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HAVING CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN TO PURIFY HIS BODY, THE CHIEF PRIEST OF THE ISLAND FOUND AN UNKNOWN INSECT LURKING.

IT ALL STARTED SEVERAL HUNDREDS YEARS AGO

DEEP INSIDE A CAVE ON A MOUNTAIN WHERE THE ISLANDERS NEVER COME

THE PRIEST WAS INTRIGUED BY THE INSECT'S WAY OF LIFE, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING THE MIXTURE

SEARCHING WITHIN THE ANCIENT SCROLLS THAT HAD BEEN HANDED DOWN SINCE GENERATIONS, THE CHIEF PRIEST DISCOVERED THAT THE ANIMAL HAD A CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO THE ONE USED FOR THE "ELIXIR OF REACHING THE GODS"

SOON, HE WAS ABSORBED INTO THE RESEARCH TO CREATE THE SECRET MEDICINE.

HAVING LOST HIS WIFE EARLY, THE PRIEST HAD BEEN LIVING ALONE WITH HIS DAUGHTER, KAEDE

FATHER ... I HAD A BAD DREAM ...

FATHER ...?



ITS EFFECTS WERE CLOSE TO THAT OF A DRUG, GIVING HALLUCINATIONS AND A SENSE OF HAPPINESS ...

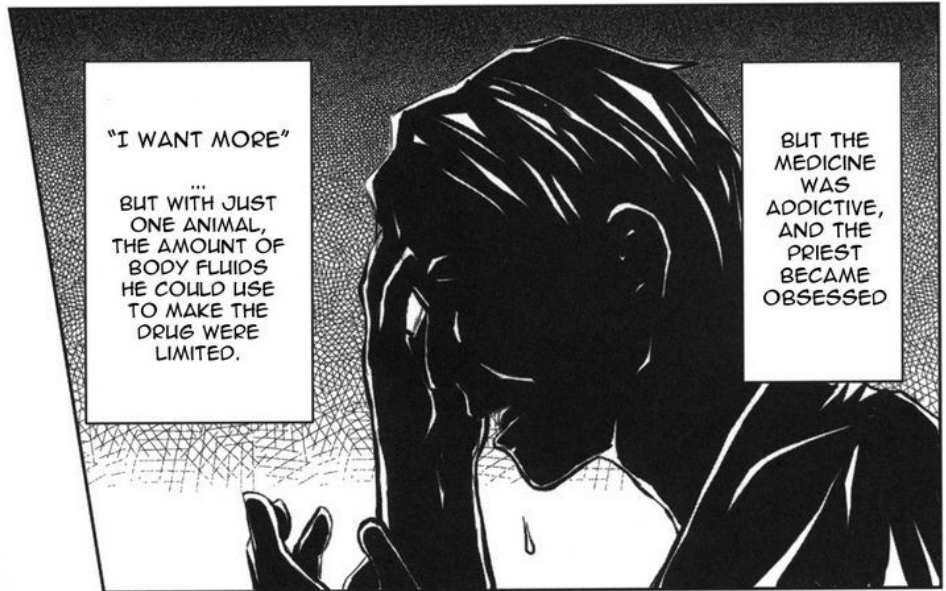
BEFORE LONG, THE CHIEF PRIEST HAD COMPLETED THE MEDICINE.



IS THAT SO...? COME, I'LL HELP YOU GET ASLEEP



AND



"I WANT MORE"
... BUT WITH JUST ONE ANIMAL, THE AMOUNT OF BODY FLUIDS HE COULD USE TO MAKE THE DRUG WERE LIMITED.

BUT THE MEDICINE WAS ADDICTIVE, AND THE PRIEST BECAME OBSESSED



THEN, THINKING HE WOULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING TO OBTAIN MORE, THE CHIEF PRIEST HAD HIS EYES ON A BREEDING METHOD WRITTEN IN THE SCROLLS ...

HE WENT TO THE MOUNTAIN, BUT DESPITE SEARCHING HE COULDN'T FIND ANY MORE OF THEM.



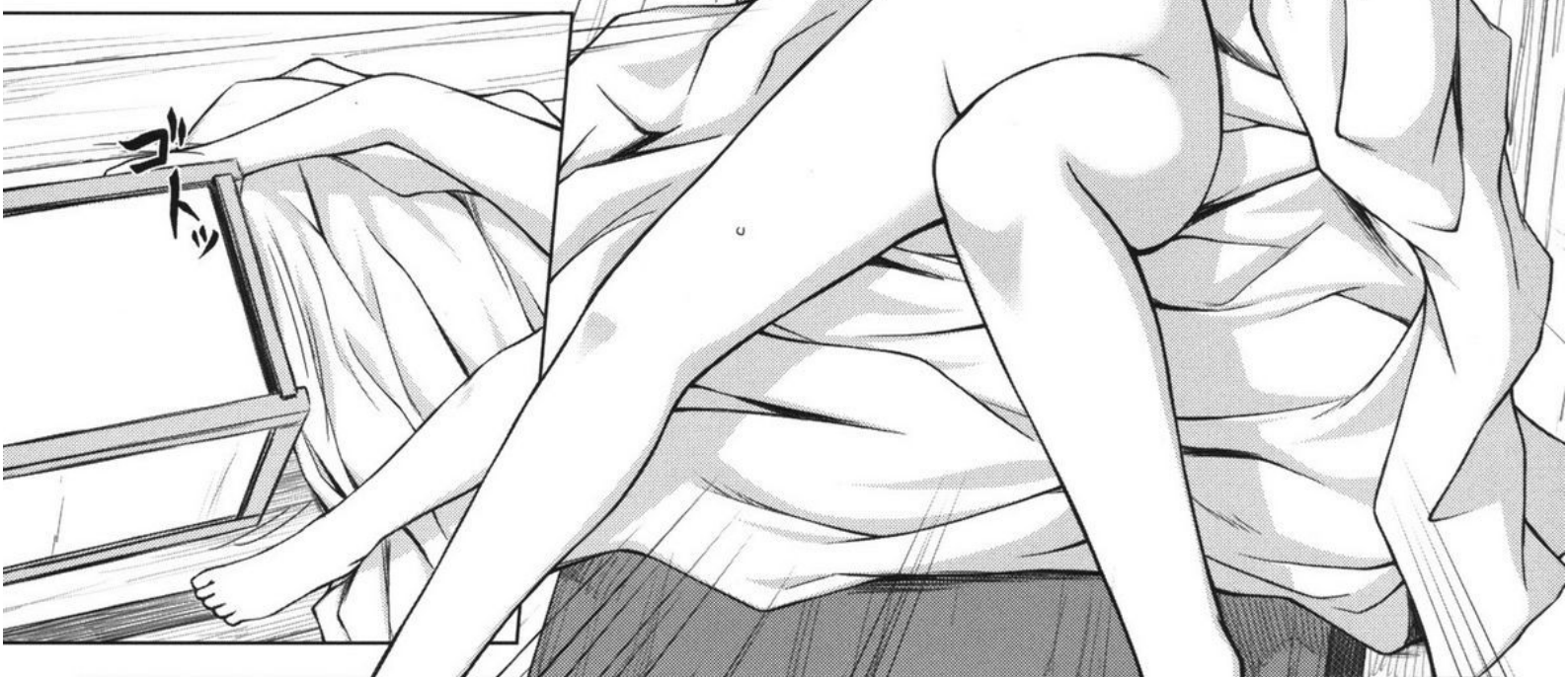
I'M SORRY, KAEDE ...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?! PLEASE UNTIE ME!

FATHER ...!

I TRIED USING THIS ISLAND'S ANIMALS, BUT IT NEVER WORKED ONCE...

THERE'S NO TIME LEFT...



I MUST SUCCEED AT ANY COST...

THIS MAY BE MY LAST CHANCE ...

ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENTS, THEY USED TO TAKE PEOPLE AS TROPHIES BACK IN THE OLD DAYS ...



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STAY
AWAY
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AND THEN,
TWO
MONTHS
LATER

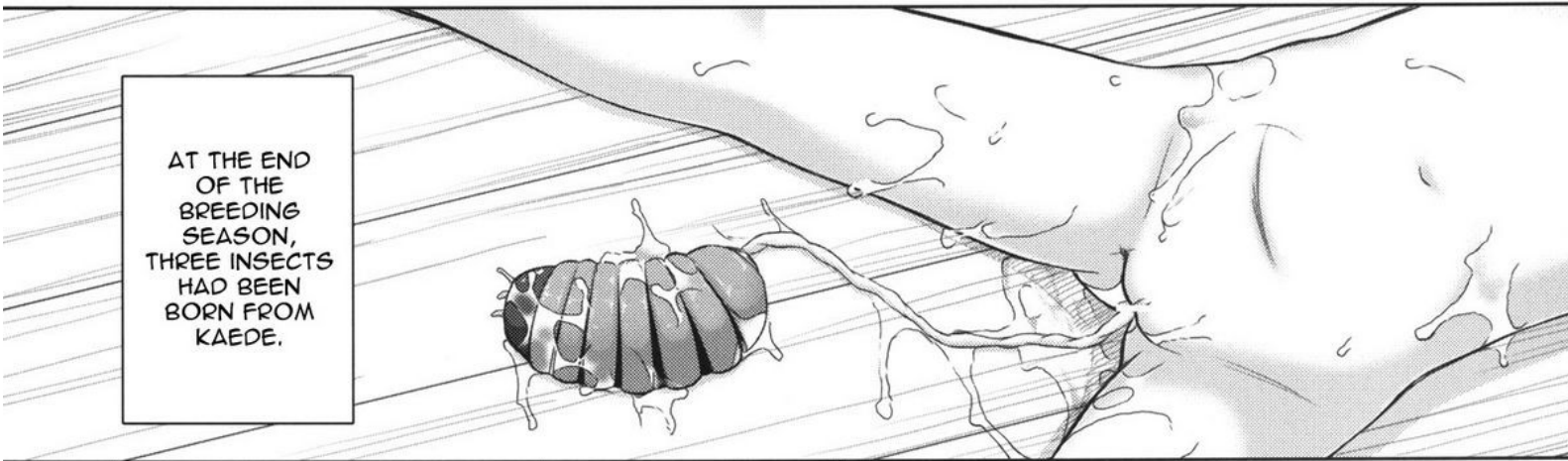
AFTER THE
PRIEST
CONFINED
THEM BOTH
IN THE
WAREHOUSE,
THE INSECT
BEGAN
TREATING
HER AS ITS
NURSERY

THE DAUGHTER
WAS FED,
INJECTED WITH
THE PARALYTIC
POISON, AND
CONTINUALLY
MATED AS
THE INSECT
REGAINED ITS
ENERGY.

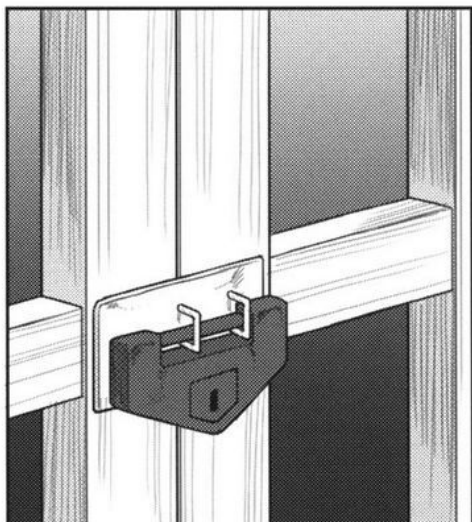
FINALLY,
KAEDE
BECAME
PREGNANT
WITH THE
INSECT'S
CHILD.



EITHER DUE TO THE POISON OR HER ABNORMAL SITUATION, THE GIRL ENDED UP LOSING HER MIND.



AT THE END OF THE BREEDING SEASON, THREE INSECTS HAD BEEN BORN FROM KAEDE.



ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENTS, IT WAS DUE TO THEIR HIGH COMPATIBILITY WITH HUMANS.

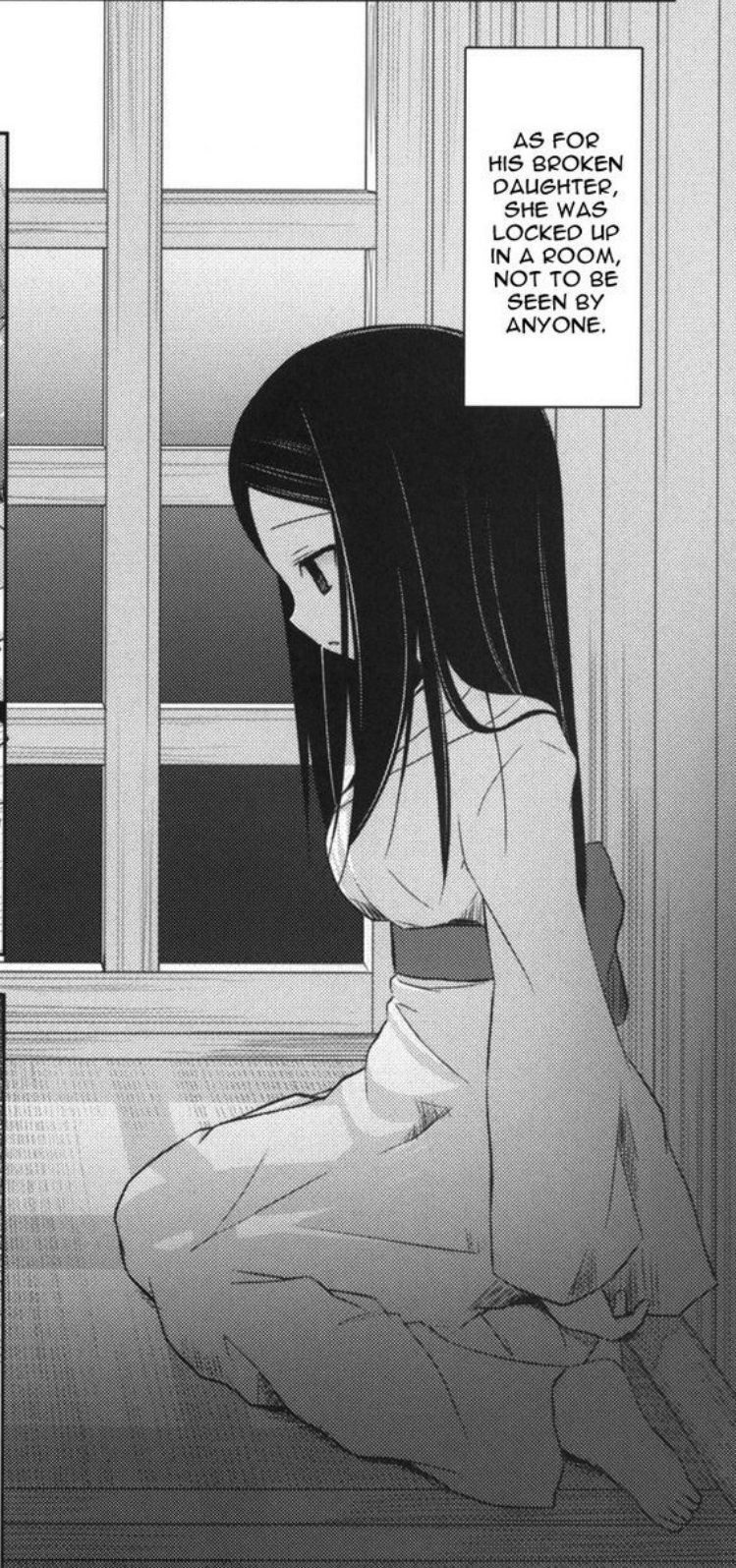
THE MEDICINE MADE FROM HIS DAUGHTER'S NEWBORNS PROVED TO BE OF A MUCH HIGHER QUALITY THAN THE ONE FOUND IN THE WILDERNESS



ONCE AGAIN, THE HEAD PRIEST HAD HIS DAUGHTER SERVE AS A BREEDING GROUND.

FIVE YEARS LATER, THE GROWNUP INSECTS ENTERED THEIR OWN MATING SEASON

AS FOR HIS BROKEN DAUGHTER, SHE WAS LOCKED UP IN A ROOM, NOT TO BE SEEN BY ANYONE.



HE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT, IN ORDER TO REPRODUCE, THE INSECTS HAD TO BE BORN FROM A YOUNG GIRL WHICH HAD YET TO EXPERIENCE PREGNANCY.

BUT THE GIRL DIDN'T CONCEIVE AT ALL, AND THE HEAD PRIEST WAS GREATLY PERPLEXED.

THE MEN,
WHO ALREADY
EXPERIENCED
THE WONDERS
OF THE DRUG,
WERE QUICK
TO ACCEPT HIS
PROPOSAL.



HOWEVER,
THE MAN HAD
BECOME WEAK.
JUDGING IT
WOULD HAVE BEEN
DIFFICULT TO
ACT ALONE, THE
PRIEST GATHERED
SOME OF HIS
RELATIVES FOR
FINDING THE GIRL,
IN EXCHANGE FOR
THE MEDICINE.



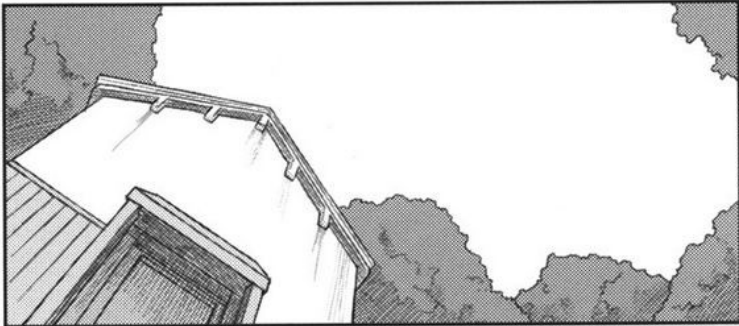
IT BECAME
URGENT
TO FIND A
DIFFERENT
GIRL FOR THE
BREEDING.



SCATTERING
ACROSS THE
ISLAND,
THEY
SEARCHED
THE VILLAGES,
LOOKING FOR
SUITABLE
CANDIDATES
...



AND,
A LONE
VILLAGE
GIRL NAMED
SUZUME
WAS
CHOSEN.





LEMME GO, DAMN YOU!!



YOU GEE-ZERS, WHICH VILLAGE ARE YOU?!





NO ...

WAI ...
WHY ARE YOU UN-DRESS-ING?!

?!



BECAUSE I TOOK THE MEDICINE A LITTLE WHILE AGO, I CAN'T HELP IT... I'M EXCITED.

I'M GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE BITE.



STAY AWAY WITH THAT DIRTY THING!

DAMN IT! I SAID TO LET GO, IDIOT ...!



I'LL MAKE YOUR FIRST A GOOD MEMORY TO CARRY ONTO THE NEXT WORLD.



STOP RUNNING WILD, YOU BRAT



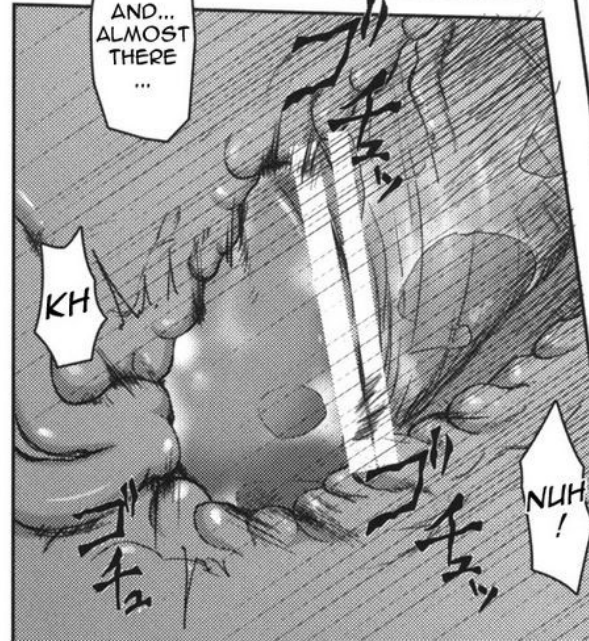


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AH
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STOP
...!



NICE...
SO
SMALL
AND
NARROW
...



AND...
ALMOST
THERE
...

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NUH
!



NOO,
DON'T
MOVE
!

OWW!
IT... IT
HURTS
...!

THAT
THING...
IT...
ENTERED
...



MOM, SAVE ME!

MOM...

HA U

AHH



MY MY, WHAT A CHEERFULLY NOISY GIRL!!

THEN, I'LL PIERCE IT MORE VIOLENTLY!

LET ME HEAR YOU BARK LOUD!

AH!!

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Ku ah!!

HA



I CAN'T IMAGINE IT GOING TO AN INSECT...

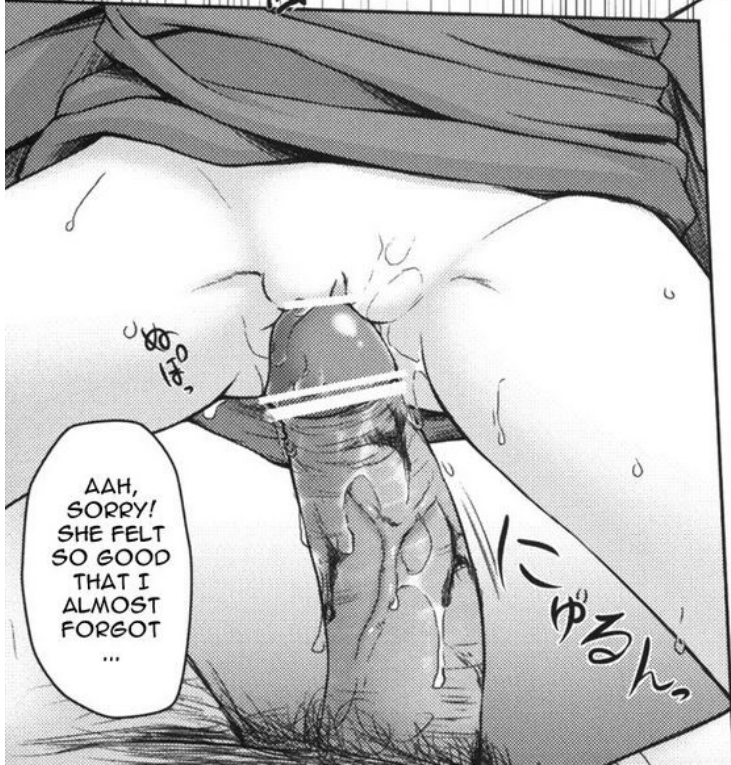
Ahu!!

BUT, THIS SOFT FEELING, THIS TIGHTNESS... IT'S INTOLERABLE...



HEY, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!

'CAUSE IT'LL GET EVEN BETTER NOW!



AAH, SORRY! SHE FELT SO GOOD THAT I ALMOST FORGOT ...



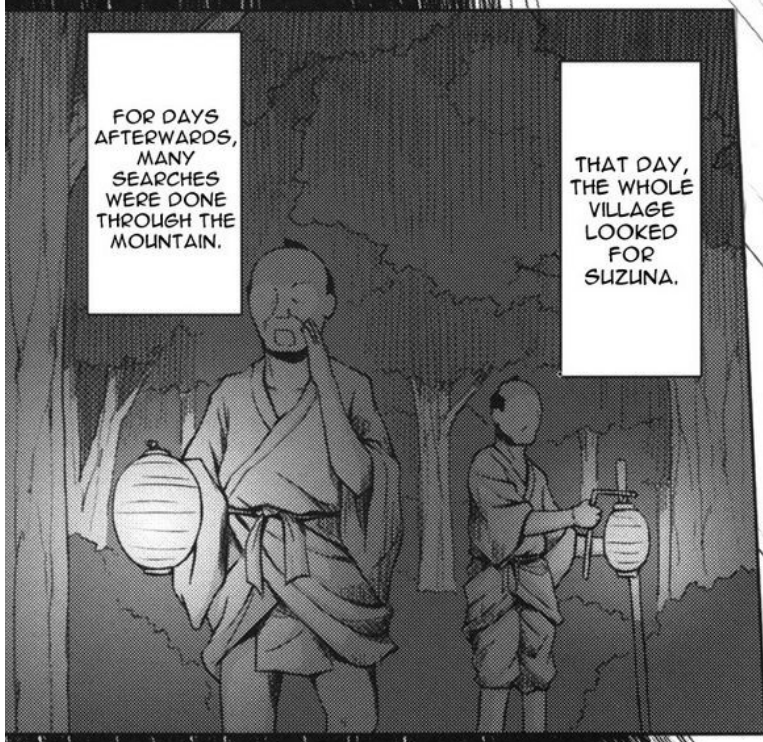
THAT GIRL WILL BE NO GOOD IF HER WOMB DOESN'T REMAIN PURE FOR THE INSECTS.

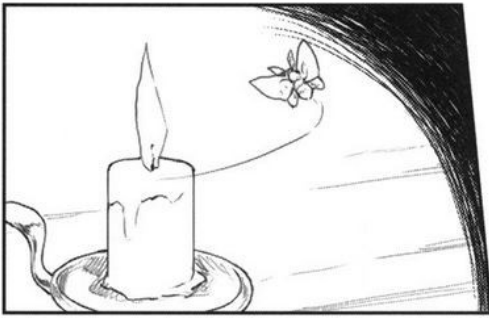
...HEY. I DON'T MIND YOU HAVING SOME FUN, BUT MAKE SURE NOT TO COME INSIDE HER.



FOR DAYS
AFTERWARDS,
MANY
SEARCHES
WERE DONE
THROUGH THE
MOUNTAIN.

THAT DAY,
THE WHOLE
VILLAGE
LOOKED
FOR SUZUNA.





BY THE TIME THE BREEDING SEASON ENDED, TEN INSECTS HAD BEEN GIVEN BIRTH INSIDE THE CELLAR.

BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF INSECTS HAD INCREASED SINCE KAEDE'S TIME, SUZUNA WAS FERTILIZED AT MUCH SHORTER INTERVALS THAN BEFORE



WE'LL ALL BE RUINED IN THAT CASE.

.... HOWEVER, TO KIDNAP A GIRL FOR EACH OF THE BREEDING YEARS... IF WE WERE TO FAIL, OUR FACES WILL BE SEEN...

HMM ...



THAT'S RIGHT. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE USE OF THE NIGHT AND THIS ISLAND'S FOG... NO ONE WILL DISCOVER US.

SACRIFICE?

.... I DO HAVE A PLAN. INSTEAD OF KIDNAPPING THEM, IT'D BE BETTER TO INDUCE THEM TO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES VOLUNTARILY ...



LET'S HEAR YOUR PROPOSAL ...



MMH ...




"IT'S THE CURSE OF THE MIST GOD"

"THE GOD IS ANGRY BECAUSE WE INVADED THE MOUNTAIN WITH OUR SEARCH."

THEN, AS THE VILLAGERS GRADUALLY FELL ILL TO A DISEASE OF WHICH THEY DIDN'T KNOW THE CAUSE, A CERTAIN RUMOUR WAS CAREFULLY SPREADT AROUND:

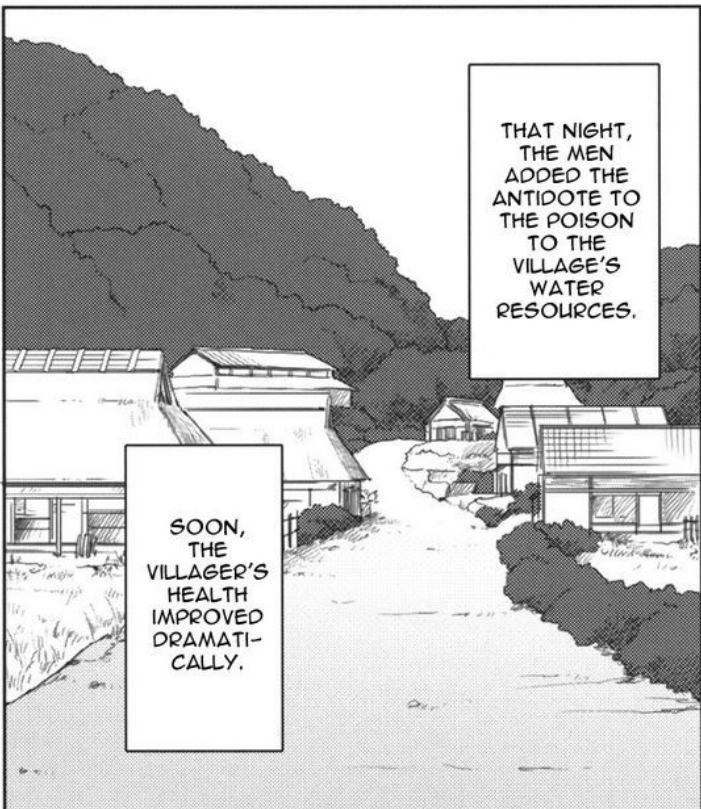
HIDING UNDER THE THICK FOG THAT OFTEN COVERED THE ISLAND, THE MEN POURED A POISON MADE FROM THE INSECTS INTO EVERY WELL AND POND OF THE KIDNAPPED GIRL'S VILLAGE.



"AT THIS RATE THE CURSE WILL BE SPREADING THROUGH THE WHOLE ISLAND, UNLESS WE DEDICATE A LIVING TRIBUTE TO CALM IT DOWN."


"IT'S TRUE YOU HAVE AWOKEN THE GOD OF THIS ISLAND."

AND, AS THE VILLAGERS CONSULTED THEIR CHIEF PRIEST ABOUT THE RUMOUR, THE PRIEST ANSWERED:



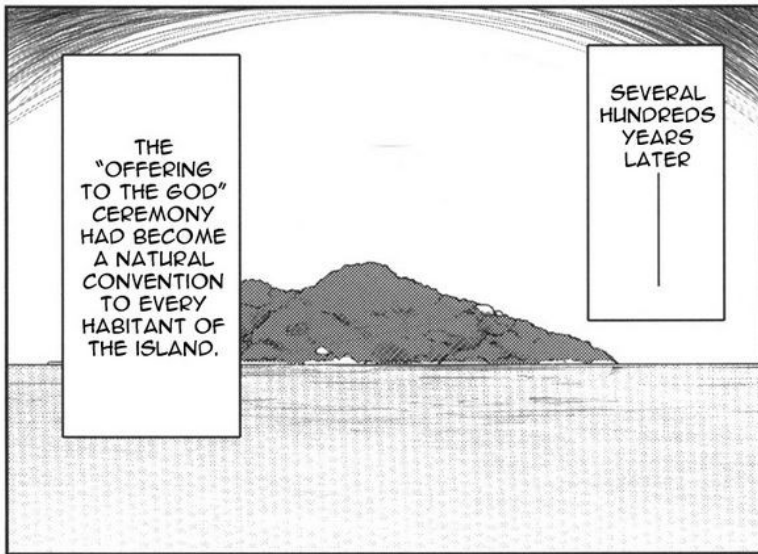
THAT NIGHT, THE MEN ADDED THE ANTIDOTE TO THE POISON TO THE VILLAGE'S WATER RESOURCES.

SOON, THE VILLAGER'S HEALTH IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY.



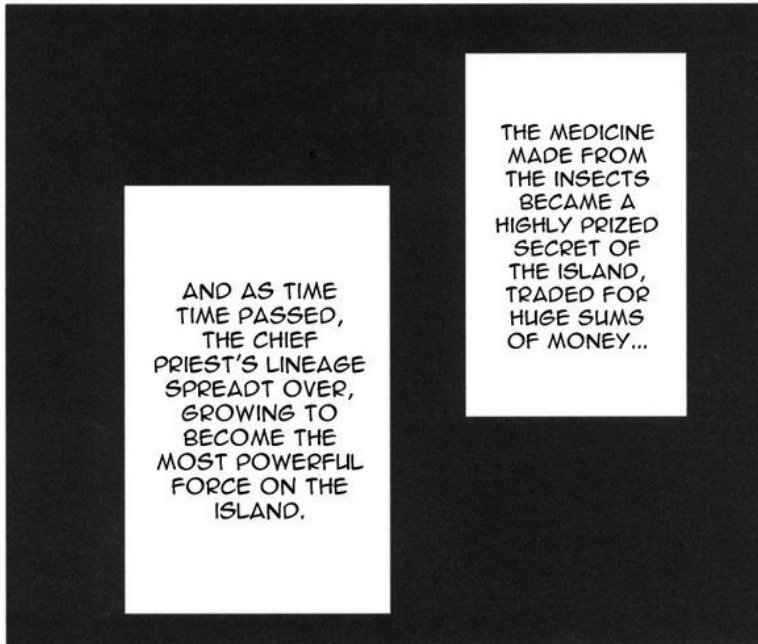
FOLLOWING THE HEAD PRIEST'S INSTRUCTIONS, A HEALTHY GIRL FROM THE VILLAGE WAS CHOSEN TO BE SACRIFICED AS A LIVING TRIBUTE.

AT THAT TIME NO ONE DOUBTED THE EXISTENCE OF THE GODS... AND BESIDES, THE PEOPLE WERE SO DESPERATE THEY'D HAVE GRASPED AT ANY STRAW.



THE "OFFERING TO THE GOD" CEREMONY HAD BECOME A NATURAL CONVENTION TO EVERY HABITANT OF THE ISLAND.

SEVERAL HUNDREDS YEARS LATER



AND AS TIME TIME PASSED, THE CHIEF PRIEST'S LINEAGE SPREADT OVER, GROWING TO BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE ON THE ISLAND.

THE MEDICINE MADE FROM THE INSECTS BECAME A HIGHLY PRIZED SECRET OF THE ISLAND, TRADED FOR HUGE SUMS OF MONEY...



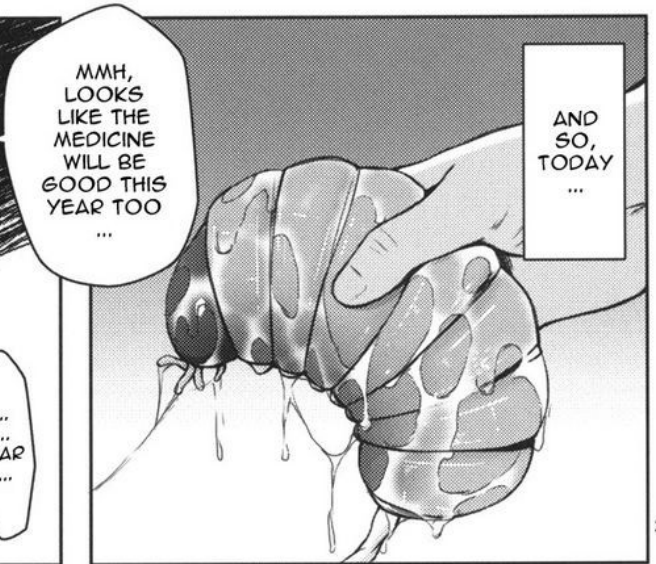
CONVINCED THAT THE SACRIFICE HAD QUELLED THE GOD'S ANGER, THE VILLAGERS PROFUSELY THANKED THEIR HEAD PRIEST

AND AS HE COMMANDED, AGREED TO SACRIFICE ONE YOUNG MAIDEN ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS.



HA?

... LIAR ...



MMH, LOOKS LIKE THE MEDICINE WILL BE GOOD THIS YEAR TOO ...

AND SO, TODAY ...



FUFU,
EVEN IF YOU
SAY THAT,
WHAT CAN
YOU DO
WHEN YOU
CAN'T EVEN
MOVE?

CURSE
ME?
KUKUKUKU
...



DOING
...
DOING
ME...
THIS
...

I
WON'T...
FORGIVE
YOU
...!

IT'S...
EASIER
FOR YOU
IF ONE'S
SOUL
GOES
AWAY
QUICKLY
...

BUT
THIS
NURSERY
WILL BE
OBSTI-
NATE...

UNTIL THEN,
BEAR PLENTY
OF BUGS
FOR OUR
SAKE.

AFTER
CARRYING OUT
YOUR ROLE,
THE MEN WILL
BE PLAYING
WITH YOU AS
MUCH AS YOU
LIKE...

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こんにちは、みなとです。

今回は霧神島の因習の始まりとなる昔話を描きました。
毎度ながら、なんともまあ救いの無い話です。
そういうの大好きですいません。

土着信仰や風習といった、古来より伝わる文化には
たまにオカルティックな側面もあったりして、
禁断の領域という感じでとてもワクワクします。
時間があれば日本民俗学に関する本とか色々読んでみたいですね。

次は霧神島の4冊目、終わりの話を描こうかと思っています。
果たして救いはあるのか（棒

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WELL, THAT WAS IT.

ANOTHER DREADFUL CHAPTER OF THIS ISLAND'S
WRETCHED STORYLINE, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC STYLE.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT I'VE ALREADY
HAD MY FILL OF WORDY EXPLANATIONS, SO
I'LL CUT STRAIGHT TO WHAT'S IMPORTANT HERE:

~~—FIRST THING IS, IN CASE YOU DIDN'T REALIZE—~~
ACTUALLY NOT. IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION
THAT IT INDEED WAS THE MAN TALKING IN THE END.
I GOT CONFUSED BECAUSE OF THE BLACK BOX AND
THAT THE DIALOGUE FIT WITH THE GIRL'S SUPPOSED
"REVENGE", BUT THAT'S HOW THING ARE.

IT'S BEEN REVISED NOW.

SECOND THING (AND MUCH MORE IMPORTANT),
ACCORDING TO AUTHOR'S COMMENTS HIS NEXT WORK
WILL BE THE FOURTH -AND FINAL- CHAPTER OF THE
KIRIGAMI SHIMA SERIES...

...WITH A HINT AT POSSIBLE RESCUE.

WE CAN ONLY HOPE.