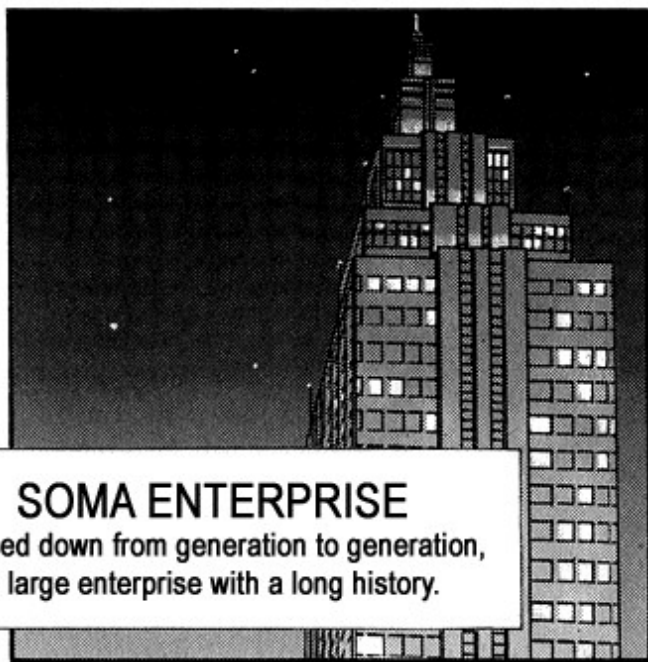


Paper-thin Loathing

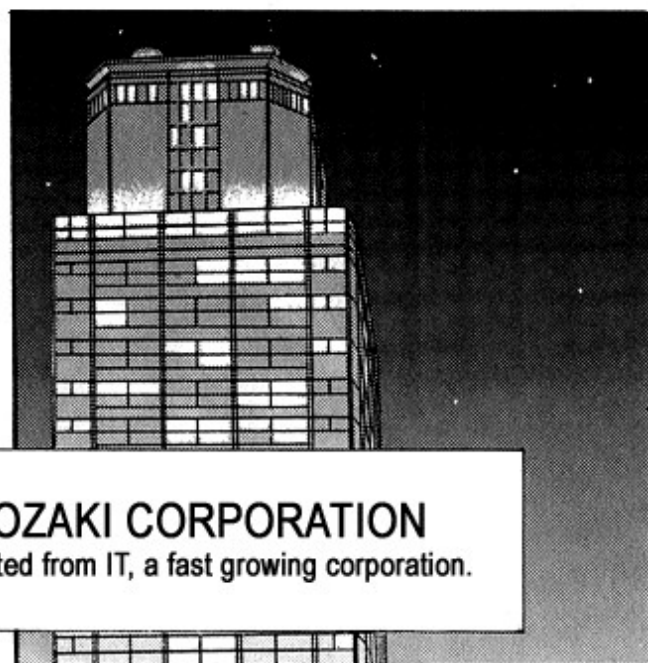






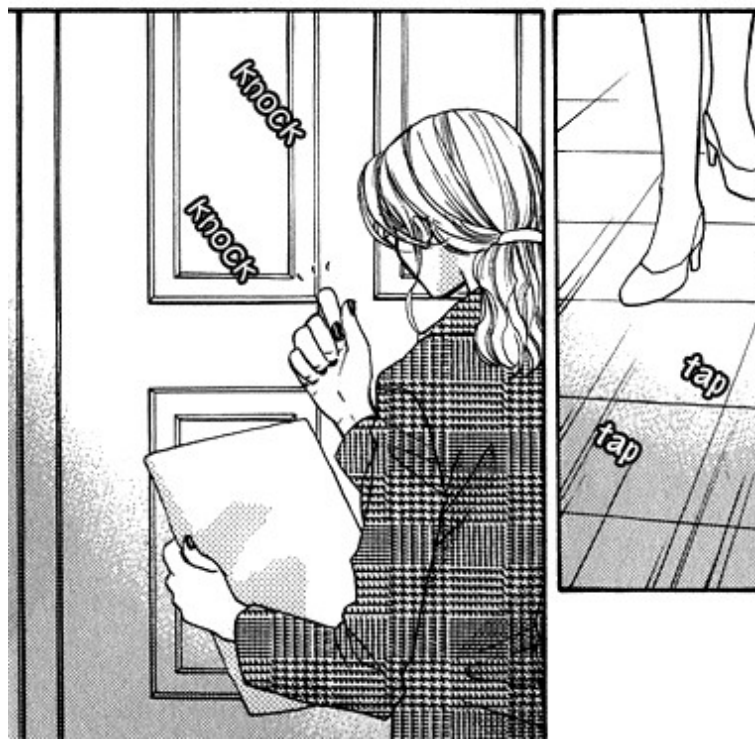
SOMA ENTERPRISE

Passed down from generation to generation,
a large enterprise with a long history.



OZAKI CORPORATION

Started from IT, a fast growing corporation.



Under
the night
skies of
Tokyo,

two
brightly
shining
skyscrapers
face each
other.





COME IN.

sparkle

Soma Enterprise, Fashion
Division Representative, Director
Soma William Suguru.



sparkle

NOT
BAD,

sparkle

THEY DID A
BEAUTIFUL
JOB!

rustle

THE
SAMPLE
POSTER
FOR OUR
UPCOMING
PRODUCT
HAS
ARRIVED.

PRE-
SIDENT,

YOU'RE THE
BEAUTIFUL
ONE,
PRESIDENT.

kyaaa

blush

PRINCE
...A REAL
PRINCE.



STOP
JOKING.

HA
HA
...



KEEP
UP THE
GOOD
WORK.

PRESIDENT,
YOU LOOK
MORE BEAUTIFUL
THAN THE
MODELS. YOU
COULD ACTUALLY
BE A MODEL
YOURSELF.

THEN YOU
COULD
ALSO
HELP THE
COMPANY'S
ADVERTIS-
ING DEPART-
MENT.

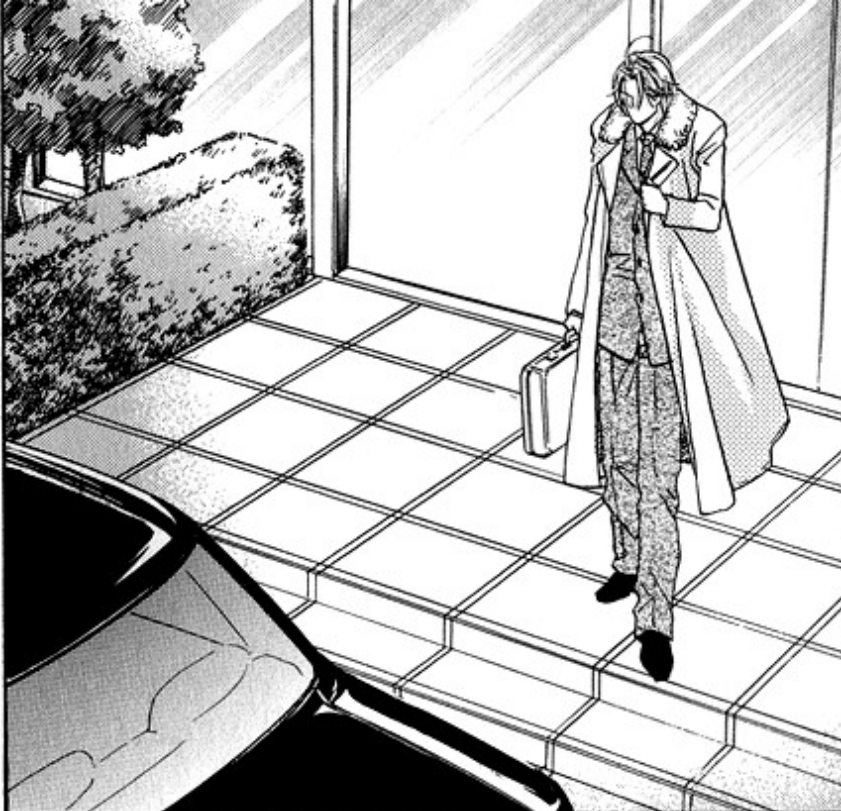


EXCUSE
ME, I'LL
BE
GOING.

EX
...



...I
WON'T
SELL
MYSELF
THAT
CHEAPLY.



*T/N: Female bar owner title.





Ozaki Corporation
Representative Director.

THOUGHT
YOU WERE
STILL
SPONGING OFF
MOMMY AND
DADDY. YOU
CAME HERE
TO DRINK
EXPENSIVE
LIQUOR
AGAIN?

WE
MEET
AGAIN.

YO,
WELL, IF
IT ISN'T
YOUNG
MASTER*
SOMA.

YO,
RAGS-TO-
RICHES.

HOW RUDE.
EVEN THOUGH
IT'S A JOINT
ENTERPRISE,
I'VE ALREADY
BECOME
INDEPENDENT.

Young
master...
sponging...

SHE'S
USUALLY
WITH
ME...

DAMN
HIM...
AND ALL
OVER
THE BAR'S
MOST
BEAUTIFUL
AKEMI-
CHAN...!!

DAMN HIM...
GOING AFTER
NANA-CHAN,
THE CUTEST GIRL
AT THE BAR I
PATRONIZE!!

HMPH.



Nana-
chan, a
guest
has
called
for you.

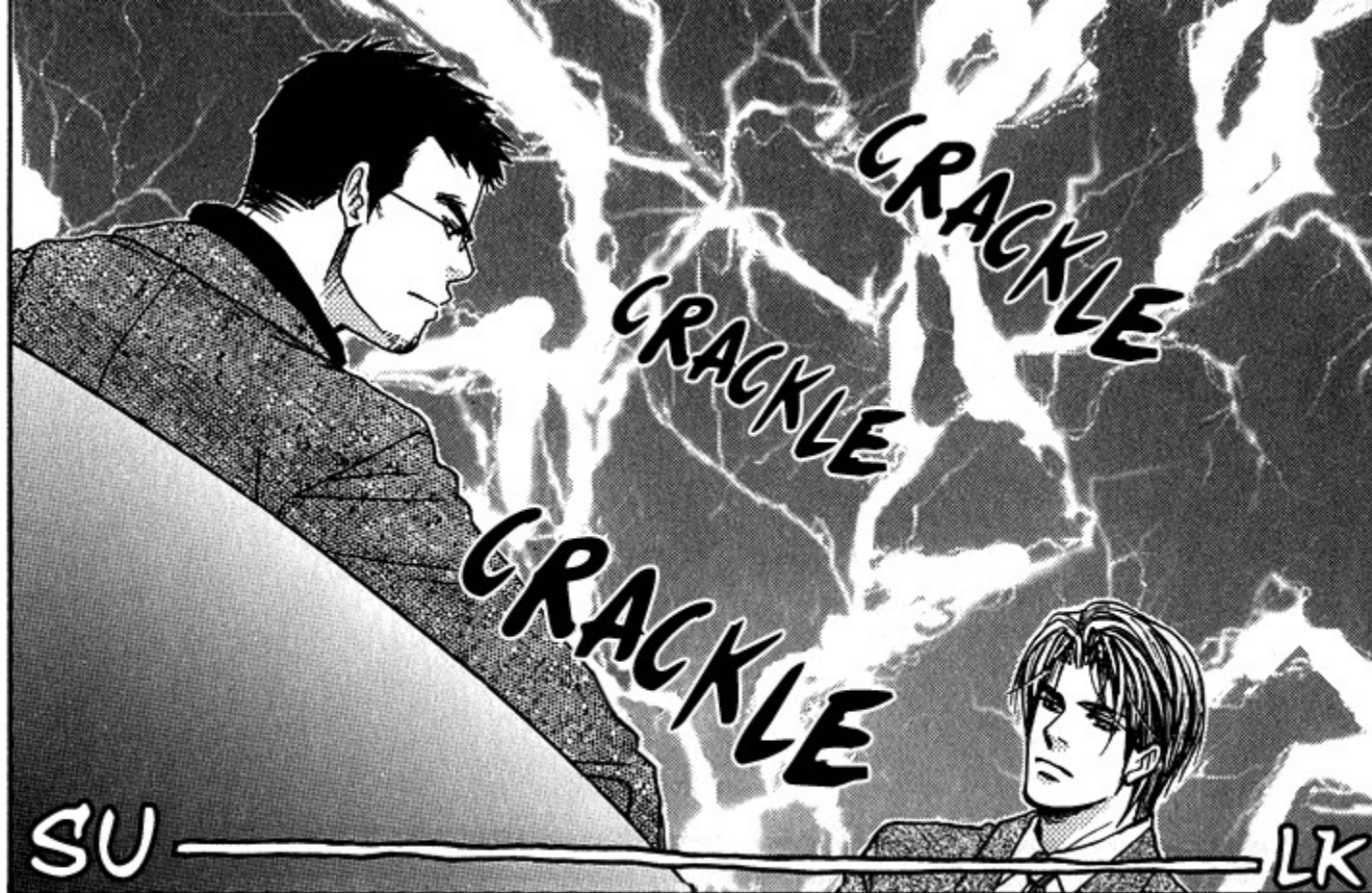
CALL
NANA-
CHAN,
PLEASE.

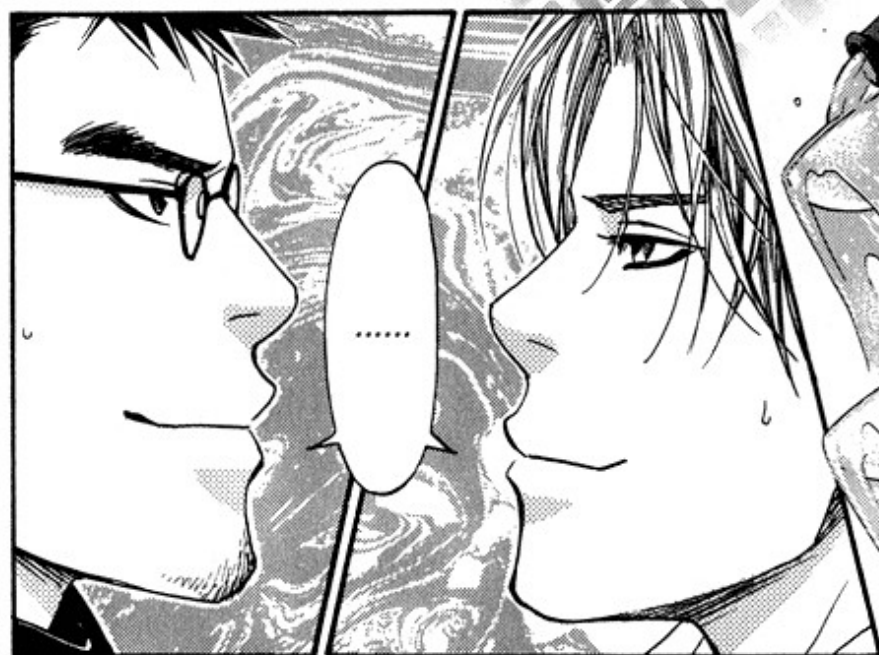
Sigh... I
really pity
the wine
that you
drink...

YOU SHOULD
TALK. I GUESS
A POOR PERSON
LIKE YOU CAN'T
TASTE THE REAL
DEAL EVEN IF
YOU DRANK THE
MOST EXPENSIVE
WINE.

YOU'RE
MORE
SUITED
TO DRINK
FROM THE
ROADSIDE
STALLS.







.....

Don't
mind if
I do!

THEN
I'LL
HAVE
ONE
TOO.

Let's
add some
of this!

A RED
WINE
TOWER!!

HAVE THE
BEST DOM
PERIGNON
CHAMPAGNE
TOWER,
WITH
FRUITS!!

THEN
I'LL





I DRANK
A LITTLE
TOO MUCH
TRYING TO
COMPETE
WITH HIM.



I have
to look
my best
when I'm
in front
of him...



Grin

BUT,

MY LOOKS
HAVEN'T
SUFFERED.

OZAKI
...



...

click



ERM
...
SOMA,



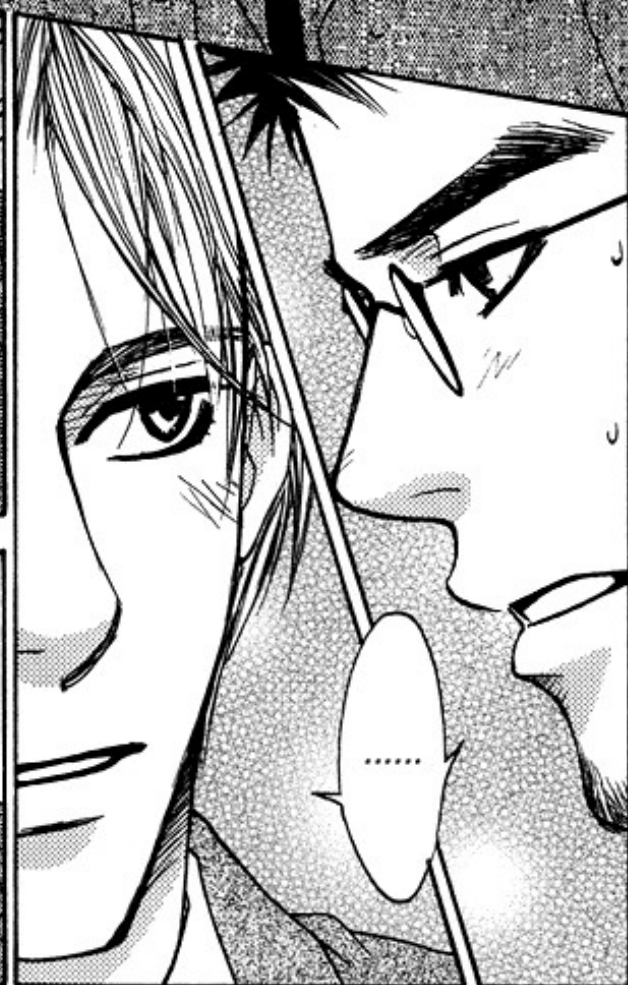
SO?

...



RIGHT
NOW

MY NET
WORTH IS
GREATER
THAN
YOURS.







GRAB

!!

HEY!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON!?

OPEN
THE
DOOR!

BANG



SLUMP

DAI...
SLIKE
...

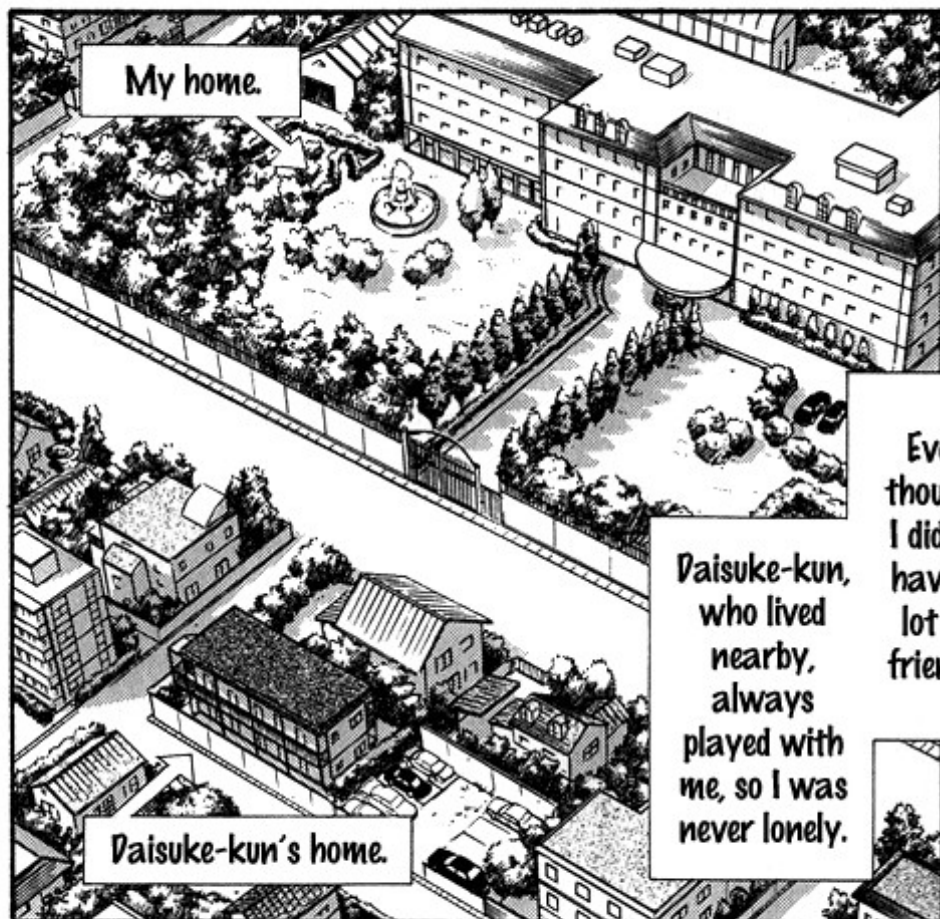


...
NGH

RATTLE
RATTLE

SUGURU!!





My home.

Daisuke-kun's home.

Daisuke-kun,
who lived
nearby,
always
played with
me, so I was
never lonely.

Even
though
I didn't
have a
lot of
friends,

How
many

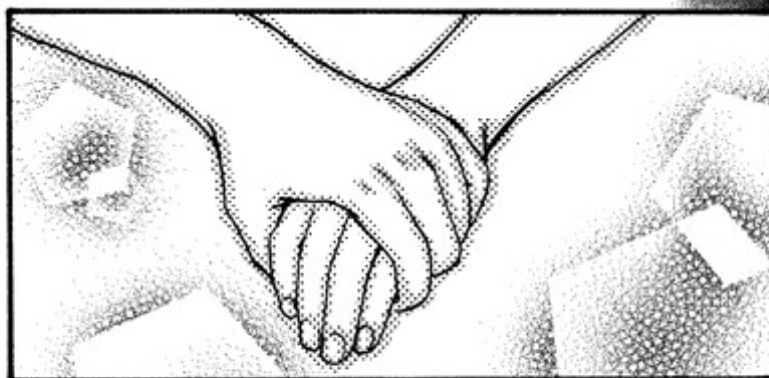
years
ago was
that?



UWAH.

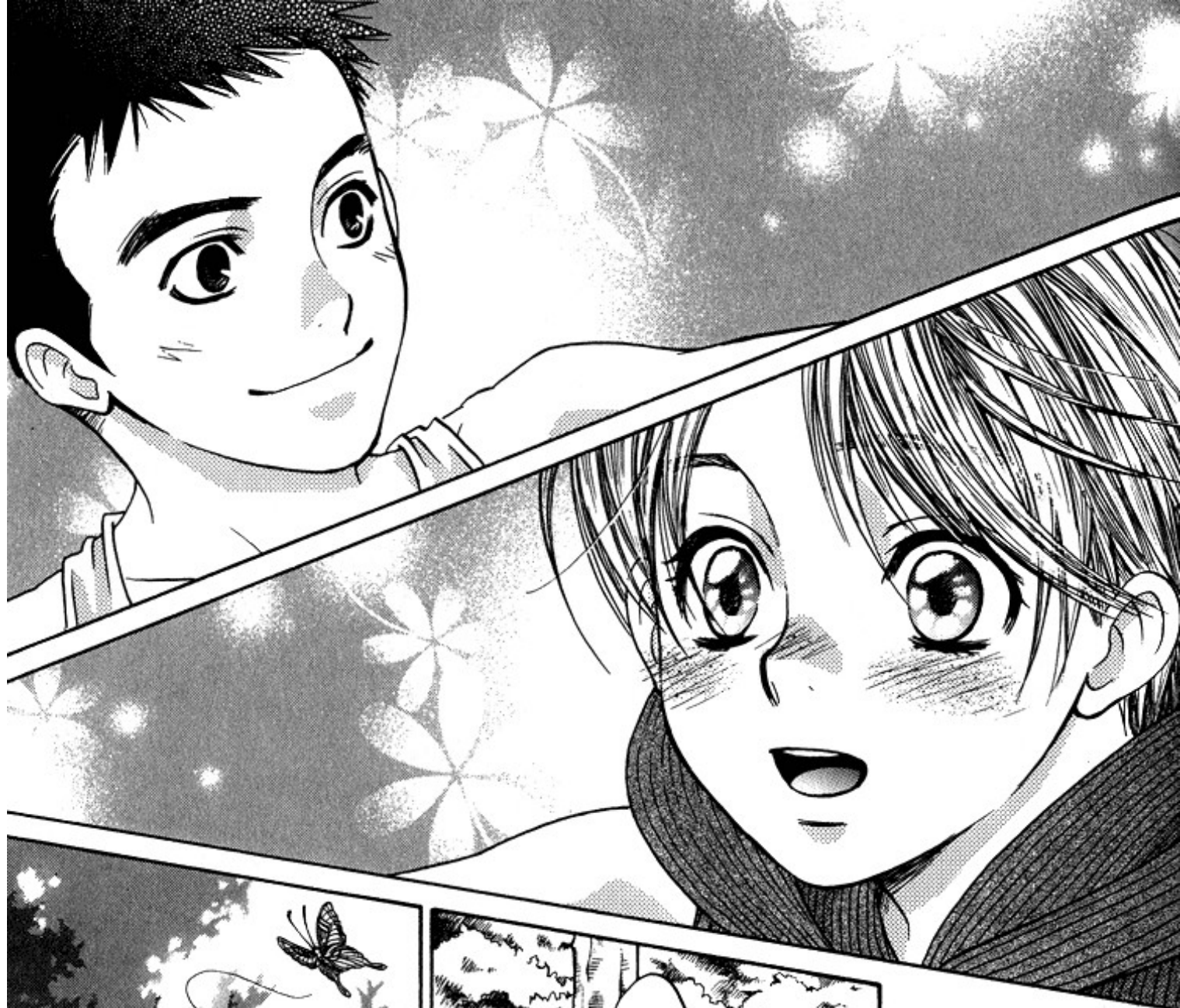
HURRY!
COME
HERE!!

HEY,
SUGU-
RU!



At
that
time,

I was a
kid with
a face
full of
freckles,
and I
was also
ashamed
of being
of mixed
blood.



EH!?

ERM...
AH...

I LIKE
YOU VERY
MUCH...

DAISU-
KE...

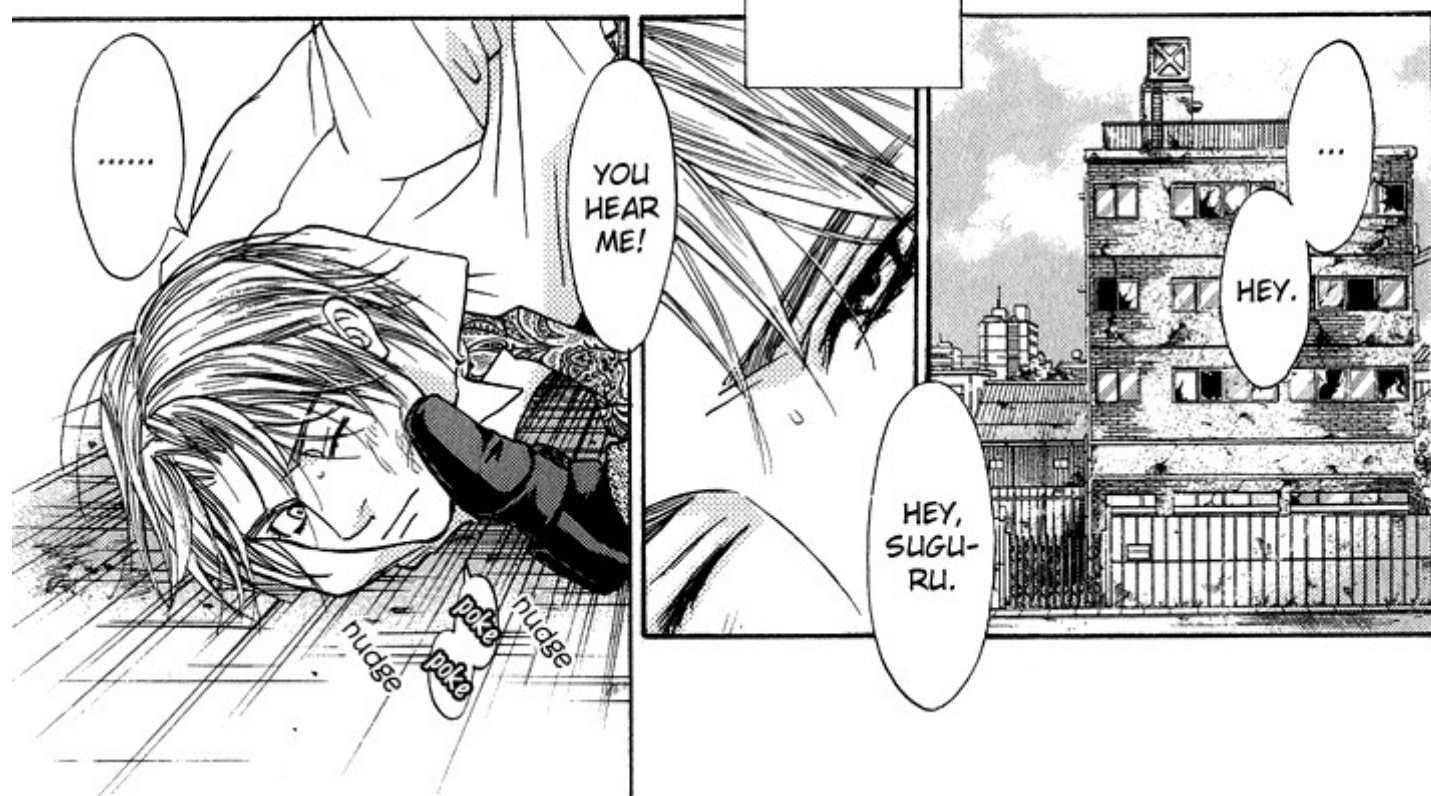
I...

LIKE...

HUH?

ER...









CREAK





THIS HAS
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH OZAKI!
RELEASE HIM
IMMEDIATELY!

I'M YOUR
MAIN
TARGET,
RIGHT!?

ALTHOUGH
YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU'RE
COVERING
FOR HIM
RIGHT
NOW,

SUGU-
RU...

YOU GUYS
JUST STAY
HERE AND
TRY TO
GET ALONG
BETTER.

I'VE
HEARD
THAT YOU'RE
NOT ON
GOOD TERMS
WITH EACH
OTHER.

WE
CAN'T LET
GO OF THE
OPPORTUNITY
TO COLLECT
TWICE THE
RANSOM.

BUT,

THAT'S RIGHT,
PRESIDENT
OZAKI WASN'T
PART OF OUR
PLAN.

...DAMN
IT...!!

DON'T
GO AND
KILL ONE
ANOTHER
BEFORE
WE DO.

SLAM

RATTLE
RATTLE





...I'M
SORRY,

DAISUKE
...I'M
SORRY.

SUGURU
...

BUT I
NEVER
MEANT TO
DRAG YOU
INTO THIS
KIND OF
DANGER.

I KNOW
I'M ALWAYS
ATTACKING
YOU AND
SAYING
SPITEFUL
THINGS...

squirm

slither

slither

squirm

squirm

BUT... DAMN,
SEEMS LIKE
THERE'S
NO WAY OF
LOOSENING
THE ROPES
...

ANYWAY,
WHAT ELSE
CAN WE DO
IF WE'RE
TIED UP
LIKE THIS.

BESIDES,
IT'S NOT
LIKE MY
ATTITUDE
WAS ANY
BETTER.

STU...

STUPID,
DON'T
APOLOGIZE
FOR A THING
LIKE THAT.
THAT'S NOT
LIKE YOU.



I CAN
UNTIE
THIS.

BELIEVE
IT OR NOT,
I'M AN
EXPERT AT
KNOTTING
A CHERRY
STEM WITH
MY MOUTH.

NOW
IS NOT
THE TIME
TO WORRY
ABOUT ME
GETTING
INJURED.

STOP IT!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

YOU'LL
HURT
YOUR
MOUTH!

chew
gnaw

DAISUKE,
YOU'VE
GOT TO
GET OUT
OF HERE
SOMEHOW
...

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
ABOUT
ME...

HEY!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
...

I'LL
TRY TO
LOOSEN
THE
KNOT...

tug
tug



DID
YOU
GET A
HARD
ON!!

...
WHY

popping up

AH.

LOOK,

IT'S
ALREADY
LOOSENING
...

SHOUL-
DN'T BE
LONG
BEFORE
...

HEAD
...!!

Y-Y-Y-
YOU...
WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING
ABOUT!

WE
MIGHT BE
KILLED
SOON.

HOW YUGARY!!

YOUR
KEPT MAKING
THAT SEXY
EXPRESSION,
LIKE YOU
WERE GIVING
ME HEAD,
SO...

IT'S
...IT'S
YOUR
FAULT!!



I WON'T
LET
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT
HAPPEN.

DON'T
WORRY,

DON'T
MAKE
PROMISES
YOU CAN'T
KEEP.

AND
YOU'VE
GOT A
HARD ON,
TOO...

This
might
be

the end.

WHAT
...WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING...

When I
look at
it that
way...



...
THAT'S
RIGHT
...

WE
MIGHT BE
KILLED...

Perhaps

this is...

tug



DAISUKE
...YOU'RE
IN A VERY
EMBARRASSING
POSITION...



YOU'RE
ERECT EVEN
THOUGH
YOU'RE TIED
UP...

BOB UP

AH...

I-IDIOT.

NEVER
MIND THAT,
HURRY UP
AND UNTIE
ME!!

JUST A
LITTLE MORE
AND THE
KNOT'LL COME
LOOSE.







SO-

SORRY.

I GOT
YOUR
FACE
DIRTY
...

Ah!

AH!

sput



flinch

DIRTY!?

MY
FACE IS
DIRTY...

MY
HAIR
IS A
MESS
...

DON'T
LOOK
AT ME
NOW!!

HUH?

DON'T
...

DON'T
LOOK
AT MY
FACE!!



YOU DON'T
NEED TO
WORRY
ABOUT
IT IN THIS
TYPE OF
SITUATION.

I'm the
one who
dirtied your
face...

Ah,
but



JERKING

AH!!



It's too easy.

I HAD
TO KEEP ON
EARNING MONEY
SO THAT I
COULD BECOME
WORTHY OF
YOU...

IT'S
THE
SAME
WITH
ME...

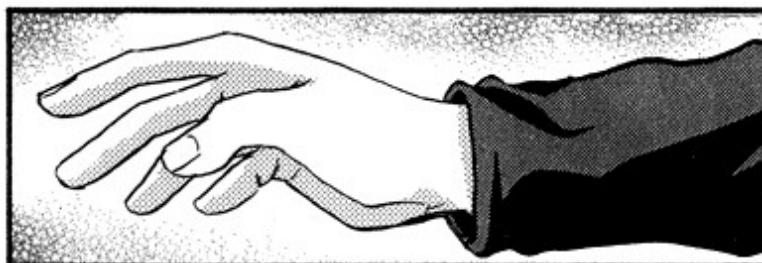
BECAUSE
OF THE TIME
YOU SAID YOU
HATED POOR
PEOPLE.

I
WORKED
AS HARD
AS I
COULD TO
BUILD MY
COMPANY
...

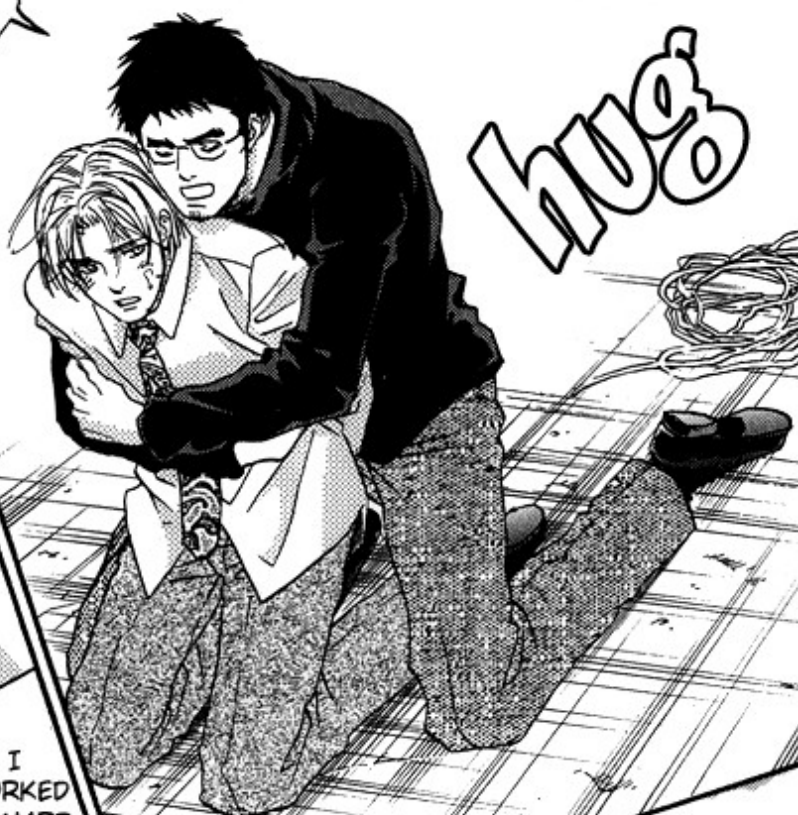
DAISUKE
...

YOU'RE
BEAUTIFUL.

NOW
AND
BEFORE.

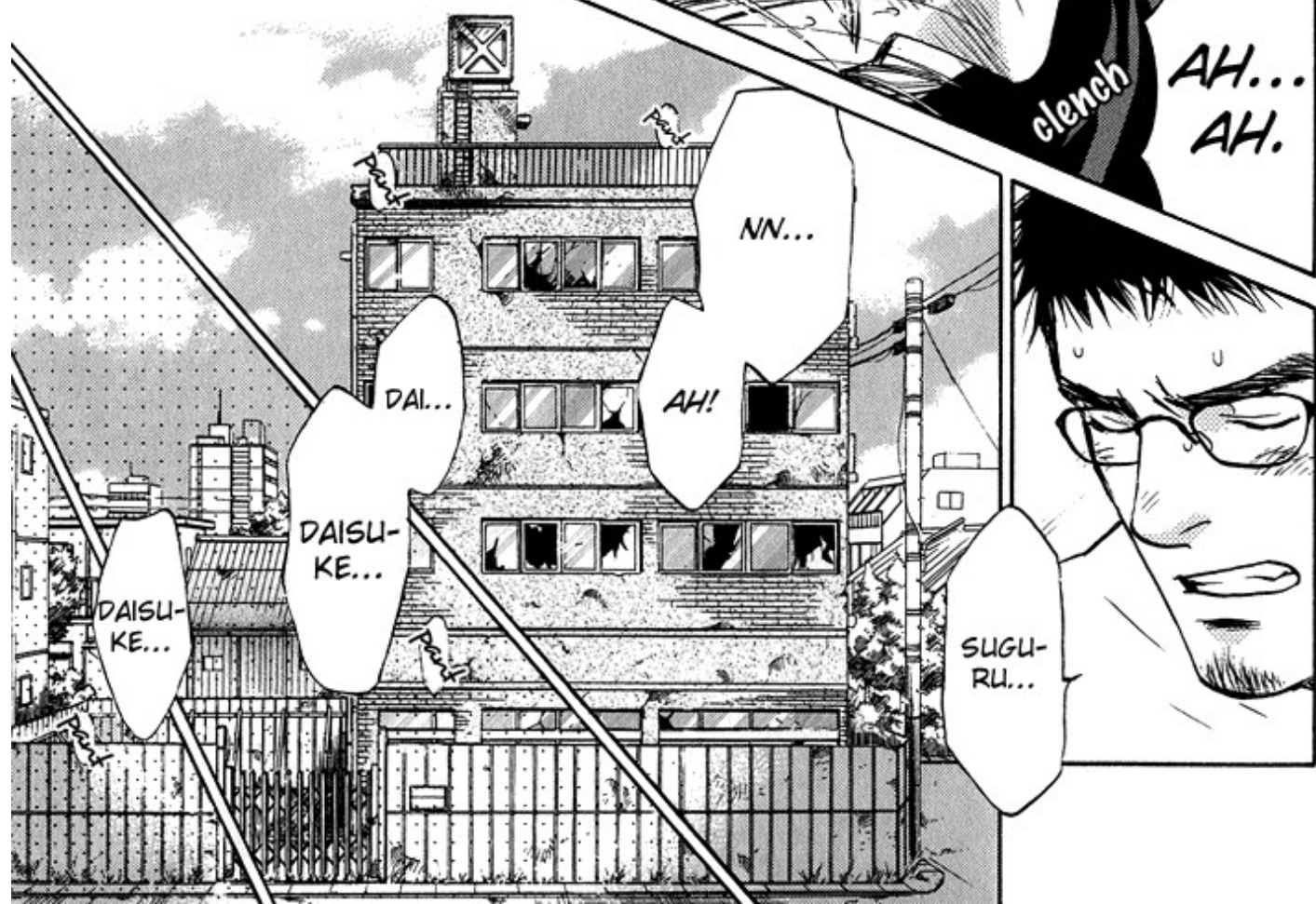


hug











SAY
SOME-
THING
FOR
THEM
...

YOUR
COMPANY
PEOPLE
ASKED TO
HEAR YOUR
VOICES,

SLAM

HEY!
BOTH OF
YOU.

stark naked

A

h!

They're still at it.



WE'VE BEEN KID-
NAPPED!

THAT'S
RIGHT!



I WAS SO
CARRIED
AWAY, I
COMPLETE-
LY FORGOT.



Um...
why are
you guys
naked...?

Now...
you guys
...what
are you
doing?!

I know I
told you to
try to get
along better,
but this is...

CRASH

CLATTER



I'LL GIVE
YOU THE
DETAILS
OF OUR
SURROUND-
INGS.
SEARCH
FOR US.

PRESI-
DENT!!
ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
PRESI-
DENT!?

IT LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE
LOCKED
UP IN THE
BASEMENT
OF AN
ABANDONED
BUILDING.

HELLO,

YEAH...
YEAH...
IT'S
OKAY.

tighten
tighten
CAPTURED

flutter

GET
DRESSED.

beep

After misunder-
standing
each other
for so long,

finally,

we were
able to
be honest
with each
other.

We even
felt sad,

as we
left that
abandoned
building.

I DON'T
WANT
ANYONE
ELSE,

TO
SEE YOUR
BEAUTIFUL
BODY...

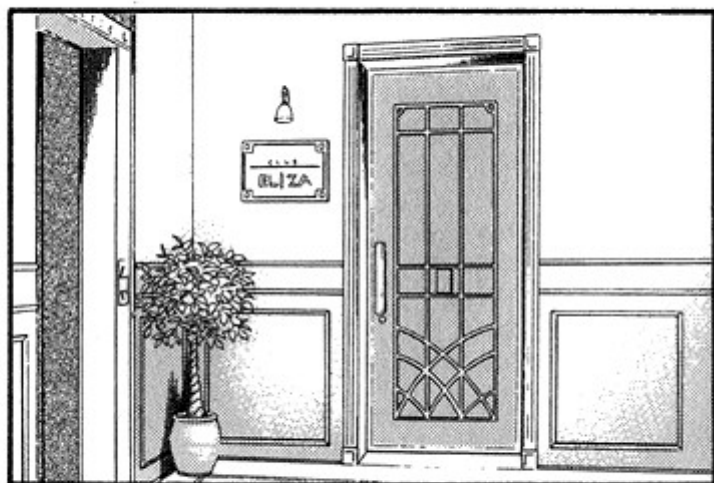
AH
...

THAN-
KS...

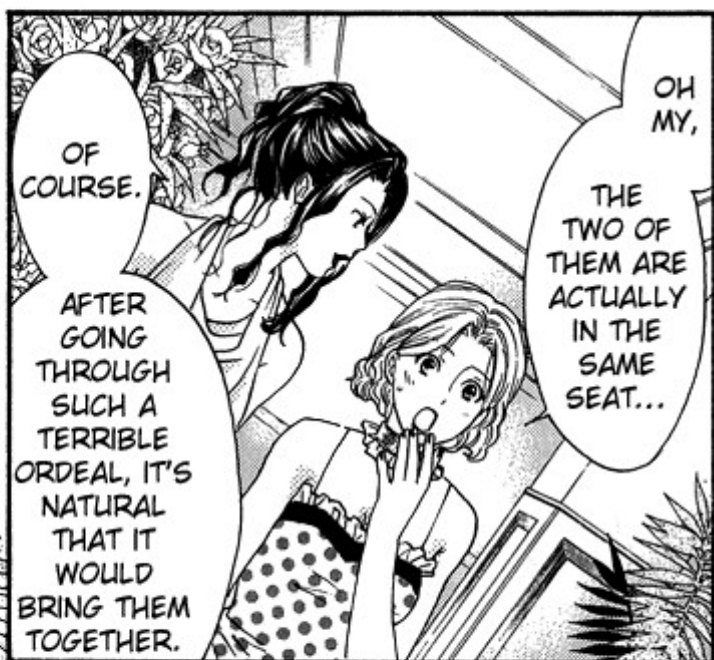
letting it all
hang out.

YOU
TOO.

AH.



A few
days
later...





EVERYONE
HAS THINGS
THEY ARE
WELL SUITED
FOR!

LEMME
DO IT!!

IT'S UNFAIR
THAT ONLY
YOU GET TO
DO IT!

SHUDD-
UP!!

I REALLY
HATE THAT
UNFAIR
SIDE OF
YOURS!!

I ALSO
HATE THAT
STUBBORN-
NESS OF
YOURS!!

OH DEAR,
THE BOTH
OF YOU,

SIGH
...

YOU'RE
FINALLY
GETTING
ALONG.

PLEASE
DON'T
ARGUE.

?
Um...
"do
it"?

Cro

SS

he still
did it.

But
in the
end,

✧ THE END ✧