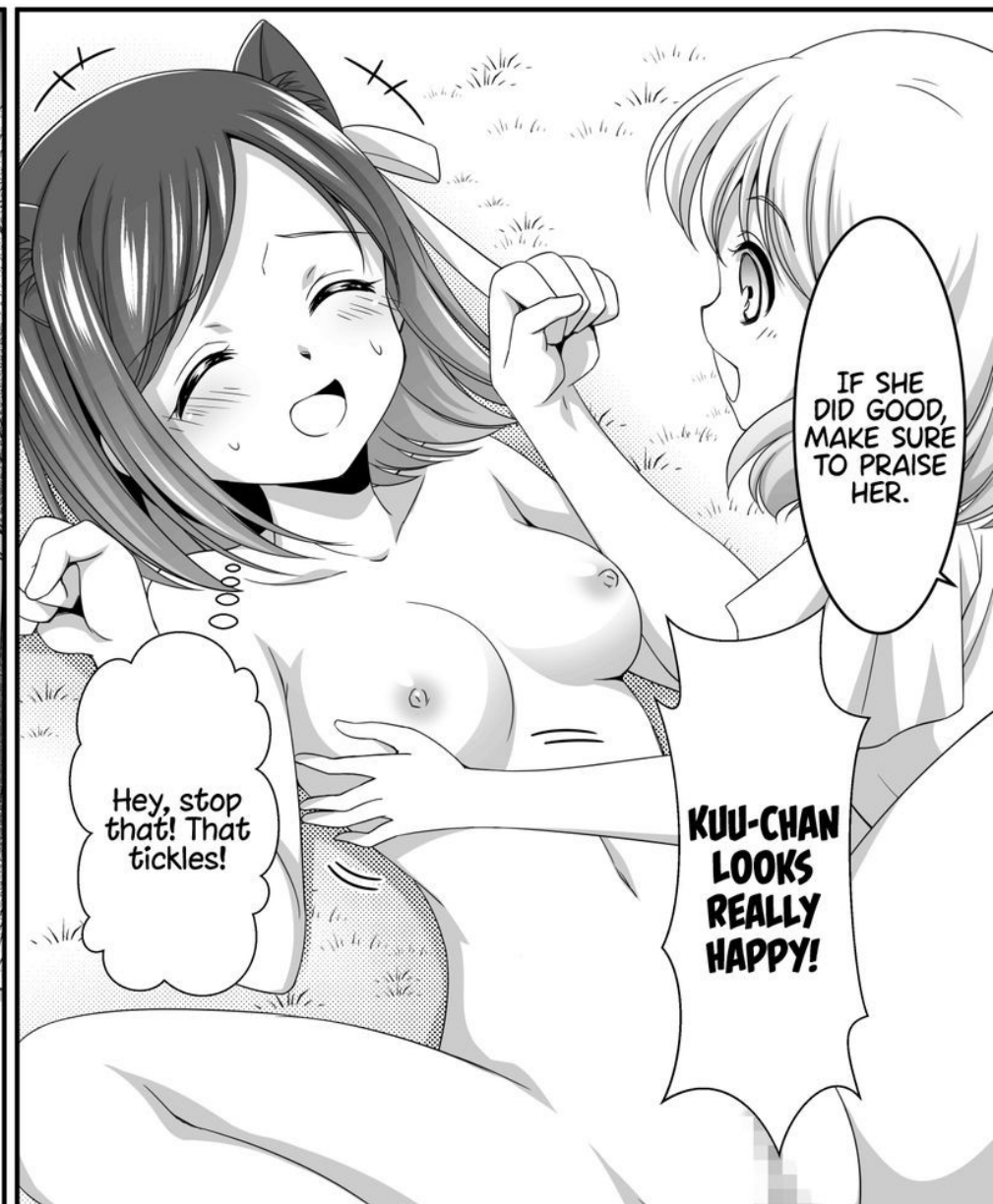


MISS
ZOOKEEPER,
I WANT TO
PLAY FRISBEE
WITH HER!

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!

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